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AESCHYLUS' 'THE SUPPLIANT WOMEN' DEBUTS AT PORT PARK



Not even the rain could stop audiences from flocking to PORT Park! Opening weekend performances of the outdoor immersive bilingual adaptation of Aeschylus' The Suppliant Women in a version by David Greig with music by John Browne, produced by Apollinaire Theatre in collaboration with Teatro Chelsea and the City of Chelsea were packed. Audiences enjoyed delicious local food from Kushala Sip Coffee House and Tapas Bar, Aloe Natural, and Orlando's Fully Baked all for sale in PORT Park thanks to a partnership with the City of Chelsea's Department of Housing and Community Development. BearMoose Brewing hosts the event's beer garden.

Apollinaire Theatre, Teatro Chelsea, and the City of Chelsea have together created a truly special event that is bringing the whole community together to share in a haunting and beautiful portrayal of one of the world's oldest surviving plays. The Suppliant Women is 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.

A large chorus of women play the title role, The Suppliant Women, expressing themselves through song and movement. There are four more evenings to check out The Suppliant Women: August 9, 10, 16, and 17. Come early to enjoy tasty food from Chelsea chefs, local brews, and live performances preshow—and stay late to meet the cast (and enjoy some more brews) For details visit www.apollinairetheatre.com.

Local communities receive \$12 million in resiliency grants

Maura Healey announced just over \$12 million in funding for local Mystic River Watershed Association communities, including Revere, East Boston, Chelsea, and Everett through the FY2025 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grants program.

The MVP grants will be used to help fund community-designed projects to prevent harm to residents, workers, and resources in Resilient Mystic Collaborative cities and towns, according to MRWA outreach coordinator Isaiah

grants awarded across the state for FY25.

"Convened by ten Mystic watershed communities and the Mystic River Watershed Association in September 2018 and now led by senior staff from twenty cities and towns non-governmental partners, the RMC designs and completes on-theground projects to protect our most vulnerable residents and public services from harm due to increasingly extreme weather," Johnson stated.

These MVP

Johnson. The funding bring the total resources cessful proposals, accordwas included as part of secured for RMC climate ing to Wormser. Last week, Governor the \$52.4 million in MVP resilient projects to near- The local funded projly \$140 million in state, federal, and foundation grants since the voluntary partnership began. "What is extraordinary is that about three quarters of all the funding we've secured are for regional projects," said Mystic River Watershed Association's Julie Wormser, who helps facilitate the RMC. "These are critical investments that communities can't accomplish without partnering with their neighbors."

> Multiple FY2025 MVP grants build on the accomplishments of prior suc-

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ects include \$456,000 for the Resilient Bennington Street and Fredericks Park Project in East Boston and the Belle Isle Marsh sec-

tion of Revere. "That project will be a continuation of our partnership with the city of Boston furthering the designs of our flood mitigation solution along Bennington Street and Fredericks Park and within the Belle Isle Marsh, kind of a regional solution to flood proof that

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Maltez provides residents with project updates

By Record Staff

City Manager Fidel Maltez has placed an emphasis on communicating with residents since he took office in January. Earlier this week, Maltez recorded the latest in his series of public outreach videos to air on Chelsea Community TV. The text of his August video, which focuses on a number of ongoing and planned projects in the city, including the Upper Broadway project, is below:

Hello residents of Chelsea. Welcome to Our Community. My name is Fidel Maltez and I am honored to serve as your City Manager. We have centered our administration on three values that are critical to me: responsiveness, accountability, and transparency. Responsiveness means that we will get back to all residents and we will do our

best to address every concern. Accountability

means that we will own our mistakes, and we will work to improve our internal processes to better serve our community. Transparency means that we will keep open lines of communications, updating our residents and focusing on civic engagement. This month, I wanted to highlight a few exciting projects happening in Chelsea.

Let's start with Upper Broadway, which runs from City Hall to the Revere line. The contractor has completed the base layer of pavement, and is focused on replacing over two miles of sidewalks. This project will give us accessible, new concrete sidewalks that will last for generations to come. We will also replace all traffic

signals in this corridor. When sidewalks are

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Volunteers for local boards and commissions sought

By Record Staff

The city is looking for residents to serve on several local boards and commissions.

There are openings on the following boards and commissions:

Affordable Housing

Trust Fund (1 vacancy)

Board of Library Trustees (1 vacancy)

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vacancies) Conservation Commis-

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Human Rights Commission (3 vacancies)

Chelsea Disability Commission (2 vacan-

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All of the boards have three-year terms, except for the Youth Commission, which is a one year term, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund which is a two year term.

Those interested in applying should send both a letter of interest and a resume either by mail to the City Manager, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 or by email to fmaltez@chelseama.gov.

"In local government, participation in boards is a really amazing way to give back," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "There are boards that have significant say and significant sway in how our government is run. What better way to get involved than having a say in how things are run.

"We need residents involved and we need resident voices to be involved in all of our spaces and all of our conversations."

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CHELSEA CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Shown above, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez (back row) joins Police Chief Keith Houghton, Capt. David Rizzuto, and National Night Out Coordinator Sgt. Star Chung and Chelsea Police Officers for a photo at the event Tuesday at the Williams School. Shown to the right, Evelin Esteban, with daughters, Elianna Esteban and Alexandra Esteban. See more photos on

Pages 6 and 7.

Sen. DiDomenico remains 'hopeful' about Everett soccer stadium project

By Cary Shuman

Sen. Sal DiDomenico remains "hopeful" that his bill to clear the way for a new 25,000-seat soccer stadium being built in Everett could still be approved before the end of the year.

DiDomenico's measure, part of the Senate's economic bill, would have changed the "designated port area" status of a 43acre site situated along the Mystic River in Everett and thus allowed the Kraft Group to build a new stadium for its New England Revolution professional soccer team that currently plays it home games at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough.

But last Thursday the economic development bill that consisted of DiDomenico's measure was not resolved by a joint House of Representatives/State Senate conference committee of six members, denying the bill being sent to Gov. Maura Healey's desk

By Tracy Nowicki

Director of Elder Services

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Sen. Sal DiDomenico

for approval.

"We had some good discussions regarding the soccer stadium piece of the economic development bill, and I'm hopeful that we can find a resolution when the final bill is brought before us," said DiDomenico.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria expressed his disappointment that the proposal has been stalled on Beacon Hill and there will now be a delay in cleaning up the site of the former power

"This legislation isn't about one project. It's about the future of our city. I am angry that the fo-

cus hasn't been on the fact that Everett is an Environmental Justice community losing millions of dollars in tax revenue and instead is being forced to continue to tolerate a dirty industrial site when we could be starting the formal process to use private funds to clean up the site and start collecting important tax revenue," said Mayor De-Maria. "It's incredibility unfair and inequitable that the dramatic needs of Everett are being overlooked. I will continue to fight for the needs of Everett until we get the same redevelopment opportunities that all our surrounding communities have enjoyed, and I will not stop until our residents get the same benefits they deserve."

Council President Robert Van Campen, a supporter of the new soccer stadium, said, "It is unfortunate that this type of transformative economic development project has now been stalled."

Vintage Vibes

significant measure of solace for children who are displaced from their homes in difficult situations. Additionally, they prepare stockings and other thoughtful gifts for families supported by the State Department of Children and Families, adding a personal touch to their efforts of care and sup-

Programs like this one at the Senior Center are more than just acts of service-they offer older adults a meaningful way to engage with their community. Through their quilting, our volunteers find purpose, empowerment, and a sense of significance. Their work not only impacts the lives of enriches their own lives, demonstrating the profound value of community service.

The Quilting Group is just one of the many volunteer programs offered at the Chelsea Senior Center. If you are interested in contributing your time, skills, or resources to these worthwhile efforts, please reach out to the Chelsea Senior Center for more information. Your support can help continue these heartwarming traditions and make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

Join us in celebrating the spirit of giving that our Quilting Group embodies and become part of a community that cares deeply for its members.



Shown left to right, Marina DeCastro, Bernice Shuman, Eileen Gregory, Carmen Bermudez, Patricia Doucette, Maria Rodriguez, Cathy DeVito, Jean Chapman.

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complete the contractor will install a top pavement coat and will do fresh line painting. We expect most of the work to be completed by November, with some minor work to be finished next year.

You have noticed that

we have begun work on Downtown Broadway, which runs from Bellingham Square to the Chelsea Court House. The contractor is currently replacing all sewer pipes from Fourth Street to Congress Avenue. We expect this work to take two months. Once completed, the contractor will move to the next block, in order to minimize impact to our small businesses. We expect the water

and sewer phase to be completed next year, at which point we will begin replacing the pavement and all sidewalks. This project will install new traffic signals at most intersections and will reconfigure Bellingham square for easier, and safer traffic flow for everyone in Chel-

We understand the impact the ongoing construction has had on residents, visitors and businesses. The Sumner tunnel closure in July only made matters worse. We thank you for bearing with us and being patient. Chelsea is celebrating her 400th Birthday this year. While we celebrate the 400-year

history of Chelsea; we know that along with that rich history comes aging infrastructure. Please accept my

gratitude for understanding the need for utility reconstruction and beautifying our beloved

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other construction project around the City. Please call 617-466-4209, use the 311 app, or email construction@ chelseama.gov

Let me now give you an update on our Parks. This month, we cut the ribbon on a \$2.5 million dollar total renovation of Highland Park, our heavily-used soccer field, and we have been thrilled to see how much residents are already using and enjoying the

This year we have completed work on the new Forsyth Pocket Park, a new small park at the corner of Lafayette Ave and Sturgis Street, which provides shaded seating and new plantings to help reduce heat in the neighbor-

We are working on two more parks, which we will cut the ribbons for this fall. Bosson Park will reopen in September, redesigned to be a more connected community space. The new park will have brand new play equipment, a half basketball court, and

a splash pad to help keep kids cool in the summer months.

Finally, this year we'll open the brand new park at 88 Clinton Street, right on Mill Creek. Chelsea is surrounded by water on three sides but we have very few waterfront parks for our residents; this new open space is part of our effort to fix that. The new park will have a splash pad and grassy lawn area looking over the river, as we are excited to get to share it with you.

Looking ahead, we will be building two more new parks at 212 Congress Street, and 29 Eastern Ave, Bear Park and Lewis H. Latimer Overlook respectively, and totally rebuilding Polonia Park to better serve our community's needs.

There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm in our parks right now. To top it off, we are working on a new Open Space and Recreation Plan, which will determine our priorities for parks, recreation, and open space over the next seven years. We want to know what is working well in the parks, what your needs are, and what we can do better to inform those priorities. Take some

time fill out a survey on our facebook page and our website to tell us your

See you next time on Our Community. Thank you and May god bless the City of Chelsea.

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area," said Tom Skwierawski, Revere's Chief of Planning and Community Development. "Or at least make it more resilient, we are never going to floodproof it entirely. It's an emergency access road for folks in Winthrop trying to leave, and obviously it is important for Boston and Revere."

The MVP grant will be used to create 25 percent design plans which can then be used to help find additional funding for the work. Skwierawski said the planning will also help lead to more work in Fredericks Park to improve flooding issues and add more programming to the park itself.

The Island End River Flood Resilience Project in Everett and Chelsea are slated to receive \$5 million in MVP funding over the next two years.

"The Island End River flood barrier will protect thousands of residents in Chelsea and Everett and billions of dollars in infrastructure," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "This \$5,000,000 grant will advance this project and ensure that our cities remain viable economic engines for the foreseeable future, while also beautifying the area for locals to enjoy."

The Wicked Cool Mystic - Súper Fresco Místico is set to get almost

\$700,000 in the next two years to help Implement resident-led outdoor cooling solutions in environmental justice neighborhoods in Everett, Malden, Chelsea, and Arlington.

"We have seen the devastation caused by extreme weather and heard the calls for help," said Healey in an event in Leominster on Thursday, August 1 to announce the MVP grants. "Today, we are continuing our promise to help communities in addressing last year's challenges and taking proactive steps to reduce future climate risks. These grants are more than just financial support - they are a strong statement of our commitment to resilience. Our goal is to empower every community to adapt, thrive, and lead in the face of climate challenges."

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll said that as a former mayor, she has witnessed firsthand the challenges posed by climate change in the state's communities.

"These grants are crucial because they empower us to take proactive steps against future flooding and relieve the immense burden that climate change places on the shoulders of local leaders," said Driscoll. "By securing these funds, we ensure our community's resilience and ability to thrive amidst environmental challenges. This initiative not only sets a powerful example for sustainable development but also underscores our collective responsibility in safeguarding our future and mitigating the economic impacts that would otherwise burden our mu-

nicipality." The MVP Program combines local leadership and expertise with a significant investment of resources and funding from the state to tackle the ongoing impacts of climate change, such as inland flooding, more frequent and severe storms, rising sea levels, drought, and extreme temperatures. The MVP Action Grant will be used to carry out priority climate change adaptation measures identified through the MVP Planning process, or a similar climate change vulnerability assessment and action planning. A total of 71 projects have been awarded grants, including 62 for municipalities, seven for regional planning agencies, and two for tribes, according to state officials.

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JAMA study shows health benefits of Chelsea Eats program

By Adam Swift

At the height of the Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021, the city operated the Chelsea Eats program, which provided financial resources for some of the city's most vulnerable residents.

A recent study in JAMA, the Journal of the American Medical Association, showed that the monthly \$400 cash benefits in the city had a number of positive benefits for residents, including improvements in health and increased access to emer-

The study, authored by Sumit D. Agarwal, MD, MPH, PhD; Benjamin Lê Cook, PhD; and Jeffrey B. Liebman, PhD; linked and

analyzed the medical records of the 2,880 participants who applied for the cash benefits. Chelsea Eats randomly assigned individuals by

lottery to receive cash benefits via debit card of up to \$400 per month for nine months, Increasing the baseline income of those who participated by 23 percent per month.

That monthly payment

was not restricted, and could be used for food, shelter, utility payments, or other necessities.

The results of the study published in JAMA showed that the cash benefits led to 27 percent fewer emergency department visits, including 62 percent fewer emergency department visits for behavioral health reasons, and 42 percent fewer admissions to the hospital from the emergency department.

The cash benefits also led to 87 percent fewer department emergency

visits related to substance use, offering evidence against the often-heard concern that cash transfers increase use of drugs and alcohol, the studies authors stated.

The study also found that benefits increased outpatient visits to subspecialists by 21%, especially to clinics further away and for those without a car.

The study's authors stated that reductions in health care spending could offset as much as half the costs of the program by decreasing expensive visits to the hospital.

"The Chelsea Eats was a very innovative program, really spearheaded by the previous city manager, Thomas Ambrosino," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "It was a fantastic team effort; it involved a lot of our employees, a lot of our staff, and it could not have happened without the support of our city council.

Ambrosino was able to leverage some federal funds along with some local funds, as well as some private funds through philanthropic organizations, for the nine-month trial program.

"It was meant to provide a financial benefit to folks who really needed it, following the pandemic and the recovery," said Maltez. "It really transformed the lives of all the participants. From conversations I've had with residents who participated, it just provided a relief, a safety net that was able to provide families with needed income to pay their rent, to pay their utility bills, to pay for their emergencies

that came up." Maltez said Ambrosino partnered with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government to assess the impact of Chelsea Eats and other similar pro-

The study tracked the 1,700 people who took part in Chelsea Eats and compared them to people who were not in the program as well as the outcomes of the participants from before they took part in the program, Maltez said.

"They were really trying to assess, did we get the bang for our buck," said Maltez. "They tracked a lot of different, scientific parameters, and the one that I think is most exciting is ... the major reduction in emergency department visits related to behavioral health and substance abuse. The connection is that we believe when folks are strapped for cash, they all suffer - whether it is mental health, whether it is not being able to prioritize their wellbeing, and no previous study was able to quantify that."

City continues work to create, improve parks

By Adam Swift

Chelsea is one of the most densely populated communities in the state, but that doesn't mean that the city is lacking for parks and open space.

As city officials continue to solicit input on the Chelsea website for its new Open Space and Recreation Plan, work has continued to improve existing park and open space, as well as to create new areas for residents.

Among the park projects that have been recently completed or are underway are the opening of the Forsyth Pocket Park in May, providing a new shaded patio for seating and new green space that will help reduce heat in the neighborhood, according to City Manager Fidel Maltez.

Highland Park opened in July, providing a great city resource for soccer and other uses, according to the city manager.

In addition, Maltez said

a redesigned Bosson Park will open in September, providing a more connected community space and new play equipment, and a brand new waterfront park at 88 Clinton Street on Mill Creek is slated to

open this fall. "Chelsea is an environmental justice community

and a community where we have a lot of heat island effects because of a lack of green space," said Maltez. "We are trying to create safe havens for residents to enjoy nature, to reduce heat and reduce heat in the neighborhoods

Maltez pointed to Highland Park as an area that was tired and dated and primed for major im-

and we are also trying to

elevate the quality of our

spaces."

provements.

"Thanks to ARPA (Covid relief) funds, we invested \$2.5 million in it and it is a state-of-the-art facility," said Maltez. "It are playing at Gillette Stadium."

When it comes to parks and recreation in Chelsea, Maltez said it is imperative to maximize the impact of all the space the city has.

"We are trying to create every possible inch that we can get and make it into new spaces," said Maltez. "But it is also about creating new features on the places we already have, really upgrading all the parks we already have."

At Bosson Park, which is heavily used, Maltez said there will be major upgrades, including a splash pad as well as a new half-court basketball court.

"Combined with that, what we are trying to do is also increase our programming," said Maltez. "We are trying to have inclusive programming, have safe programming where we can really push everything that we are doing for our residents."

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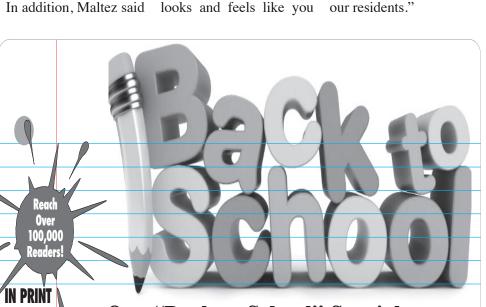
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NOAH LYLES' -- AND OUR --**OLYMPIC MOMENT**

The quadrennial Summer Olympics turns even the least of sports fans among us into active, if not rabid, rooters of the athletes who captivate our hearts and imaginations, both in sports with which we are familiar (basketball, soccer, gymnastics) and those that we get to see only once-every-four-years (pole vaulting).

The Olympics are the ultimate shared experience for people of all ages. The shots of the jubilant young gymnasts who gathered in their home gyms to root on Simone Biles and the U.S. team reminded us of our youth, when we sat in our living rooms with our parents and siblings to watch seemingly every minute of Olympics coverage (in those days, the Olympics took on greater meaning thanks in large part to the atmosphere of the Cold War-era when the competition between the U.S. and the Soviet bloc was a proxy for world politics at the time), and then doing the same with our own children decades later.

mind's eye, with one memory leading to a host of others: -- The 1968 Mexico Olympics, when Tommy Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in the Black Power salute on the medals podium, and when the long jump of Bob Beamon, which was almost two feet further than the then-world record, led Beamon to completely break down in sobbing when his result finally was posted (it

Those memories of past Olympics cascade in our

took almost half-an-hour because his jump so far exceeded the measuring equipment at the time that the judges finally had to resort to using a tape measure); -- The tragedy of the 1972 Munich Olympics when Palestinian terrorists kidnapped and murdered Israeli

Mark Spitz's seven gold medals (and his iconic photo); -- Bruce Jenner's decathlon gold in 1976 in Montreal, which also featured Romania's Nadia Comaneci's first-ever perfect 10 in gymnastics;

athletes, which overshadowed Russian Olga Korbut's

historic gymnastics beam performance and swimmer

-- Carl Lewis's track feats in the 1980s;

-- Michael Johnson's amazing feat of winning gold in the 200 and 400 in the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 (which also included a tragic bombing that killed one person and injured more than 100);

-- Michael Phelps winning eight golds in 2008;

-- The incomparable Usain Bolt winning the 100 and 200 dashes in 2012 and 2016 that turned all of us into Jamaican track fans;

-- And of course, the Winter Olympics of 1980, when Winthrop's Mike Eruzione captained the U.S. hockey team to a gold medal at Lake Placid over a heavily-favored Soviet team -- all of us can remember where we were that Friday afternoon when Mike scored the winning goal, and then two days later when the Americans beat the Finns to win the gold medal (we missed that game because we were playing in the Chelsea YMHA's Wild Animal basketball league on Sunday mornings).

So it was with a lifetime's worth of Olympic memories that we tuned in to watch the men's 100 meter finals on Sunday afternoon in which America's Noah Lyles was competing in the first of what he hoped would be a Bolt-like 100-200 double.

As we all know, that 100 meter race will forever be etched in Olympic history. Lyles was dead last through the first 40 meters. The NBC commentator (the Australian guy who otherwise does a great job) called it right away for Jamaica's Kishane Thompson -- "Jamaica's going to do it! Kishane Thompson is a gold medalist!!" --a mistake worthy of the historic "Dewey Beats Truman" newspaper headline.

In the announcer's defense, even Lyles himself thought that Thompson had won. But then the waiting game began -- and for 29 seconds the entire world waited for the official announcement (vs. the 29 minutes it took to measure Bob Beamon's jump). When Lyles was declared the winner by five one thousandths of a second (that's .005), the joy and emotion, epitomized by Lyles's mom almost collapsing in the stands, but then rallying to give her son a big bear hug when he fell into her arms -- was shared by all of us.

Even diehard sports fans such as ourselves learned something new from that race. We always had assumed that the first part of the body to cross the line is what counted. But unlike horse racing (for which the phrase "wins by a nose" is accurate), a human race is determined by the torso, which effectively means the clavicle (commonly called the collarbone) because the runners are leaning forward as they hit the line.

So even though other parts of Thompson's body had crossed the finish line ahead of Lyles's, Noah's clavicle had reached the line ahead of Thompson, and thus he was awarded the gold medal. It was an Olympic moment for the ages -- and one that we and the hundreds of millions of people watching worldwide will never forget.

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GUEST OP-ED

What could have been: Amendment #105 as changed to Bill H4876

By Chris Marchi with AIR, Inc.

The basic idea is that all Americans have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, right? So it follows that if families living in areas near power plants, chemical factories, or airports get asthma, COPD, or any number of other chronic health problems because of exposure to pollution that comes from those types of facilities, their constitutional rights are being violated. That's what environmental justice, also known as "EJ", is all about.

Very often, polluting facilities end up located away from where wealthy people live, and closer to where working class and lower income people live. Environmental laws strive to ensure that families who are living near polluting facilities get equal protection from environmental damage. These families are often non-English speaking people, people with lower educational attainment, and people of color.

Not everybody recognizes this, but living next to a major international airport comes with serious environmental consequences. Most of the East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere area has large environmental justice communities. As a volunteer for Airport Impact Relief, Incorporated (AIR, Inc.) I've worked to achieve environmental justice for 30 years. AIR, Inc.'s work to push for air filtration programs alongside Mothers Out Front and others, our work with the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway and others to extend the East Boston Greenway, etc., is all we came up with much about achieving environmental justice.

The biggest problem we've faced over AIR, Inc.'s 60+ years of activism has been the lack of environmental accountability at the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) which owns and operates Logan Airport. One of the main reasons we've had so much trouble getting Massport to accept accountability for the impacts of Logan's noise and pollution is that it has not been in Massport's job description to worry about the negative environmental consequences of aviation. Massport was established by an act of the state legislature back in 1956, at a time when politicians and planners weren't thinking about environmental damage and people's environmental rights as much as they were trying to support and grow economic benefits of aviation, building highways, and bulldozing urban communities through urban renewal plans.

When our partners at Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom reached out about the effort to improve Massport's enabling language, we saw that there was an opportunity to strengthen the language from just mentioning equity, to specifically requiring the Port Authority to consider environmental justice in their mission. This language became Amendment #105 to Bill H4876 ("The Climate Bill"), which was formed in the legislative session that closed on July 31.

With the help of Representative Adrian Madaro and many of his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, stronger language for "The Climate Bill" than what was originally proposed. The new language required that Massport consider "environmental resiliency and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and incorporating environmental justice principles". After passing to the final stages of the legislative process with enormous support from advocates across Massachusetts, Bill H4876 was declined last week when conference committee negotiations broke down.

We thank Representatives Madaro, Peisch, Cataldo, Gordon, Gentile, Ciccolo, and the numerous other representatives who signed the Climate Bill for their advocacy. We were thrilled with the proposed new language, and we were disappointed to learn that the Climate Bill was abandoned at a late hour on the final legislative workday for the session. We are disappointed that Massport has not yet been given a legislative mandate to work collaboratively with the neighborhoods who support it to reduce environmental impacts. We are worried for our futures, and for our children's futures.

Under the Port Authority's current charter, Massport's staff, board, and leadership has no explicit responsibility to reduce environmental impacts. They see their calling as boosting the economy. The unspoken paradigm is "It's the economy versus the environment" and without the requirement to address environmental costs, Massport has routinely chosen the most environmentally destructive

Over the past 65 years or so that Massport has been in existence, the "grow

first at any and all environmental costs approach' which has prevailed at the Massachusetts Port Authority has resulted in massive and ongoing environmental damage. To grow Logan, Massport has consumed 1,500 acres of Boston Harbor, 3 harbor islands, and 2 urban parks. Massport and the state have taken hundreds of homes and businesses in East Boston by eminent domain, bulldozed 3 urban neighborhoods. Today. Massport's Logan airport releases 35,000 LBS of EPA criteria air pollution into the air in East Boston every day. We experience hundreds of night time flights which destroy our sleep, and Logan's traffic in the air and ground grows worse by the day. Hanscom residents deal with disproportionate bur-

dens as well. We cannot continue to ask residents in airport communities impacted to fight the Authority for every gain at every turn. With the language in Amendment 105, hopefully we would not have needed to. However, the Massachusetts' legislature has decided yet again to prioritize profits and political posturing over the wellbeing of residents.

Chris Marchi is from Air inc that is an East Boston based environmental group focused on improving the quality of life of all people - especially the most vulnerable: children, elderly, the more susceptible and those with fewer means - living in communities surrounding New England's Logan International Airport, by mitigating the noise, air quality and traffic impacts of our large and growing airport.

Umemba, Castro go international with 'Let It Fly' Basketball Classic

Ninth annual tourney set for Saturday at Williams School

By Cary Shuman

Kyle Umemba and Cesar Castro have taken the Let It Fly Basketball Classic to South Africa and England, but on Saturday, it will be back in the city of Chelsea where it all be-

"This is going to be our biggest year," said Umemba. "This summer, we've already hosted it in Johannesburg and London. It sold out at both venues. We're going global and we're going to add more

markets this year." Umemba and Castro said this year's tournament (Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Williams School beginning at 9 a.m.) will showcase some of the top local, national, and international players (from the London Lions). One of the premier players in the tournament will be Warren Keel Jr. of Lynn, a major Division 1 college prospect who plays for Bradford Christian Academy. Neiko Mundey, a 6-foot-3-inch guard from Maryland who has offers from Villanova and Syracuse, will surely electrify the

capacity crowds with his

high-level game.

"We will have the highest number of top-ranked recruits in the tournament's history," related Umemba. "We'll have eight boys' high school teams, four middle school teams, and two girls' high school teams."

Kyle noted the tremen-

dous support that the tournament has received from its main sponsor, Chelsea Black Community, whose president, Joan Cromwell,

is Kyle's mother. CNCPTS, a footwear and attire company, has signed on as a major spon-

Castro, head coach of

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The leaders of the Let It Fly Basketball Classic that has be-

come a regional phenomenon on the summer hoop circuit (from left), co-director Cesar Castro, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and co-director Kyle Umemba.

Garcia finishes out first term voting in favor of historic legislation

Representative Judith Garcia (D-Chelsea) concluded her inaugural session in the Massachusetts Legislature by casting decisive votes on several significant pieces of legislation. In the final day of the session, she supported bills that strengthen veterans' rights, expand affordable housing, protect firefighters from harmful toxins, and refine parentage laws.

"I am incredibly proud to have voted in favor of these crucial pieces of legislation. Strengthening veterans' rights, expanding affordable housing, protecting our courageous firefighters from harmful PFAS chemicals, and refining parentage laws to reflect the diversity of modern families are all vital steps toward a more just and equitable society," Representative Garcia said. "These measures not only support those who have served and sacrificed but also ensure a

future for all Massachusetts residents."

One of the key pieces of legislation, the HERO Act, introduces over a dozen changes to update and improve access to benefits for veterans. It includes provisions to expand access to behavioral health treatment, offers new local-option property tax exemptions for service members, and aligns the state's definition of a veteran with that of the U.S. Veterans Affairs Department, allowing a broader range of former service members and their families to qualify for benefits.

Another critical bill, the Affordable Homes Act, represents a \$5.16 billion investment into housing in the Commonwealth. Key provisions include no-fault eviction sealing, \$2 billion for public housing, and \$800 million for affordable units. Beyond funding, this Act includes crucial policies such as creating an Office of Fair Housing, establishing a and enabling Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) by right in single-family

The firefighter gear PFAS bill is a crucial piece of legislation aimed at reducing the presence of toxic chemicals known as PFAS in the protective equipment used by our firefighters. Studies have shown a troubling link between these harmful substances and the alarmingly high rate of cancer diagnoses and cancer-related deaths among firefighters. By addressing the dangers posed by PFAS, this bill seeks to safeguard the health and well-being of the Commonwealth's first responders. It represents a proactive step toward ensuring that those who risk their lives to protect us are not inadvertently exposed to life-threatening hazards. This legislation underscores the legislature's commitment to the safety and protection of the Commonwealth's brave firefighters, who deserve the highest standards of

care and support.

Additionally, Massachusetts continues to lead the nation in easing the path for assisted reproduction, including surrogacy and in-vitro fertilization (IVF). However, current laws did not adequately outline rights, requirements, procedures and safeguards for parents, donors, surrogates, and others involved in the process. This bill establishes clear paths to parentage for individuals or couples utilizing assisted reproduction and

surrogacy in order to provide legal recognition and status prior to the child's birth. The Parentage Act passed by both chambers last week updates the Commonwealth's parentage laws to reflect modern-day families, including those with children born to LGBTQ+ families, through these methods.

"My first year in the Legislature has been marked by numerous challenges, but my office has tackled them with a positive and steadfast attitude," remarked Representative Garcia. "The passage of the Affordable Homes Act is a significant victory, but it is just one step toward achieving our broader goal of ensuring that every Massachusetts resident has access to rent and purchase safe and affordable homes. We celebrate this milestone, yet we remain committed to continuing the fight for housing justice and supporting our working-class families, veterans, and se-

niors." Representative Garcia is on the ballot for the September 3 primary and the November 5 general election.

statewide housing plan, safer and more inclusive News Briefs Governor Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll announced the Affordable Homes Act in Chelsea

LOW NUMBER PLATE LOTTERY

APPLICATIONS OPEN

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding the public that eligible vehicle owners have two weeks left to submit applications for the 2024 Low Number Plate Lottery at myRMV Online Service

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16.

The Low Plate Lottery will be held on Tuesday, September 10 – details of the event will be announced soon. Winners will be notified by mail if selected for a low number

This year, there are 298 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of the available low plates include 34, 255, 1912, 2X, 33V, B8, and Z88. Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply for the lottery. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a special plate fee that will be required, as well as a standard registration fee. In addition, lottery plate applicants will be sent a notification from the RMV to the email address they provided with lottery event details including the livestream link and location of the event. The lottery results will be posted after the drawing on the RMV's website, Mass.

SUMNER TUNNEL REOPENS

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The Sumner Tunnel reopened to traffic on Monday at 5 a.m. before the morning commute. The tunnel had been completely shut down since July 5 as part of a multi-year restoration project. The closure was the next phase of a project that began in April of 2022 and included work on the tunnel roadway, walls, drainage and additional improvements which will increase safety and climate resiliency. The project is a \$160 million investment in the Commonwealth's

infrastructure. During the 31-day shutdown, the existing asphalt was removed from the length of the roadway and the concrete below was rehabilitated. Granite curbing and drain inlet were replaced and the installation of new fireboard was completed. The entire length of the roadway was repaved. The new pavement will be lined, and the tunnel cleaned prior to re-

opening. The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project offered a variety of mitigation options for individuals coming from all travel points. Mitigation options included free trips on the MBTA Blue Line; free and reduced cost water ferry options; reduced Commuter Rail fares for riders; reduced parking costs at MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages; discounted tolls for residents; and additional options for travelers to and

from Logan Airport. A limited number of weekend closures are planned for the fall. At their conclusion, no later than the end of November, the project will be complete.



at The Neighborhood Developers Box District in the fall of 2023. Representative Garcia is

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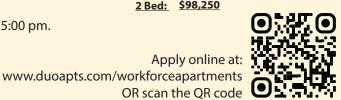
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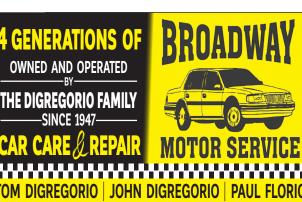
the Chelsea High boys basketball team, said the city will be represented with a team competing in the middle school division. He is excited about Let It Fly Classic's emergence as the region's premier summertime basketball tournament. He and Umemba have steered the tournament to incredible heights in its decade of existence.

"We'll be back home at the Williams School on Saturday," said Castro. "There will be several high-level players here in Chelsea. It's going to

be an amazing time like always. This event brings the whole community out as everybody comes together for a great day of basketball." Councillor-at-Large

Leo Robinson, a former CHS hoop standout, said he looks forward to the tournament every year. "Kyle and Cesar do

a great job running the show," said Robinson. "What they've done in building the stature of this event is commendable. It's become the most anticipated high school basketball event of the summer."



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CHELSEA POLICE HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT WILLIAMS SCHOOL

Cary Shuman Photos

The Chelsea Police Department hosted National Night Out Tuesday at the Williams School.

Hundreds of residents attended the event which promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

The Chelsea Fire Department also participated in the event, holding a "touch a truck" exhibition on Walnut Street.

Dustin Gianelli of HearsDustin was the guest speaker, delivering an inspiring address to the large crowd in attendance.



City Councilor Lisa Santagate, Jason Owens of the Navigator Program, and City Councilor Melinda Vega.



The team from Roca, from left, Inaluis Sosa, Jesse Bensettler, Jessica Rivera, Charles Alliano, Trecia Gibson, Paola Rojas, Victoria Ramirez, and Dennis Platt.



From left, Youth Academy participants Kieser Garmendia, Emmanuel Morales, and Manuel Contreras, Officer Jonathan Maldonado, Capt. David Rizzuto, Officer Carlos DelCompare, Officer Joseph Stutto, and Sgt. John Noftle.



Representing the Mass Trial Court Chelsea District Court Probation Department, Christina Torres, Christopher Torres, Probation Deputy Commissioner Carmen Gomez, Assistant Chief Probation Office Janelle O'Brien, with daughter, Vivienne, Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna, Associate Probation Officer Leslie Pina, Probation Case Specialist Lenira Teixeira, and Associate Probation Officer Estefania Barrantes.



Chelsea Police Officer Tim McCarthy, Officer Jamie Robles, Officer Matt DiNicola, Capt. David Rizzuto, Officer Steve Garcia, and Officer David Delaney and community resource dog Brutt.

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The Kiwanis Club of Chelsea table, from left, Jessica Wynss, Veronica Dyer-Medina, Rich Cuthie, President Elaine Monge, Joe Carriero, Cassandra Thompson, and Elianni Monge.



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as the National Night Out event coordinator, pictured with Officer Matt DiNicola.



Pictured at the CAPIC table are (front row) Keisha Brown and Demetres Holley; (back row) Director of Emergency Services Cary Havey and Director of SUDS, Crisis Intervention Gladys Agneta.

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Representing the Chelsea Housing Authority, Carmen Ortega, Yahilin Miranda, Gilda Cerna, Matt Frank, and Krystina Sunsin.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell (right), with Office Administrative Assistant Carolina Bonilla (left), and Office Manager Karim Perez.



Senia Guevara, with her daughter, Alina Guevara, and son, Oscar Guevara.



City Councillor Lisa Santagate, City Councilor Melinda Vega, and Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell.



Representing the Chelsea City Clerk's Office at the National Night Out event are Election Administrator James O'Regan, City Clerk Jeanette Cintron-White, and Assistant Clerk Assistant City Clerk Gabriela Solis.



Chelsea High School Class of 1970 classmates, former Chelsea school principal Nancy Birmingham and **Past DAVA Commander** Becky Swope.



McHatton, BSN,RN, and **Community Health Worker** Julissa Sandoval.



The Chelsea Black Community table, Eula Balloon, Maureen



City Councilor Lisa Santagate, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Public Health Nurse Patricia McHatton, and ISD Director Mike McAteer.





Chelsea Senior Advocate Geraldine Portillo, Program Coordinator Michael DeJesus, Director of Elder Affairs Tracy Nowicki, DPW Supt. of Buildings and Grounds Victor Tiernan, and



Vivian Sanchez and her daughter, Leah Hoang, enjoying the National Night Out event Tuesday at the Williams School.



Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung welcomes guest speaker Dustin Gianelli to National Night Out at the Williams School.



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SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM HEADS TO THE WATERS OF WINTHROP SEASHORE

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department offers a 7-week paid summer program offered to 11th and 12th grade students of Suffolk County



Chelsea Police Officers Jonathan Maldonado and Anthony DiNicola address the students at the office of the Winthrop Harbor Master.

and surrounding areas.

This program starts at the beginning of July and goes through mid-August. This is offered for students that may have an interest in law enforcement, or it's related categories.

Over the seven weeks students attend 2 days of in classroom lecture, and 3 days in the field. They visited the FBI, Boston Police, court rooms, and last week they attended a day on the water, courtesy of the Winthrop Harbor Master and his staff. Police departments of the area involved in the program, Chelsea, Winthrop, and Everett, as well as the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department.



Chelsea resident David Contreras was one of the Enrichment students who was part of the Winthrop Harbor Master's visit last week, shown with Harbor Master Arthur Hickey and Special Sheriff of Suffolk County Abe Ayuso, and Chelsea Police Officers Jonathan Maldonado and Anthony DiNicola.

CITY PAWS

Working or volunteering with animals

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Years ago we met a young woman walking a beautiful standard Poodle. When we complimented her on how well her dog behaved, she explained that she was the dog's nanny and had time to devote to training. Yes, she did other things for the family, but the dog was her responsibility while the couple who hired her worked. And, yes, she loved her

For those with a passion for animals, the world of working or volunteering with them is vast and diverse. There are numerous ways to approach this, and we encourage you to start by volunteering or working part-time to explore the possibilities and find the perfect fit for you.

Volunteering

Most animal shelters, rescue groups, animal welfare organizations, and service or therapy animal organizations need volunteers. While some of the assignments have you

interacting directly with animals, many don't, and you should keep that in mind when you apply as a volunteer. You might also be asked to clean out cages, empty litter boxes, or clean food bowls. All of these are vital parts of fulfilling the care the animals

Over the years, we've volunteered to perform pre-adoption home visits for rescue groups, fostered rescue animals, transported animals from rescue to their forever homes, and helped raise funds for various organizations.

Another option is to work with an animal advocacy team. For example, the MSPCA explains, "We work locally, on the state level, and nationally to improve animal protection laws and regulations. Our work also includes working with the public and providing resources and information on how to live humanely with our wild neighbors."

Working with Animals Before you give up your demand.

day job to pursue a career in animal services, you should get some part-time experience. You may love to take care of your own dog or cat but find yourself less satisfied when working with animals less predictable or well-behaved than yours.

From dog walking to pet sitting, you can work as much or as little as you want. In all cases, the quality of your services and reputation are key to your success.

You should be sure you are on safe, legal ground by checking all the business requirements and arranging for any needed insurance. For example, if you would be boarding animals in your home, you must be certain it is legal with city or town zoning, your condo or homeowners association, or your landlord.

Training for a Career

We all know that becoming a veterinarian requires years of education. Many animal healthcare professionals, such as veterinary technicians, also require formal training, including college certificate programs, vocational school training, or apprenticeship programs in which they are trained on the job by a veterinarian or veterinary technician.

The same is true of groomers. They may attend a grooming school or course, be trained in a corporate training program from a large organization, or be trained by an experienced groomer in a smaller salon. We hear from friends in the business that good groomers are in de-

The good news is that you can easily make a plan to test the waters for a transition into working or volunteering with animals by simply helping out friends and family to see if you love taking care of animals beyond those in your household. You may be surprised at how quickly an offer of free pet walking or sitting is snapped up!

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



While training is required, we hear from friends in the business that good groomers are in

Phil Castinetti's Sportsworld will welcome television legend Jerry Mathers to Saugus Cleaver on the hit televi-

Jerry Mathers, one of television's most beloved

childhood stars of all time, will be appearing at Phil Castinetti's Sportsworld ternationally for his role store in Saugus on Sunday, as Theodore

Mathers is known in-

sion series "Leave It To Beaver" that aired in 234 episodes from 1957 to 1963. Beaver and his older brother Wally (Tony Dow) played the sons of Ward Cleaver (Hugh Beaumont) and June Cleaver (Barbara Billingsley).

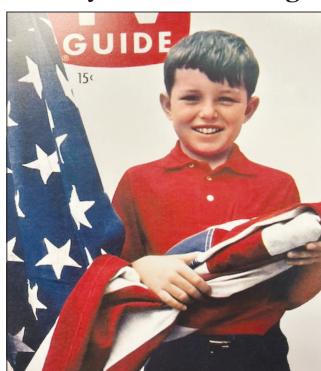
A 1974 graduate of Revere High School, Phil Castinetti has owned Sportsworld for 38 years. He is widely regarded as one of the foremost sports memorabilia experts in the United States.

Castinetti said the response to the upcoming appearance by Mathers, 76, has been "phenome-

"I've been doing events like this for a long time, and we're getting more responses for Jerry than any athlete ever – it's been wild," said Castinetti. "I used to watch the show when I was a kid, and I always loved it. Jerry Mathers is a legend."

Castinetti said individual autographs and photos with Mathers will cost \$35.

"We welcome everyone



Jerry Mathers, known as Beaver Cleaver on the successful "Leave It To Beaver" TV series, is pictured on the cover of TV

to show up with their own items to be autographed and we will also have pictures of Jerry at the store," said Castinetti. "I've talked to Jerry on the phone, and he's excited about meeting his many fans in Saugus." There are other nota-

North (Dennis The Menace), Butch Patrick (Eddie Munster of The Munsters) and Ron Howard (Opie in the Andy Griffith Show) from that golden era of television, but Jerry Mathers, forever the "Beaver" - reigns at the top of the all-time list.

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Thomas S. Wilson

December 29, 1946 - July 29, 2024

Relatives and friends attended a family gathering and visitation for Thomas S. "Tommy" Wilson on Tuesday, August 6th at St. Rose of Lima Church, 12 Park Street, Topsfield. The visitation was immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in the Church and services concluded with interment in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Topsfield.

At 77 years of age, Tommy passed away after a brief decline in health on Monday July 29th at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Raised in Peabody, Tom was the eldest of three sons of the late William J. Sr. and Helen A. (Zaksheski) Wilson. Tom grew up in Peabody, attended local schools, and graduated from Peabody High School where he played tackle on the High School Football team.

He attended East Coast Technical and worked as an aircraft engine mechanic for TWA and American Airlines in Boston and finished his career with American Airlines in St. Louis, MO. Working for the airlines gave Tom the opportunity to travel to many destinations, however he favored going to Jamaica where he made many lifetime

He made Topsfield his hometown and has resided there since 1976. Tom



was married to Eileen M. (Barry) and was devoted to his quiet unassuming home life together with his wife. As a young man, he helped his uncle build a sailboat and later he and a friend built his own sailboat that he named the "Sundown."

Tom is lovingly survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Eileen M. Wilson at home in Topsfield. He was the dear brother of Stephen K. Wilson and his wife, Kathy and William J. Wilson, Jr. and his wife, Deborah, all of Peabody; cherished uncle of Andrea Margareci and her husband, Michael, Christopher Wilson, Shannon Wilson-Cutone and her husband, Christopher, and Matthew Halliday, and great uncle to Elora, and Andrew Margareci and Brooke Cutone.

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Carmen Navarro Pastrana

OBITUARIES

She was recently honored by the Chelsea City Council on her 98th birthday as one of

Chelsea's oldest citizens.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a funeral for Carmen Navarro Pastrana in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, August 8th at 10:30 a.m. Her services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. At 98 years of age, Car-

men passed away on Sunday, August 4th with her loving family at her side. Born in Loisa, Puer-

to Rico, Carmen was the daughter of the late Damaso Navarro and Juana Pastrana. She grew up in San Juan, married Francisco Carrion and raised two sons and three daughters. Carmen worked at a Children's Hospital as a nurse.

She relocated to Chelsea and has lived here for 15 years. She is fondly remembered for her devotion to family and friends, residing in the Buckley Apartments where she would often prepare meals and deliver her homemade dinners to many neighbors in the building. Carmen was recently honored by the Chelsea City Council on her 98th birthday as



citizens. In addition to her par-

ents, Carmen was predeceased by her husband, Francisco Carrion and daughters, Lillian Laura Iris Carrion and her sons, Fernando and Jose Manuel Carrion. She is lovingly survived by her beloved daughter, Miriam Carrion and sisters. Aida Julia Lopez Pastrana, Ana Hilda Lopez Pastrana and Lillian Torres Pastrana, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

To send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFH.com



Joseph Robert Finnigan He loved to make people laugh

Joseph Robert "Sonny" Finnigan, 60, of Saugus passed away on July 12 due to multiple health complications.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he graduated from Chelsea High School. He was a hardworking man throughout his career. He worked as a longshoreman for Mobil Oil Corp. in East Boston and he also as a mechanic at Post Office Square Mobil in Lynnfield. He will be lovingly remembered by his family for his intriguing and fascinating stories about the Titanic and its Legacy. Joseph also loved making people laugh. He will be missed by all who loved

Joseph was the beloved son of the late Joseph G. Finnigan and the late Alvina "Betty" (Clark) Finnigan, beloved brother of Cathy and Frank DeAngelis of Newton, NH, Wendy and David Howell of Haverhill, Butchie (Gary) and Dee (DeAnna) Finnigan of Saugus and the late Robert "Bobby" Stone

Joseph was married to Cheryl (Howell) Finnigan for 20 years and they had three children together: Shannon (Finnigan) and Reginaldo Silva of Saugus, Joseph Finnigan Jr. and

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ington and Luke Charles Finnigan and Brianna of Wakefield. He was also a loving grandfather to four beautiful granddaughters: Emily, Sophia, Juliet and Lillian.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Monday, August 12th from 4 to 6 p.m. Joseph's Memorial Service will follow the visitation in the Funeral Home at 6 p.m. Please bring all of your loving memories and stories to share. All services will conclude at the Funeral Home.

We encourage family and friends to visit carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Richard C. "Richie" Cormier of Chelsea, also known as Dickie, passed away on August 4, 2024 at a private residence in Chelsea. Born in Dover, NH,

Richard C. "Richie" Cormier

January 21, 1955 - August 4, 2024

life in Chelsea, graduating from Chelsea High School. As a young man, he worked at the old newspaper offices on Heard Street, later working for Coldwater Seafoods/Preferred Freezer in Everett and he retired from Eastern Connection in Woburn.

A member of the Cary Square Club, Richie drove a taxi in Chelsea for many years and was a well-known figure around Richard was prede-

Richie lived most of his

ceased by his daughter, Stephanie Cormier Marshfield and Chelsea. He is survived by his daughter, Colleen Cormier and her husband, Stephen Troisi of Woburn. was the cherished brother of Joan Cormier of Ladysmith, Virginia, Janice and Angus MacDonald of Methuen, Walter and Barbara Cormier of Everett, James Cormier of Hudson, New Hampshire, Daniel Cormier and Marta Priftis of Falls Church, Virginia and his brotherin-law, Robert Young of St. Albans, West Virginia. Richie was predeceased by his sisters, Catherine Mahoney and her husband, Joseph of Methuen, sister Mary Young of St. Albans, West Virginia, brother John Cormier of Chelsea and sisters-in-law Pauline Cormier of Londonderry, New Hampshire and Cynthia Cormier of Hudson, New Hampshire. Richie is fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, and dearly missed by his most constant companion, his cat, Buddy.

Richie was often seen shuttling friends and family around town. Rush hour, noon, or 3 a.m., if you needed a ride, just call Richie. He would talk your ear off, but he'd get you to the airport on time! He always felt a special obligation to the elderly and went out of his way to run errands and go grocery shopping for his old-



er friends. He had a special bond with his friend Jimmy B., as they helped and supported each other through the pandemic and beyond.

Richie was gregari-

ous, ready to strike up a conversation with everyone he met. He seemed to run into someone he knew wherever he went and he did love to travel He never missed family trips to Pennsylvania. Virginia and West Virginia. He flew to San Diego to see the Patriots, drove to Montreal to watch his nephews play hockey, and especially loved vacations to Ireland and Nova Scotia to see the places of his an-

Richie was quick with a joke or anecdote, his sense of humor likely forged at the age of five when he would get up early, dress himself and cross the street to his aunt Josephine's house to watch the Three Stooges over breakfast. His childhood was spent playing with neighborhood kids on the streets of Chelsea, most memorably when he was hit by a fire truck! As a young man, he played street hockey at Hockey Town USA, followed by a scorpion bowl or two at the August Moon. He loved cards, and no doubt has a poker game going right now, with his daughter Stephanie taking all his

money. In lieu of flowers, do-Ever the cab driver, nations may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center https://giving.bilh.org/jos-

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sachusetts passed An Act Honoring, Empowering and Recognizing Our Service Members and Veterans (HERO Act), legislation designed to boost support for hundreds of thousands of individuals across the state who have served in the United States military, including nearly 30,000 women veterans and thousands of LGBTQ+ veter-

"I am excited to see this bill passed through both the House and Senate so we can invest in benefits and services that will improve lives for Veterans in my district and our state who have sacrificed so much for our country," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "The HERO Act demonstrates our support for Veterans from all backgrounds by expanding our health care benefits and support services for service members and their families as well as bolstering initiatives to study PTSD and mental health treatments for Veterans across the state. I am grateful to Senate President Spilka and Senator John Velis for moving this essential package through

legislative process." This compromise leg-

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Equality Review Board, updates the Chapter 115 definition of a veteran to expand eligibility, and codifies medical, behavand Phylis Stone. ioral health, and dental benefits. Further, it establishes new recognitions for military service in the Commonwealth and requires several working groups to review post-traumatic Eboni (Butler) of Wilmstress disorder in veterans, mental health treatments

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Alzheimer's Foundation of America offers safety information to families caring for someone with dementia

Special to the Journal

Wandering is a very common and potentially dangerous behavior for those living with dementia, but it is even more hazardous during the hot summer months. High temperatures and prolonged sun exposure can very quickly cause heat stroke and dehydration. To help caregivers protect their loved ones over

the summer months, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is providing tips to reduce the chances of wandering and help prepare them to respond quickly if their loved one goes missing.

"Hot summer months create additional safety risks if someone with dementia wanders from home, which is why their family caregivers need to be proactive," said Jennifer Reeder, LCSW, AFA's Director of Educational and Social Services. "Creating a setting where someone with dementia can maintain the benefits of walking by being active and stimulated in a safe environment, while also meeting basic needs, and having an emergency plan in place, are the best ways to protect the person's well-being and quality of life."

Tips for families:

Examine the vations for wandering. There can be many reasons why someone with dementia wants to walk outdoors; it can provide a feeling of purposefulness, excitement, or pleasure. This is especially true if the person lived an active lifestyle prior to the onset of their illness. Identify consistent and sustainable

ways to support physical activities and stimulation in a safe environment: create walking paths around the home with visual cues and engaging objects; involve the person in simple tasks; and offer enjoyable activities (i.e., exercise, music, crafts). Ensure the basic needs (i.e., thirst, hunger, a need to use the bathroom) are met, as wandering can also be an expression of an unmet

The Department of

a Public Hearing on

Tuesday, August 20,

Conference room.

2024 at 6:00pm at City

Hall 3rd floor in the DPW

Public Works will conduct

Safeguard the home. Facilitate safe movement by avoiding clutter and eliminating tripping hazards. Be mindful of how objects like car keys. jackets, and purses might trigger the person to leave suddenly. Install electronic chimes or doorbells on doors so someone is alerted if the individual tries

See DEMENTIA Page 11

LEGAL NOTICES

may be taken without **LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED OF MASSACHUSETTS ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE TRIAL COURT

PROBATE AND UNIFORM PROBATE CODE FAMILY COURT (MUPC) Suffolk Probate A Personal Representa-**And Family Court** tive appointed under the 24 New Chardon St. MUPC in an unsupervised Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 administration is not CITATION ON required to file an PETITION FOR inventory or annual accounts with the Court. FORMAL ADJUDICATION Persons interested in Docket No. the estate are entitled to SU24P1380EA notice regarding the administration directly from

> tative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn. First Justice of this Court. Date: August 02, 2024

the Personal Represen-

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 08/08/24

LEGAL NOTICE

CHELSEA

CONSERVATION

COMMISSION

In accordance with the

Massachusetts Wetland

Protection Act, the

Public Hearing on:

Tuesday, August 20,

to review the Notice

of Intent submitted by

Belam Realty, LLC., for

proposed seawall and

site improvements at 1B

& 5 Winnisimmet Street

and 2 & 10 Williams

All interested parties

wishing to provide a

public comment or to

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Commission will hold a

and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Patrick J. Finnegan of Chelsea, MA be appointed as Personal

Estate of:

Finnegan

Also known as:

Linda Finnegan,

Linda Brunelle

Date of Death:

01/14/2024

To all interested persons:

Adjudication of Intestacy

and Appointment of Per-

sonal Representative has

been filed by Patrick J.

Finnegan of Chelsea, MA

requesting that the Court

enter a formal Decree

A Petition for Formal

Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Pe-

tition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/29/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action

the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the Notice is THE MASSACHUSETTS available for review in the Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning, Rm 106, City Hall, during City Hall business hours. Per Order Stephen Sarikas

8/08/24

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Mass 02150 Attn Wayne Brooks The job site is located at 1-4 Clinton Court, 1 Mill Court and 3 mill court 449 Crescent Ave and 461 Crescent Ave. 1-5 Webster court and 1-4 Parkway Court Chelsea, MA and will be available for inspection between 10:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday Aug 14th 2024.

For information call

Bids can be mailed to

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forthwith.

Wayne Brooks 617-438-SITE VISIT BY APPOINT-MENT: NONE

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LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 24 SM 002682 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Joabe S. Souza,

Angela C. Souza and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civi Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 δ3901 (et seq): Select Portfolio Servicing,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 175 Cottage Street, Unit No. 604, of the Mill Creek Condominium, given by Joabe S. Souza and Angela C. Souza to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated August 28, 2017, and registered at Suffolk **County Registry District** of the Land Court as Document No. 873856 and noted on Certificate of Title No. C237-483, 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

Boston, MA 02108 on

or before 9/9/2024

Three Pemberton Square,

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 7/29/2024 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

LEGAL NOTICE



CHELSEA REQUEST FOR **PROPOSAL** Municipal Lease of Parking Space The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked "Municipal Lease of Parking Space". Request for Proposals will be available on or after August 08, 2024 by visiting the City's website tations.php. at http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/

pages/current-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Municipal Lease of Parking Space" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00 AM on September 10, 2024. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/ or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are invit-

ing all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Chief Procurement Officer

8/8/24

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CHELSEA CHELSEA REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Request for Qualifications-Protection Act, the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Public Hearing on: City Hall **Attic Renovation** Tuesday, August 20, The City of Chelsea, 2024, 6:00 PM Massachusetts, through via Zoom video its Chief Procurement conference Officer, is seeking to review the Notice Proposals for marked "Request for Qualifications-Owner's Project Manager (OPM)-City Hall Attic Renovation" Request for Qualifications will be available on or after August 08, 2024, by visiting the City's 410 Beacham Street website at https://www. chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/ current_bids_ Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Request for Qualifications-Owner's Project Manager (OPM)-City Hall Speaking section of Attic Renovation" and submitted to the Office the meeting and email of the Chief Procurement address in order to join

11:00 AM on August 29, A copy of the Notice is available for review The City of Chelsea in the Department of reserves the right to Permitting and Land Use accept any proposal, Planning, Rm 106, City to reject any or all Hall, during City Hall proposals and to waive business hours. minor irregularities and/ Per Order Stephen Sarikas or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business **LEGAL NOTICE** firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is

the meeting.

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Officer no later than

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an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Section 44A?. Dragica Ivanis OF PUBLIC WORKS Chief Procurement Officer 8/08/24

LEGAL NOTICE



Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Crown Castle Fiber for CONSERVATION the following petition: COMMISSION 123 Grove St. In accordance with the Crown Castle is proposing Massachusetts Wetland a modification to the existing equipment on Chelsea Conservation the above-mentioned Commission will hold a poles. This modification consists of an upgrade to the shroud and antenna. Currently the shroud is approximately 4.2' X 2.5' and existing antenna is roughly 4' X of Intent submitted by 1.2'. The new shroud is Robert Fadel, Miles Gas, measuring 5.8' X 1.9' Inc., to construct a 2,620 and the new antenna will square foot market store measure 2' X 1.9'. Public comments will with ten parking spaces, seven fuel dispensers, be accepted during the and associated undermeetina. ground storage tanks at Written comments are accepted by email to cfox@ All interested parties chelseama.gov until 12:00pm on 8/20/24. wishing to provide a public comment or to The public is invited to join the meeting must attend. communicate with John Cate Fox Lent DePriest at jdepriest@ Commissioner 8/1/24, 8/8/24 chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public

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COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL** ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P1378EA Estate of: Theodore Paul Sobolewski Date of Death: 05/11/2024 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal

and Appointment of

Adjudication of Intestacy

Personal Representative

has been filed by Cheryl

A Sobolewski-Reeves of

Wakefield, MA requesting

a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Cheryl A Sobolewski-Reeves of Wakefield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

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or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/06/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Date: August 02, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate



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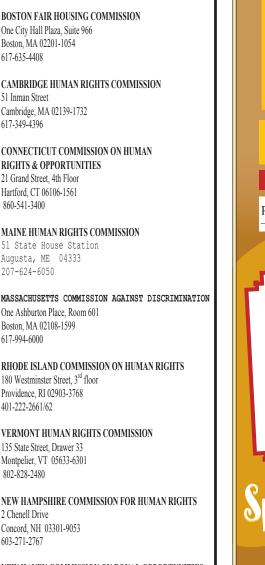
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Be aware of your loved one's patterns. Know what times of the day may be more activating than others and try to offer stimulating activities during those times. Encourage healthy sleep habits to reduce the chances of the person leaving during the middle of the night. If your loved one does wander, document their patterns (frequency, duration, time of day, etc.) to help guide

you in the future. Develop a safety plan. Keep a list of places the person may go (i.e., previous home or place of favorite employment, spots around town). Have a recent close-up photo and medical information readily available to give to first responders, if needed. Keep a list of people to contact if the person goes missing and ask neighbors to call you if they see the person out on their own. See if your community has a safety program for families affected by dementia, such as Project Lifesaver,

which allows you to voluntarily enroll your loved one to receive locating technology which first responders can activate if the person goes missing. To the greatest extent possible, get input from the person when developing the safety plan.

Mitigate risks by taking precautions. Caregivers should take extra precautions during the summer, such as ensuring the person is properly hydrated, dressed in light clothing, protected from the sun, and always supervised when outdoors. Keep a hat handy to protect your loved one's eyes and face. Using tracking devices or alarms, and educating neighbors about your loved one's condition, can also help quickly locate an individual if they

do wander. AFA's Helpline is staffed entirely by licensed social workers who are specifically trained in dementia care and can provide additional information about wandering prevention tips. The Helpline is available seven days a week by phone (866-232-8484), text message (646-586-5283), and web chat (www.alzfdn.org).

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NeighborHealth welcomes Tracey Weeden as Vice President and Chief Behavioral Health Officer

Special to the Journal

NeighborHealth today announced the appointment of Tracey Weeden, MSW, LICSW, as Vice President and Chief Behavioral Health Officer. Bringing over 25 years of experience in behavioral healthcare, Weeden's leadership of Neighbor-Health's behavioral health services will be guided by her commitment to improving upstream determinants of health while advancing health equity in the diverse communities the health center serves.

"Tracey's wealth of experience in a variety of behavioral health settings will be an excellent addition to our organization. Her skillset will be invaluable in supporting NeighborHealth's all mission to care for the behavioral health needs of our patients and improving health outcomes in the communities we serve," said Dr. Ryan Boxill, NeighborHealth's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "Our newly opened Behavioral Health Urgent Care Services (BHUCS) is an example of how we are innovating in this area and I am confident that, with Tracey's proven leadership in prioritizing patient wellbeing at the organizational level, Neighbor-Health will continue to find new ways to improve the overall health and

wellness of our patients."

Prior to joining NeighborHealth, Weeden served as Executive Director of the Boston Medical Center's Brockton Behavioral Health Hospital where she oversaw an 80-bed inpatient psychiatric hospital and 26-bed Clinical Stabilization Services program for individuals with behavioral health disorders. Weeden has also previously held the roles of Chief Operating Officer for First Step of Sarasota, Inc. and Director of Counseling and Homeless Services for RCAP Solutions, Inc.

"Reducing barriers to care is a top priority in providing effective behavioral health services and important for improving the lives of individuals in underserved communities who often experience unique challenges in accessing healthcare," said Tracey Weeden, NeighborHealth's newly appointed Vice President and Chief Behavioral Health Officer. "Neighbor-Health's dedication to eliminating these barriers and creating positive patient experiences by providing holistic, culturally-informed care is a mission I look forward to continuing with the organization as a leading provider in Greater Boston.

NeighborHealth is the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts with a first-of-its-kind BHUCS that offers same-day and



NeighborHealth's newly appointed Vice President and Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Tracey Weeden, MSW, LICSW.

urgent mental health services co-located with their Emergency Department, to ensure a rapid response to patients in crisis. These services are designed to help eliminate barriers to care and health inequities for underserved communities across Greater Boston.

Former Vice President and Chief Behavioral Health Officer Michael Mancusi, LICSW, will be instrumental in helping transition Weeden into her new role and will continue to work closely on a consultative basis with NeighborHealth's leadership as he transitions into retirement after 39 years with the health system.

Weeden received her Bachelor of Science in social work from the College of New Rochelle in New York and her Master's of Social Work from Boston University. She is currently a candidate for her Doctor of Health Services Admin-

istration at Northcentral University in San Diego, California. Weeden serves as Vice Chair of the RCAP Solutions, Inc. Board of Directors, as well as member of both the Franciscan's Children's Hospital Board of Directors and the MA Public Health Data Warehouse (PHD) Community Advisory Board.

NeighborHealth, merly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, NeighborHealth has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a firstof-its-kind merger in 2020, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods. NeighborHealth champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other healthcare providers in our state. For more information, visit www.neighborhealth.com.

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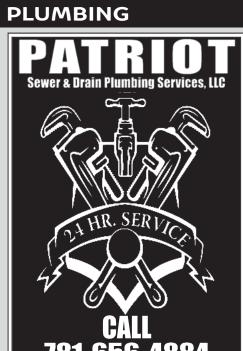
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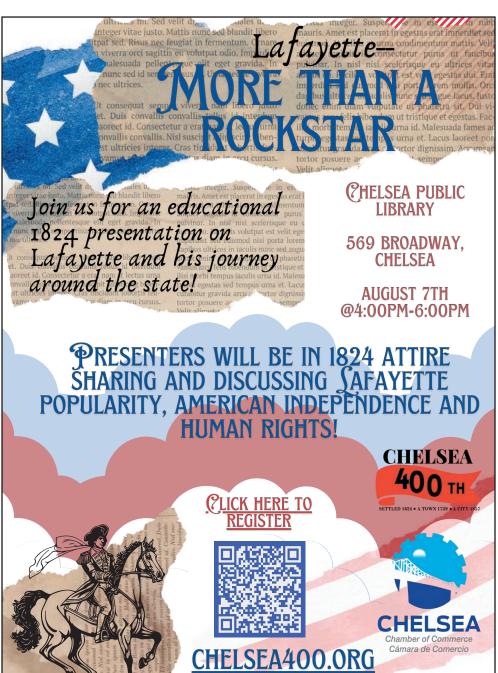
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