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Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez (right) joins mural artist Eileen Riestra (second from left), and mural assistants Eric Estrada, and Eyevan, for a photo in front of the "You Are Meant For Greatness" mural on display.

MURAL PAINTING RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD AT ALOE NATURAL ACAI AND COFFEE SHOP

Special to the Record

Eileen Riestra, principal and creative director at Depict Brands, unveiled a beautifully designed mural during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held adjacently to Tanairi Garcia's Aloe Natural and Acai Coffee Shop in Chelsea.

City Manager Fidel Maltez brought the official greetings of the city and thanked artist Eileen Riestra and business owner and City Councilor Tanairi Garcia for beautifying the area with the extraordinary exhibition of artwork.



City Councilor and Aloe Natural and Acai Coffee Shop business owner Tanairi Garcia (center) joins mural artist Eileen Riestra in cutting the ribbon for the mural located adjacent to the coffee shop. Pictured are the many guests, including City Councilor Lisa Santagate (back row, far right) who attended the event, and City Manager Fidel Maltez (front row, far right).

Empty Spools Quilters donate trauma pillows to police department

Special to the Record

The Chelsea Police Department recently accepted a heartfelt donation of trauma pillows from the "Empty Spools Quilters" of the Chelsea Senior Center. These handmade pillows are designed to provide comfort and support to children who have witnessed or experienced traumatic events.

Chief Keith E. Houghton expressed deep gratitude for the quilters' generosity and dedication.

"These trauma pillows will play a crucial role in our efforts to support children in our community during their most vulnerable moments," said Houghton. "The compassion and care the 'Empty



Members of the Empty Spools Quilters from the Chelsea Senior Center donating trauma pillows to the Chelsea Police Department.

Spools Quilters' have put into each pillow are truly inspiring."

The trauma pillows,

uniquely crafted with soft fabrics and soothing designs, will be carried in patrol vehicles and available

at the police station. Officers will distribute them to children in need, pro-

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Chelsea schools set to open on Wednesday

By Adam Swift

Summer break is almost over for Chelsea students.

The majority of students head back to school next Wednesday, August 28 for the first day of school.

Wednesday, August 28 is the first day for students in grades one through 12. After going to school for two days, those students will get their first long weekend of the year with

no school on Friday, August 30 or Monday, Sept. 2 for Labor Day.

The first day of school for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students is Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The district's new teachers have already gotten back into the swing of things, with new educator orientation running from August 19-22. The rest of the district's teachers have

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The Rise of the New Roca

Full-scale renovation project will transform its national headquarters in Chelsea

Special to the Record

Roca, the internationally renowned agency led by founder and chief executive officer Molly Baldwin, is undergoing a \$6.2 million renovation project at its main headquarters located at 101 Park Street.

Joseph Furnari, site director of Roca's Chelsea and Lynn men's programs, led the Chelsea Record on a guided tour of the two-story, facility. The changes to the interior are awe-inspiring – from the familiar reception desk that will be moved from the bottom of the ramp to



Joseph Furnari, Director of Roca Chelsea.

the front entrance area, to the halfcourt basketball court, to the new town center (gathering space), to the spacious corridors,

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New Hire

Giuffrida named Chelsea's Inaugural Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism

Special to the Record

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez recently announced the hiring of Charlie Giuffrida, the former Next Stop Revere director, as the inaugural Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism in Chelsea.

Maltez said this position, strongly supported by the City Council, will grow sport offerings with a specific focus on youth development in Chelsea.

Over the past sixteen years, Giuffrida has been instrumental in developing and managing hundreds of programs, camps, and events that serve residents and visitors of all ages for the City of Revere. Beginning as a Site Coordinator for Revere Public Schools' after-school and summer programs. Gi-



Charlie Giuffrida.

Giuffrida later advanced to Assistant Director of Revere Parks and Recreation and subsequently took on the role of Director for the city's inaugural Travel and Tourism office, Next Stop Revere.

Giuffrida has also been

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Council to take up police and fire union contracts

By Adam Swift

The city council held a quick special summer meeting last week to take care of some timely business, including moving two union contract agreements to its ways and means subcommittee.

City Manager Fidel Maltez is requesting that the council approve new contracts for the Chelsea Police Superior Officers union and the Chelsea Firefighters union.

Maltez is also requesting that the council approve the cost items associated with the settled contracts.

The major cost items of the agreement with the Police Superior Officers union are the annual raises for fiscal years 2025 through 2027.

The contract calls for a 4 percent raise for FY25, a 4 percent raise for FY26, and a 3 percent raise for FY27.

“In addition, in FY27 there will be a 1% increase to hazardous duty pay,” stated Maltez. “The total cost of the contract over the three years is approximately \$970,000.”

Maltez stated that a request to transfer funds from the salary reserve line will be presented to cover the approximately \$173,000 FY25 salary cost in the fall.

The annual raises for the firefighters union will match those laid out in the Police Superior Officers union over the course of

FY25 to FY27.

“In addition, in FY27, there will be a change in the calculation method for the night differential rate,” stated Maltez.

The total cost of the contract over three years is approximately \$2.3 million, Maltez said.

“Since the contract takes effect July 1 and the major cost items are accounted for in the FY25 budget, a request to transfer funds from the Salary Reserve line will be presented to cover the approximately \$370,000 FY25 salary cost in the fall,” stated Maltez.

In other business, the council approved the warrant for the state primaries to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

City provides update on Washington Avenue fire

Special to the Record

Due to the extensive damage caused by the six-alarm fire at 185 Washington Ave. last week, the Chelsea Fire Department was unable to determine the exact cause of the fire.

Nearly 60 people were displaced as a result of the fire on Wednesday, August 14 in what was one of the most destructive residential fires in the city in years. Local fire officials are encouraging residents to remain vigilant and take precautions to prevent fires, and note that there is information on fire prevention resources at chelseama.gov.

Since the fire, the City,

community partners, and state agencies have mobilized to support the families with hotel lodging, cash donations for basic needs, and meals for each day since the incident. Additional support includes the Recovery Resource Center that was hosted on Friday, August 16, at La Colaborativa and the Housing Clinic hosted by The Neighborhood Developers on Monday, August 19.

As of Tuesday, residents were scheduled to check out from the original hotel with the option of an extended hotel stay for up to two weeks if they are unable to stay with family or find a housing

alternative. All impacted families have met with state officials and those that qualify have been given the option to enter the emergency assistance shelter system supported by the Commonwealth, according to city officials.

City Manager Fidel Maltez stated that the city is grateful to the Chelsea Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Salvation Army, Red Cross, La Colaborativa, the Neighborhood Developers, and other local organizations that assembled to collaborate and support the Chelsea families.

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an active board member of the Revere Beach Partnership, a volunteer organization committed to preserving and enhancing America’s first public beach for everyone’s enjoyment. Since 2017, Giuffrida has been responsible for creating initiatives such as the Revere Beach Summer Volleyball Program, the Summer Music Series, and the New Year’s Eve Sculpture Stroll. Additionally, Giuffrida has served on committees overseeing the International Sand Sculpting Festival, the Revere Beach 5K, and the Kite and Art Festival. Giuffrida’s contributions, along with his role in establishing the George V. Colella Community Center, highlight his commitment to community enrichment.

Giuffrida holds a Mas-

ter’s Degree in Athletic Administration and is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional through the National Recreation and Park Association, a credential that signifies the national standard for parks and recreation professionals.

Giuffrida’s expertise is further demonstrated through his speaking engagements at conferences and several published works in Parks and Recreation trade publications, focusing on youth development, programming, and equity.

“We are thrilled to welcome Charles Giuffrida as our inaugural Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism,” said Maltez. “Charles’s experience in Recreation, Tourism and Municipal Government makes him

the ideal candidate for this position. Charles will work with our incredible team and will drive forward our vision for sports and tourism initiatives.

“His local and regional knowledge will allow Charles to hit the ground running and bring about immediate results to address the needs of our residents.”

In this new role, Giuffrida will report directly to the City Manager and will work closely with school department leadership. He will work to enhance the community’s quality of life by building partnerships, introducing high-quality athletic programming, and continually seeking improvements for youth athletics in the city.

Chelsea man pleads guilty in 2021 stabbing death of his wife

Special to the Record

A Chelsea man will serve at least 25 years in prison after pleading guilty last week to stabbing his wife more than 40 times in 2021 before severely injuring himself, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden.

Mario Mira 51, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the December 11, 2021 death of his estranged wife, Paula Andrea Ortiz, 47, at her Chelsea apartment. Judge Mary Ames sentenced Mira to life in prison, with parole eligibility after 25 years.

Members of the Chelsea Police Department responded to the victim’s Stockton Street apartment at approximately 4:21 p.m. on December 11, 2021. There, they located Ortiz, who had suffered multiple stab and slash wounds. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Responders also located Mira at the apartment. He was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital with life-threatening wounds and was eventually arraigned in his hospital bed. A knife and a boxcut-

ter were found near Mira.

Several of Ortiz’s relatives, including her sister, Ana Ortiz, and 17-year-old daughter, Maria Paz Ortiz, delivered victim impact statements at last week’s sentencing.

“It’s been almost three years of constant panic attacks, PTSD, nightmares, depression, days of not getting out of bed, days where I’m mad at the world and wonder who to blame,” stated Maria Paz Ortiz. “I’ve never really felt okay but I forced myself to find peace. I had no other option, I’m still angry at my dad, but I don’t hate him. But now I have to explain to my kids why grandpa and grandma aren’t with us, I have to retell my story thousands of times.

“I still have so many questions, but they will probably go unanswered,” she continued. “I do wish my dad had thought about us, but I guess these are things anger can do to you.”

Hayden praised the survivors for sharing their emotions at the sentencing.

“These moving and heartbreaking words spo-

ken by the people who knew and loved Paula Andrea Ortiz encompass all of the tragedy and cruelty and endless sorrow of domestic violence, and this case was as sad and tragic as any domestic violence case gets,” Hayden said.

The victims of any crime, including domestic or sexual violence, should call 911 in an emergency. SafeLink, a statewide DV hotline, can be reached at 877-785-2020. SafeLink is answered by trained advocates 24/7 in English, Spanish and Portuguese, as well as TTY at 877-521-2601. It also has the capacity to provide multilingual translation in more than 140 languages. RAINN, the nation’s largest anti-sexual violence organization in partnership with more than 1,000 local sexual assault service providers across the country, can be reached at 800-656-4673.

Help is also available for members of our LGBTQ+ community experiencing domestic or intimate partner violence through The Network/La Red by calling 617-742-4911 or 800-832-1901.

Chelsea man arrested in connection with bank robberies in JP and Hyde Park

Special to the Record

A Chelsea man was arrested last week in connection with the armed robberies of banks in Weymouth, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park. Keywan Kelly, 29, was charged with three counts of armed bank robbery.

According to the charging documents from the U.S. Attorney’s Office, at approximately 11:52 a.m. on July 1, 2024, a male – later allegedly identified as Kelly – entered a Bank of America branch in Weymouth wearing a black balaclava style mask, black clothing and white latex gloves. Kelly allegedly approached a teller window and pushed a handwritten note towards the teller demanding \$20,000 and threatened that he would “kill you all,” while pointing a firearm at the teller.

It is alleged that the teller then handed Kelly \$15,000, after which Kelly demanded more and the teller gave him additional cash of approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 before leaving the bank. During the robbery, Kelly alleged-

ly made verbal threats such as, “Run that s**t before I blow this place up” and “I’ll kill all of you.”

Similarly, at approximately 1:41 p.m. on July 16, 2024, a male – later allegedly identified as Kelly – entered the Rockland Trust Bank in Jamaica Plain wearing a black balaclava style mask, black clothing and white latex gloves. Kelly allegedly approached the teller window and handed the teller a note that read, “I need 20K no DyPacks I have 4 bombs I’ll Kill everyone make quick,” while brandishing a firearm. Kelly allegedly fled the bank on foot after receiving approximately \$2,480 in cash from the teller.

It is further alleged that, at approximately 10:09 a.m. on July 26, 2024, a male – later allegedly identified as Kelly – entered another Rockland Trust Bank branch in Hyde Park, again wearing a black balaclava style mask and gloves. There, Kelly allegedly handed the

teller a handwritten note that included words to the effect of, “you’re being robbed give me cash,” before pointing a firearm at the teller. It is alleged that Kelly verbally threatened to “shoot” and demanded \$20,000. Upon receiving approximately \$3,000 in cash, Kelly took back the demand note and fled the bank.

A subsequent investigation allegedly identified Kelly on the Weymouth bank’s video surveillance and identified Kelly’s fingerprints on the vehicle used as a getaway car following the Weymouth robbery. The investigation also allegedly revealed connections between Kelly and vehicles that were identified as being in the vicinity of the Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park banks at the time of the robberies. Cell phone location data allegedly revealed that Kelly’s cell phone was present in the vicinity of each of the banks near the time of the robberies, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office.



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DiDomenico announces passage of largest housing investment in State history

The Massachusetts Legislature has passed the Affordable Homes Act, the largest housing investment in Massachusetts history and a powerful first step in tackling the state's housing affordability crisis. On August 6th, Governor Healey signed this historic bill into law.



Senator DiDomenico speaking on the floor while the housing bond bill was being debated in the Senate.

The legislation authorizes \$5.16 billion in bond authorizations and tax credits to spur housing production in Massachusetts, while implementing sweeping policy initiatives to facilitate the development of affordable housing and preserve public housing in Massachusetts.

"I am excited to see this transformative investment addressing the housing crisis pass through the legislature and signed into law," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "This bill will repair and create housing, help countless individuals find the home they need, and ensure people can continue to live in the community they have lived in their entire lives. I want to thank Governor Healey, Senate President Spilka, Senator Rodrigues, and Senator Edwards for bringing this ambitious plan to life and shepherding it through the legislative process."

To help municipali-

ties convert commercial properties into multi-unit residential or mixed-use properties, the bill makes project sponsors eligible for a tax credit of up to 10 percent of the development costs upon completion of a project.

The bill includes a new tax credit to incentivize production of homeownership units targeting households with incomes of up to 120 percent of the area median income (AMI). It also makes permanent the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) while expanding the statewide cap on donations from \$12 million to \$15 million. Further, it extends the sunset of the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit through December 31, 2030, while increasing the total available amount from \$55 million to \$110 million.

Among the many policy initiatives included in the bill to create more housing is a provision to permit one accessory dwelling unit (ADU) equal to or less than 900 square feet to be built by-right on a property in single-family zoning districts in all Massachusetts communities. The bill further provides consumer protections to help prevent homeowners from being pressured into waiving a home inspection, protects tenants who have a years-old eviction record from having that record held against them when securing new housing, gives seasonal communities new tools to tackle their unique housing challenges, and protects renters from having their unit redeveloped into a condominium.

Bond authorizations include:

Public housing

- \$2 billion to support the repair, rehabilitation, and modernization of over 43,000 public housing units across Massachusetts, with 25 per cent of the funds dedicated to preserve housing for those with incomes below 30 percent AMI.

- \$150 million to decarbonize the public housing stock and \$15 million for accessibility upgrades.

- \$200 million to support Local Housing Authorities (LHAs) who

partner with developers to add mixed-income developments on LHA land, leveraging funds to maintain and preserve public housing while increasing the overall housing supply.

Housing vulnerable populations

- \$200 million to support innovative and alternative forms of rental housing, including single person occupancy (SPO) units, transitional and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness, housing for seniors and veterans, and transitional units for persons recovering from substance use disorder. 25 per cent of funds must be used to fund projects which preserve housing for those with incomes below 30 per cent AMI.

- \$70 million to support the development of appropriate community-based housing for Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Department of Developmental Services (DDS) clients

- \$60 million to modify homes of individuals or families with disabilities or seniors so that they may maintain residency or return home from institutional settings.

- \$55 million to support

appropriate housing for people with disabilities who are not DMH or DDS clients.

Housing development

- \$800 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund which provides resources to create or preserve affordable housing for households earning less than 100 per cent of AMI.

- \$200 million to accelerate the development of mixed-income multifamily housing.

- \$100 million for the Middle Income Housing Fund which funds housing development for households earning less than 120 per cent of AMI.

- \$100 million for the Commonwealth Builder program for the construction of affordable single-family homes for households earning between 70 and 120 per cent of AMI, primarily in Gateway Cities.

HousingWorks

- \$425 million to support preservation, new construction, and rehabilitation projects through the Housing Stabilization Fund and the Community Investment and Preservation Fund.

- \$275 million to consolidate the existing Transit Oriented Housing

Program and the Climate Resilient Housing Program and create a new, innovative program to accelerate and unlock new housing. 25 per cent of the funds must be used to fund projects which preserve housing for those with incomes below 60 per cent of AMI.

- \$175 million for municipal infrastructure projects to encourage denser housing development.

- \$50 million to provide payments to municipalities that receive a Housing Choice designation through high housing production and/or demonstration of best practices, including a grant program to assist MBTA Communities in complying with the multi-family zoning requirement in the MBTA Communities Law.

- \$50 million for grants to municipalities for planning and zoning initiatives that support housing production, workforce training and economic opportunities, childcare and early education initiatives and climate resiliency initiatives.

- \$20 million to provide incentive payments to municipalities who adopt smart growth housing districts.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Erin Murphy announces her candidacy for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court

Boston City Councilor At-Large Erin Murphy has announced her candidacy for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court. The following is her statement:

"I am Erin Murphy, and I am humbly seeking your support in the upcoming Primary Election on Tuesday, September 3. Over the past three years, it has been both an honor and a privilege to serve the vibrant and diverse communities of our great City as your At-Large City Councilor. I want to share with you why I am the best choice for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

- A Record of Results: During my time as a legislator on the Boston City Council, I have been dedicated to delivering tangible results for our neighborhoods. I have consistently lifted the voices of my neighbors and championed important causes that directly impact our community. From advocating for better schools, more services for our seniors and veterans, safer streets, the cost of housing, and delivering on constituent services. I have demonstrated my commitment to improving the quality of life for all Bostonian's.

- Proven Leadership and Integrity: My successful career in public service and education underscores my leadership abilities and commitment to ethical standards. These qualities are crucial for a role that demands impartiality, transparency, and reliability. The Clerk's role is to ensure the smooth operation of the court system by managing documents, scheduling, and ensuring procedural compliance. This is a neutral, administrative function that does not require legal interpretation. Combining these factors, I offer a blend of practical experience,

a deep understanding of public service, and a personal commitment to fairness and community.

- Extensive Public Service Experience: My tenure as a Boston City Councilor, my decades as a public-school educator, and my lifelong community advocacy demonstrates my expertise and capability to handle complex administrative tasks, manage substantial amounts of information, and interact with a diverse range of people. This experience, combined with my strong work ethic, shows that I am more than capable of managing complex responsibilities and advocating effectively for the community.

- Education Expertise: My twenty-four years as a Boston Public School teacher and special education coordinator highlight my deep understanding of education and administrative processes. Managing over 150 IEPs each year reflects my organizational skills and experience managing extensive records and coordinating services. It also highlights my attention to detail, and dedication to ensuring fair and equitable treatment for all students. These skills are transferable and valuable in the administrative role of Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court.

- Accessibility and Transparency: Your voice matters. I have always made it a priority to be accessible to residents, attending community meetings in every neighborhood and listening to your concerns. It is a priority of mine to make sure everyone feels welcome when they access the court. I will continue to champion transparency and speak my mind to stand up for you.

- Local Knowledge and Network: As a citywide elected official, I have a

comprehensive understanding of Boston, Winthrop, Chelsea and Revere, and its residents, which will be beneficial in a role that requires close interaction with the public and various legal stakeholders. My existing relationships and network in the community will help facilitate smoother operations and improved communication.

- Single Parent perspective: My experience as a single mom adds a unique and empathetic perspective. It demonstrates my resilience, ability to balance multiple responsibilities, and commitment to making decisions that positively impact families and individuals.

- Bostonian Through and Through: I love our city, and I am deeply committed to its future. As a lifelong Bostonian, Boston Public School teacher, former BPS student, BPS parent, and a single mom who raised her four children here, I understand our unique challenges and opportunities, and I will continue to be dedicated to making not just Boston, but all of Suffolk County a better place for all of us!

On September 3, I ask for your vote for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court. I believe you; the people of Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere deserve an elected official who is committed to providing access to justice and will bring transparency and accountability to the role. When you vote for me, you know exactly what you are getting. I will bring the same work ethic and integrity that marked my time in the classroom as a Boston Public School teacher, and as a legislator on the Boston City Council. Together, we can achieve remarkable things for Suffolk County. Thank you for your trust and support."

ZBA makes quick work of August agenda

By Adam Swift

During its August meeting last week, the zoning board of appeals moved several larger projects to its September and October meetings.

The board also approved several special permits for projects that had previously been before it and had positive recommendations from the planning board.

A hearing on a special permit and variance for a battery energizer storage facility at 284 Eastern Ave. was moved to the board's Oct. 8 meeting.

A hearing to demolish an existing garage and construct a two-family dwelling at 57 Palmer

St. was continued to the board's September meeting. The board also moved a hearing to create additional parking spaces at 11 John St. to the September meeting.

The board did approve a special permit for 49 Harvard St. to create additional living space by constructing a rear addition and raising the third floor roof. The applicant made some minor changes to the plan, including adding a turret, since first appearing before the zoning board earlier this year.

Also approved was a request to convert a two-family dwelling into a three-family dwelling at 53 Heard St. The planning

board recommended approval of the special permit at its July meeting.

The board also opened the public hearing for a special permit for a beauty salon and permanent makeup shop at 32 Central Ave. The business would occupy 1,900 square feet of the second floor of the building.

Applicant Karen Georgina Tejada Avelar said there would be three work areas with sinks and a reception area as part of the business.

The project will go before the planning board on August 24 before coming back to the zoning board for a potential final vote on Sept. 10.

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THANK YOU, ATTORNEY GENERAL CAMPBELL

We'd like to express our congratulations, and thanks, to Mass. Attorney General Andrea Campbell for her efforts in securing the recent landmark \$600 million settlement with the major tobacco product companies. In addition to the \$600 payment this year, the agreement calls for the companies to make annual payments in the years ahead.

This settlement comes on the heels of a comprehensive agreement Campbell's office reached last year with JUUL, the e-cigarette manufacturer, whose products have proven attractive to our nation's youth to such an extent that an estimated two million middle school and high school students used those highly-addictive nicotine devices in 2023 alone.

These and previous agreements seek to hold the tobacco manufacturers accountable for their marketing practices that directly have targeted our nation's youth for decades (remember the infamous Joe Camel ads from the late 1980s?) with the express goal of churning out successive new generations of nicotine addicts.

The direct harm caused by tobacco products, whether they be cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, tobacco leaves, or chewing tobacco, have long made them the greatest single source of public health problems in our country for generations, including lung cancer, throat cancer, emphysema, high-blood pressure, and cardiovascular disease. In fact, despite all of the progress we have made in reducing tobacco use in our country, lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer deaths among both men and women in the United States and tobacco use is linked to 400,000 deaths in the U.S. each year.

Tobacco use also has a hidden and even more pernicious effect: Contrary to popular belief that existed for decades that marijuana was a "gateway" drug leading to stronger drug use, studies conducted both in England and in this country (by the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health) have shown that it is cigarette smoking at a young age that is most-predictive of a person's risk of using illegal drugs later in life.

For our part, we take great satisfaction in the sea-change in the way that society views the use of tobacco products. Our newspapers won awards in the early and mid-1990s from the New England Press Assoc. and the Mass. Press Assoc. for our investigative stories and editorials regarding the ways in which local boards of health thwarted public health initiatives regarding tobacco use in public places. We also were honored by the Mass. Cancer Society in two successive years for our advocacy urging federal, state, and local leaders to recognize the need to regulate tobacco use in our society.

We applaud Attorney General Campbell for her efforts in bringing the tobacco companies to heel for the damage they have done to so many families in our country. Although the hundreds of millions of dollars from these settlements will not bring back any of our loved ones who suffered and died prematurely because of their tobacco use, hopefully the funds will educate future generations to prevent them from becoming addicted to tobacco products of any kind.

A GREAT SUMMER FOR THE GARDEN

Thanks to our mild winter, this past spring season was the most glorious in many years in our area. The early profusion of daffodils and tulips was followed by a gorgeous display of flowering crabapple trees, magnolias, and dogwoods, as well as our azaleas and rhododendrons, which bloomed fully and profusely.

This also was the best season we can remember for our hydrangeas, which benefited from the lack of winter cold-snaps that can prove lethal for the vulnerable tips of the plant that are the blossom. (We use an anti-desiccant spray on ours in order to provide some protection from winter's chill, but even that does not shield them when temperatures plunge into the single digits, which we avoided this past winter.)

However, the best part of our gardening efforts have come with the bounteous harvest of our tomatoes and other vegetables over the past six weeks. We planted our seedlings the weekend before Memorial Day, with the cherry tomatoes ripening in the first week of July. These days we only have a small patio in front of our condo, so we plant all of our veggies in large containers (which have the added benefit of keeping them out of the reach of the rabbits), but we have had more tomatoes, both cherries and the big ones, as well as cucumbers and summer squash, than we ever have had in our decades of growing vegetables.

So yes, climate change, which is bringing us warmer ocean and air temperatures and milder winters, is not a good thing. But we have to admit that our delicious tomatoes, which taste just so much better when they come fresh from the garden than anything you can buy in a store and which benefit from our record-setting hot and humid summers, bring us a simple yet profound joy each and every day.

Forum

AUTHOR JAKE SMALL'S BOOK RELEASE PARTY HELD AT KUSHALA SIP COFFEE HOUSE

Author Jake Small joined local residents in celebrating the release of his debut book, "For Every Black Boy," Saturday at an event hosted by the Kushala Sip Coffee Shop.

Small is a TedX speaker, researcher, and state agency educator whose new book is a powerful

and deeply personal narrative focusing on the complexities of race, identity and Black childhood.

Joel Ross hosted the event during which Mr. Small spoke about his new book and autographed copies of the book for the many guests who attended the celebration.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, the dean of Chelsea city government who grew up on Arlington Street, congratulates author Jake Small on the release of his debut book, "For Every Black Boy."



City Councilor Manuel Teshe welcomes author Jake Small to the city for his book launch and talk.



Dalia Valencia, owner of Kushala Sip Coffee House, 140 Pearl St., greets author Jake Small at the celebration for his new book.



Author Jake Small and his team of volunteers are pictured at the book launch and talk held Aug. 17 at Kushala Sip Coffee House in Chelsea.

Your opinions, please

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Prattville Voice Studio is about expression and bringing out the best in people

Story & Photo by Marianne Salza

In the parlor of her pastel yellow, Prattville home – with its wooden porch swing and encircling, lush garden -- Marsha Johnson practices a piece that she performs along with a small chorus during Sunday mass at the First Baptist Church, in Woburn. As her fingers press upon the keys of her concert grand Steinway piano, the dangling prisms of a vintage, crystal lamp sitting atop the piano's lid sway imperceptibly from the vibrations of the gospel song.



Professional classical singer, Marsha Johnson, in the piano parlor of Prattville Voice Studio.

That whimsical space -- where she and her conductor and composer husband, Herman Weiss, have shared for 27 years -- is abundant with shelves of sheet music. The living room is decorated with hand-sewn, tropical bird-patterned curtains that embellish the seven-foot-tall windows, and hang from a rod that Johnson cleverly constructed from PVC pipes and fabric-covered

tennis ball finials. A harp that Johnson painted with leaves and pink and purple flowers sits at the far end of the piano. This is Prattville Voice Studio, where Johnson offers one-on-one voice lessons to teenage and adult students.

"I am ready and eager to teach," says Johnson, a professional, classical singer. "It's individual-

ized, based on the person's language, whether they're doing an audition, a solo, or they've had lessons and want polish."

Johnson believes that posture is crucial to projecting one's voice; and that one's body will provide a singer with as much breath as a phrase requires. She instructs students to balance their bodies so

that they are completely relaxed. Johnson advises them to keep their backs straight, align themselves for ease of motion, raise their chests, and rest their arms beside them as they take a natural breath.

"The person really teaches themselves, and the teacher is there to guide," explains Johnson. "I have a particular meth-

od based on Blair McClosky. It is about postural balance and relaxation, so the body does all the work. If you put tension in your body, you put tension in the [vocal] cords."

The most gratifying moment for Johnson as a music teacher is seeing her students succeed, and their revelations when they begin to understand her lessons and techniques.

"The philosophy is about expression and bringing out the best in people. It's about being authentic as a singer," Johnson describes. "It's about finding the repertoire that suites your voice."

Johnson earned a degree in voice from Whittenberg University, in Springfield, Ohio, where she grew up. She also attended the New England Conservatory, where she earned a master's degree in voice, in addition to her master's in expressive music therapy from Lesley University.

A pioneer in the field, Johnson has helped people heal through music therapy for 30 years. She

worked for the state of Massachusetts, serving individuals with intellectual disabilities, and provided hospice music therapy for residents of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare.

"I was providing music and drawing them together through socialization, and playing drums and piano," says Johnson, who studied neurological music therapy. "It builds new neural pathways for people with strokes, autism, and Parkinson's."

Johnson and Weiss, congregational members of Temple Emmanuel, can be heard playing piano and singing with the rabbi during Jewish high holidays. Johnson hopes to perform locally at library concert series, and will be in a recital at the First Baptist Church, Woburn, this fall.

Prattville Voice Studio is located at 31 Franklin Street, Chelsea. Contact Marsha Johnson at MarshaJohnson194@gmail.com, or (617) 301-3999 for more information.

Start the school year strong and prevent illness in children

(StatePoint) The excitement of a new school year unfolds each year when families flood the superstore aisles to buy classroom supplies, tape afterschool schedules on the fridge and organize carpools with friends.

Common to each family is a desire for children to remain healthy, active and ready to learn.

To prepare children and teens to be at their best – physically, mentally, socially and emotionally – the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends regular visits with the pediatrician, as well as immunizations that help keep all family members healthy. Recent outbreaks of measles, a highly contagious disease, have shown how quickly some infectious diseases can spread within a community.

"The best way to strengthen a child's immune system and keep

them healthy is by getting them vaccinated," said pediatrician, Dr. David M. Higgins. "An illness like measles can keep children home and away from school and activities for days. Immunizations allow children to enjoy learning, playing and getting together with friends and family."

As of June 13, 2024, a total of 151 U.S. measles cases were reported this year-to-date in 21 different states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These recent measles outbreaks have affected unvaccinated people. Choosing to not vaccinate your children not only leaves them susceptible to measles, but also exposes other children to this potentially serious disease. This includes infants who are too young to be vaccinated and those who are unable to be vaccinated due

to other health conditions.

"Everyone in our community deserves to be healthy, and part of being healthy means getting immunized for all illnesses, including influenza and COVID-19 and, if eligible, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It benefits all of us if every child in our community is vaccinated, because it means that all of us are more likely to be healthy," says Dr. Higgins.

Families can also stop the spread of infection by encouraging hand washing with children throughout the day. Help or remind them to wash their hands:

Before eating (including snacks)

- After a trip to the bathroom

- Whenever they come in from playing outdoors

- After touching an animal, like a family pet

- After sneezing or coughing if they cover their mouth

- When someone in the household is ill

The AAP calls for the immunization of all children and adolescents according to its policy, Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger, United States. More information can be found at healthychildren.org.

"Your pediatrician can answer any questions about recommended vaccines and when your child needs them," Dr. Higgins



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said. "There is a schedule for their recommended timing because that is when research has shown

they are most effective during a child's development."



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Your back to school style starts here

(StatePoint) With the first day of school just around the corner, it's important for students to arrive with confidence in footwear that meets their style and function needs.

To help make school shopping a bit easier, Rack Room Shoes is offering families advice about this back-to-school season's top shoe trends:

1. Elevated: From color-blocked to classic-inspired sneakers, your favorite brands like Nike, Converse, Vans and Crocs are offering trends that will complement a variety of outfits, and become wardrobe staples.

2. Retro: Take a step back in time with retro and Y2K looks from Adidas,

Puma and New Balance. These brands offer an assortment of designs and take it back old school.

3. Comfy: Staying indoors or lounging in the dorm? Crocs, HEYDUDE and Birkenstock offer laid-back, comfortable choices ranging from fuzzy-lined styles to lightweight and flexible cushion slides.

4. Bold: Want your first impression to be memorable? Glitter, embellished toe caps and a wide selection of bright colors are your best friends. And this season's collaborations with Sanrio, Disney and My Little Pony bring favorite characters to life. You'll be sure to find your pair of statement makers.

5. Sporty Accessories:

Be in style and learn with style. For this school year, choose a backpack from a variety of colors, patterns, materials and brands. Rack Room Shoes has backpacks with the needed space for every textbook, laptop or water bottle; featuring padded shoulder straps or a back panel for comfortable carrying.

For more back-to-school style inspiration, visit a Rack Room Shoes in your area or online at rackroomshoes.com.

Whether it's to make a bold first impression, raise the bar, or let old school meet new school, the right pair of shoes can give kids the confidence they need to step into a brand new school year.



It's important for students to arrive with confidence in footwear that meets their style and function needs.

Back to school for parents: Becoming a financial planner

(StatePoint) With kids beginning a new school year, you may be wondering how to further your own education and career. Whether you're already in financial services or thinking of changing careers, here's what you need to know about earning CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® certification, the standard of excellence in financial planning:

Is CFP® certification right for you? If you wish to embark on a successful financial planning career, then yes, CFP® certification is right for you. Anyone can call themselves a financial planner, but a CFP® professional has the education and experience to provide competent, ethical financial planning. CFP® certification can help advance your career.

What are the financial benefits of CFP® certification? The demonstrated



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expertise and commitment to high ethical standards required of CFP® professionals gives them a competitive edge — one that they are highly compensated for. In fact, CFP® professionals earn 12% more than other financial professionals. They can also expect to receive comprehensive employee benefits amounting to thousands of additional dollars in value each year, such as health, dental and disability insurance, pre-

scription coverage and more. Use CFP Board's salary calculator to find out what you can potentially earn as a financial planner and see the difference CFP® certification can make.

How does CFP® certi-

(StatePoint) No matter the career path students pursue, writing and communication skills are essential to success. Whether a student identifies as a "math kid," a "sports kid," or even a "reading kid," writing doesn't always come naturally.

Parents and teachers need to be creative in how they present writing, so students feel personally motivated to develop their skills.

"Almost any student is capable of becoming a strong, passionate writer," says Rowana Miller, founder and Executive Director of creative writing education nonprofit Cosmic Writers. "The trick is in connecting writing to the activities, subjects and ideas that already excite them."

Here are some tips from

family, making certification a smart way to build and maintain your portfolio of clients. Certification also puts your name in front of 900,000 searches on LetsMakeaPlan.org, the consumer website of the CFP® Board, as well as opens up opportunities to continue building your skills and to network with peers and mentors.

Why is financial planning a great career choice for parents? A career as a CFP® professional can provide tremendous flexibility when it comes to work-life balance. With a wide range of employers hiring financial planners — and opportunities to work for yourself — you'll be able to select a path that aligns with your

lifestyle needs, whether that means working a hybrid schedule or setting your own hours. In fact, CFP® professionals have a median 21 days of paid time off annually, and many work at least part of their time from home.

How do you get started?

The CFP® certification process is a self-paced course of study that generally takes 18 to 24 months to complete. It involves coursework, an exam, work experience and rigorous ethics requirements. To get started today, visit getcfpcertified.org.

As the kids head back to school, consider turning over a new leaf by investing in your financial planning career.

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To accomplish this, you can teach writing through gamified, collaborative and imaginative activities. For example, you can guide kids through the process of writing a series of "telephone stories." With students sitting in a circle, have each one write an opening sentence on a piece of paper, and then pass the paper to the student to their right. Each student should continue the story by adding a sentence to the page, and then pass the paper a second time. This process repeats until each student has their original paper again.

Provide Engaging Materials

When kids' writing practice only comes from dry textbooks, it is difficult to create positive associations with writing. Experts

Tips to help students be better writers



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Miller to motivate kids to strengthen writing skills:

Present Writing as Fun

Especially for students

between the ages of 8-12,

who have developed basic writing skills but may not

have a defined sense of

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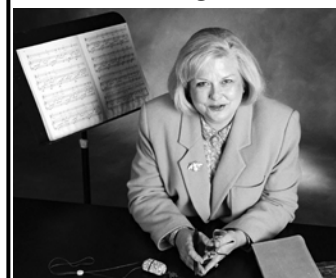
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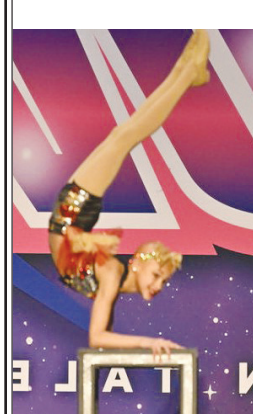
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Chelsea Public Schools

2024-2025 District Calendar

2024

August

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September

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August

- 19-22 New Educator Orientation
- 26 & 27 Educator PD Days #1 & #2
- 28 First Day of School Grades 1-12
- 30 No School

September

- 2 No School Labor Day
- 4 First Day of School Pre-K & K
- 25 No-School-Educator PD Day #3

October

- 14 No School-Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 23 Early Release Day for PD

November

- 1 End of Quarter 1
- 5 No School-Educator PD Day #4
- 11 No School-Veterans Day
- 26 End of Trimester 1
- 27-29 No School-Thanksgiving Break

December

- 11 Early Release Day for PD
- 11 & 12 Pre-K & K Conferences
- 23-31 No School- December Break

January

- 1 No School-New Year's Day
- 20 No School- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 24 End of Quarter of 2

February

- 12 Early Release Day for PD
- 17-21 No School-February Break

March

- 14 End of Trimester 2
- 19 Early Release Day for PD
- 26 & 27 Pre-K & K Conferences
- 28 End of Quarter 3

April

- 18 No School
- 21-25 No School-April Break

May

- 26 No School-Memorial Day

June

- 17 Day 180-Potential Last day for students; Day 185-June 25th
- 19 No School-Juneteenth

October

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2025

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☐ No School

● All schools closed - Teacher Day

△ Early Release Day - Educator PD

★ No School ONLY for Pre-K & K for Conferences

*1st Quarter: November 1, 2024

*2nd Quarter: January 24, 2025

*3rd Quarter: March 28, 2025

*4th Quarter: June 17, 2025

** 1st Trimester: November 26, 2024

** 2nd Trimester: March 14, 2025

** 3rd Trimester: June 17, 2025

This calendar may be altered at the discretion of the Chelsea School Committee and/or the administration. Depending on the number of Snow Days, the students' last day may be June 17th & educators' last day may be June 18th.

Adopted by the Chelsea School Committee on March 7, 2024

Escolas Públicas de Chelsea

2024-2025 Calendário Distrital

2024

Agosto

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Setembro

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Agosto

19-22 Orientação para Novos Educadores
26 & 27 Dias # 1 e #2 Desenvolvimento Profissional para Educadores

28 Primeiro Dia de Escola; Grados 1-12
30 Não há escola

Setembro

2 Dia de Trabalho - No hay Clases
4 Primer Dia de Clases Pre-K & K
25 Não há escola - Desenvolvimento Profissional para Educadores Dia #3

Outubro

14 Dia de los Povos Indigenas - Não há escola
23 Dia de lançamento antecipado para PD

Novembro

1 Fim do trimestre 1
5 Não há escola- Desenvolvimento Profissional para Educadores Dia #4
11 Dia de los Veteranos - Não há escola
26 Fim do semestre 1
27-29 Feriado de Ação de Graças - Não há escola

Dezembro

11 Dia de lançamento antecipado para PD
11 & 12 Conferências de Pre Kinder e Kinder
23-31 Férias de Dezembro- Não há escola

Janeiro

1 Dia de Ano Novo - Não há escola
20 Não há escola- Dia del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
24 Fim do trimestre 2

Fevereiro

12 Dia de lançamento antecipado para PD
17-21 Férias de Fevereiro - Não há escola

março

14 Fim do semestre 2
19 Dia de lançamento antecipado para PD
26 & 27 Conferências de Pre Kinder e Kinder
28 Fim do trimestre 3

Abril

18 Não há escola
21-25 Não há escola-Férias de Abril

Mai

26 Dia Memorial-Não há escola

Junho

17 Possível último dia para alunos; Dia 185: 25 de junho
19 Não há escola- dezesseis de junho

☐ Não há escola
● Não há escola - Dia do Educador
△ Dia de lançamento antecipado para PD
★ Não há escola APENAS para Pre-K e K para conferências

Este calendário pode ser alterado a critério do Comitê Escolar de Chelsea e/ou da administração. Dependendo do número de dias de neve, o último dia dos alunos pode ser 17 de junho e o último dia dos educadores pode ser 18 de junho. Adotado pelo Comitê Escolar de Chelsea em 7 de março, 2024

*1º Trimestre: 1 de novembro de 2024
*2º Trimestre: 24 de janeiro de 2025
*3º Trimestre: 28 de março de 2025
*4º Trimestre: 17 de junho de 2025

**1º trimestre: 26 de novembro de 2024
**2º trimestre: 14 de março de 2025
**3º trimestre: 17 de junho de 2025

Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea

2024-2025 Calendario del Distrito

2024

agosto

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agosto

19-22 Orientación para Nuevos Educadores
26 & 27 Dias #1 y #2 Desarrollo Profesional para Educadores

28 Primer Dia de Clases; Grados 1-12
30 No hay Clases

septiembre

2 Dia del Trabajo - No hay Clases
4 Primer Dia de Clases Pre-K & K
25 No hay Clases - Desarrollo Profesional para Educadores #3

octubre

14 Dia de los Pueblos Indigenas- No hay Clases
23 Dia de Salida Temprana para PD

noviembre

1 Fin del trimestre 1
5 No hay Clases - Desarrollo Profesional para Educadores #4
11 Dia de los Veteranos - No hay Clases
26 Fin del semestre 1
27-29 Descanso para el Dia de Acción de Gracias - No hay Clases

diciembre

11 Dia de Salida Temprana para PD
11 & 12 Conferencias de Pre Kinder y Kinder
23-31 Vacaciones de Diciembre - No hay Clases

enero

1 Dia de Año Nuevo - No hay Clases
20 No hay clases- Dia del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
24 Fin del trimestre 2

febrero

12 Dia de Salida Temprana para PD
17-21 Vacaciones de Febrero - No hay Clases

marzo

14 Fin del semestre 2
19 Dia de Salida Temprana para PD
26 & 27 Conferencias de Pre Kinder y Kinder
28 Fin del trimestre 3

abril

18 No hay Clases
21-25 No hay clases-Vacaciones de Abril

mayo

26 Dia Conmemorativo - No hay Clases

junio

17 Dia 180-Potencial Último día para estudiantes; Dia 185: 25 de junio
19 No hay clases- Diecinueve de junio

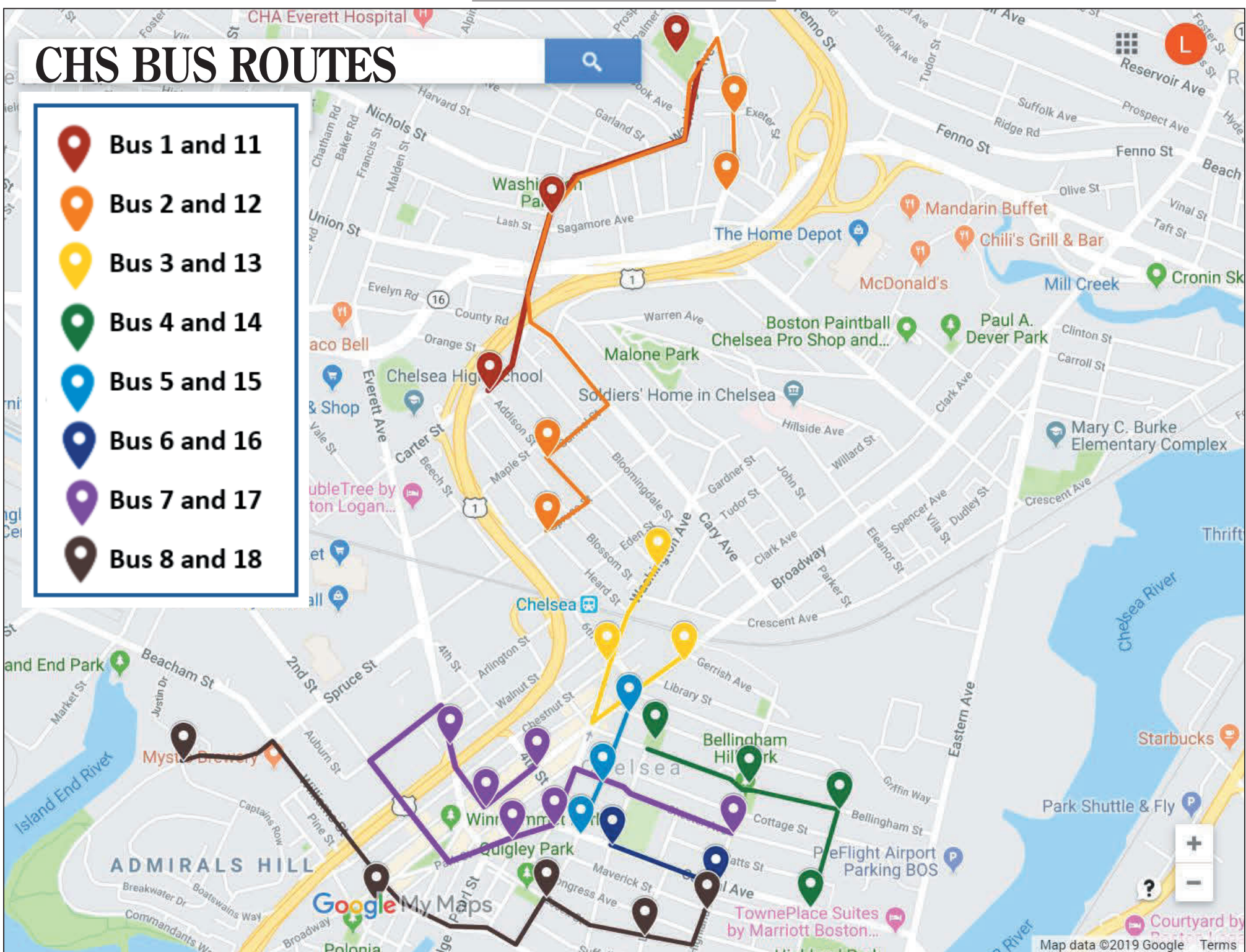
☐ No hay clases
● Todas las escuelas cerradas - Dia del Educador
△ Dia de Salida Temprano para PD
★ No hay Clases SÓLO para Pre-K y K para Conferencias

Este calendario puede modificarse a discreción del Comité Escolar de Chelsea y/o la administración. Dependiendo de la cantidad de Días de Nieve, el último día de los estudiantes puede ser el 17 de junio y el último día de los educadores puede ser el 18 de junio. Adoptado por el Comité Escolar de Chelsea el 7 de marzo, 2024

*1er Trimestre: 1 de noviembre, 2024
*2do Trimestre: 24 de enero, 2025
*3er Trimestre: 28 de marzo, 2025
*4to Trimestre: 17 de junio, 2025

** 1er Trimestre: 26 de noviembre, 2024
** 2do Trimestre: 14 de marzo, 2025
** 3er Trimestre: 17 de junio, 2025

BACK TO SCHOOL



School// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

professional development days on Monday, August 26 and Tuesday, August 27. “I am truly excited about the year ahead,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. “This year, we are dedicated to deepening our engagement by really getting to know each student—

understanding them by name, recognizing their strengths, and learning their stories. By appreciating their individual backgrounds and goals, we will better customize our support to foster their growth and achievement. “My hope is that this year is filled with meaningful connections and

transformative learning experiences.” More information about the 2024-25 school year, including the full school calendar, family handbooks, and school lunch menus, can be found on the district website at chelseaschools.com/backtoschool.

Writers// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

recommend using materials that are just as fun as the activities good teachers use when teaching. For example, the 8-12 age range is well-served by such exciting activity books as “The Monster-Building Handbook,” a new publication from Cosmic Writers. “The Monster-Building Handbook” combines a narrative premise with a call-to-action for students to practice writing: fictional monster-maker Angelica Fearborne needs them to develop an original monster character who can face off against her monster-hunter twin brother.

Learn more at www.cosmicwriters.org. **Link Writing to Favorite Shows & Video Games** Students don’t usually recognize the connection between writing and the media they love. Writing becomes more exciting when they learn that writing is an essential part of a funny YouTube series or thrilling video game. Students are particularly compelled by opportunities to write in the style of the media they enjoy. For example, if you are working with kids who like to play Dungeons and Dragons,

it is a natural next step to practice fantasy storytelling and writing. For almost any student, it is possible to find a connection between writing and something they already like. A “math kid” may engage most with genres that emphasize logic and problem-solving, like mystery-writing. A “sports kid” may be excited to write articles about the school baseball team. And when these students practice these kinds of writing, they may discover they have been “writing kids” all along.

Over 250 schools and playgrounds near gas leaks in Boston and Chelsea

In order to protect our children and ensure all schools and playgrounds are safe from methane gas leaks, Mothers Out Front, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), Boston Parks Advocates, GreenRoots, and eight individuals have announced plans to sue National Grid for both federal and state law violations on gas leaks and tree protections. “Dangerous and potentially explosive gas is actively leaking near 258 schools and playgrounds in Boston and Chelsea,” shared Tania Castro-Daunais. Castro-Daunais is a Mothers Out Front Member Leader who lives in East Boston, where active leaks are occurring near Excel Academy Charter School and eight parks and playgrounds. “We cannot continue to put our children and communities at risk. National Grid can’t continue putting Band-Aids on its aging pipelines. They must take action to protect our kids and invest in electric energy, an energy source that is cleaner and safer for our kids and communities.” As of June 30, 2024, 46 of the 195 schools in Boston and Chelsea were within 350 feet of gas leaks. Additionally, 212 of 537 parks and playgrounds in Boston were within 350 feet of a gas

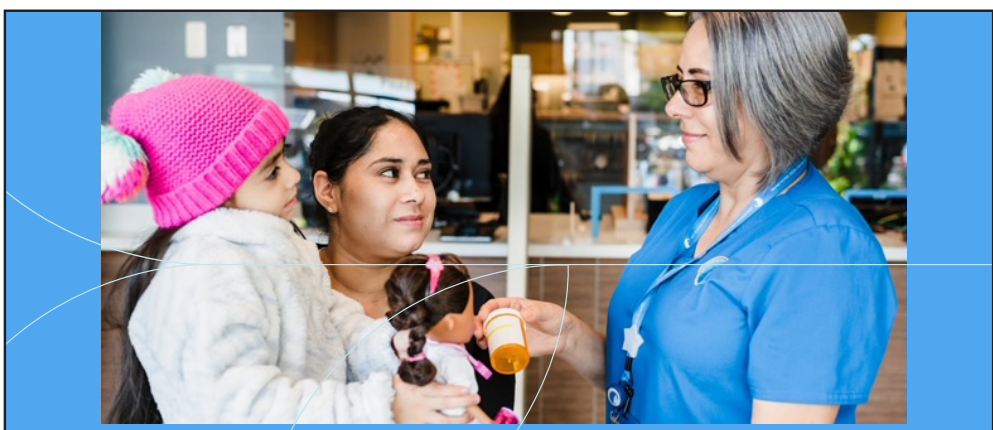
leak, and one park in Chelsea was also within this distance of a gas leak. “Utility companies advise people to move at least 350 feet away from any suspected gas leak, so it is unconscionable to see this many gas leaks near places where our children spend so much time,” said Sonja Tengblad, an East Boston mom whose 6-year-old son often plays at six of the eight East Boston parks near gas leaks. Tengblad is also the Founder and Co-Coordinator of Mothers Out Front’s East Boston Team. “By allowing gas to continue leaking this close to where our children learn and play, National Grid is creating unnecessary risks to our community’s health, safety and well-being. We all need and deserve cleaner energy in our communities.” “Mothers Out Front was founded in Massachusetts on the conviction that there is no more powerful force for change than mothers mobilizing to protect their children,” said Beth Shipp, Executive Director of Mothers Out Front. “Our moms have been fighting gas leaks in the Boston-area since 2015. It is time for National Grid to join us and commit to no longer exposing children to toxic and explosive fumes.”

Pillows// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

viding a tangible source of comfort and security during difficult times. The “Empty Spools Quilters” is a group of dedicated volunteers from the Chelsea Senior Center who have created handmade items for various initiatives, including the Chelsea Soldiers Home, Boston Medical Center, Beth Israel Hospital, and

other agencies. Their latest trauma pillow project with the CPD reflects their commitment to positively impacting the lives of Chelsea residents. Houghton said the Chelsea Police Department is honored to collaborate with the Chelsea Senior Center and the “Empty Spools Quilters” in the meaningful initiative, add-

ing that the partnership exemplifies the strong community spirit that Chelsea is known for. The Empty Spools Quilters accept donations or quilting materials to help in their efforts to provide comfort to so many. For more information, contact the Chelsea Senior Center at (617) 466-4370.



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Members of the Empty Spools Quilters from the Chelsea Senior Center donating trauma pillows to the Chelsea Police Department. COURTESY PHOTOS

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to the two kitchenette areas, and the administrative office spaces on the second floor. Every inch of the two-story, 20,000-square foot building will be part of what Furnari calls “the total transformation” of the well-known home to ROCA. All areas of the building will be ADA-compliant.

“We’re excited about this project,” said Furnari. “We’ve been a mainstay in the Chelsea area for 36 years. We’re very proud to have our headquarters in the city. The investment we’re making into the building is for the future for the young people and to continue to stay and work with the City of Chelsea and the surrounding communities.”



Roca Chelsea Director Joseph Furnari is pictured outside Roca headquarters where a \$6.2 million renovation is ongoing and slated for completion in December.

Margaret Ellen McCarthy

December 2, 1929 - August 17, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a gathering and visitation for Margaret Ellen “Peg” (McIntyre) McCarthy on Wednesday, August 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. The visitation will be immediately followed by a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 12 Noon. Services will conclude with interment at Glenwood Cemetery, Everett. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



They shared so much life and love together. They are now happily reunited in Heaven.

The family spent summers at Newfound Lake in Bristol, NH. There were many stories about the card games they played and the laughter that wafted throughout the Don and Gerry Cottages. Peg followed the Boston sports teams, her favorite being the Red Sox baseball team. She once commented that she loved baseball the most because you could nap through a couple of innings and it wouldn’t matter.

Peggy had an artistic side as well. There are several pieces of ceramics (lamps, Christmas trees, etc.) that she lovingly made and gifted away. There are numerous, beautiful, wood refinishing projects that are in abundance in her home. One thing we can all agree upon and kidded her about, was that she was not an artist in the kitchen. Peg lived in Winthrop, where she still enjoyed the ocean, a pool and all of her new friends and neighbors. She was a good driver, recently renewing her drivers’ license. After the passing of her beloved, Bob, her best friend, Pat, remained a constant companion, taking their daily walk together at O’Malley Park and enjoying a cup of tea in the afternoon.

Until her peaceful passing, she remained active, walking every day, driving herself to church and to her appointments, and entertaining everyone around her with her humor and wit. Those who knew her know the hole she has left behind and know how impossible it is to encapsulate what an incredible person she was.

Along with her children, Margaret is also survived by several loving grandchildren and great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; her brother, Paul and his wife, Janet; brother-in-law, Arthur “Butch” Harrington; her best friend, Pat; The Over-the-Hill friends; St Terese travel group and too many friends to count. We are grateful for the vibrant 94 years she blessed us with, and in awe of her loyalty and selflessness to her family and friends, and her pious devotion to her faith.

In lieu of flowers, Margaret has requested that you please consider a donation to The Andrew G. McCarthy Scholarship Fund, c/o Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125. To send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFH.com.

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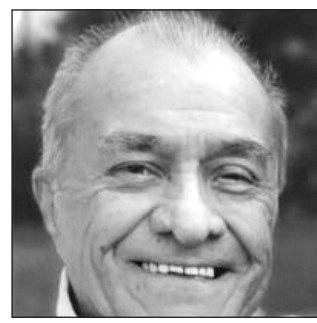
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Marco Tulio Vasquez

December 28, 1947 - August 15, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Marco T. Vasquez today, Thursday, August 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, August 23rd at 12 Noon in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere. Please go directly to the Church on Friday. Services will conclude at the Church.



At 76 years of age, Marco passed away after a brief decline in health at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Thursday, August 15th. Born and raised in Guatemala City, Marco was one of three children of the late Jose Domingo Vasquez and Julia (Mejia) Vasquez.

At a young age, Marco lived in New York City and later settled in Chelsea where he has resided for the past 40 years. Together with his wife, he raised his son, Yuri. Marco was passionately devoted to home and family. He worked as an office clerk at NE Insurance, Met Life and finally with American Airlines. Ten years ago, Marco retired from American Airlines.

In his lifetime, Marco enjoyed training in the martial arts, practicing Taekwondo. He enjoyed listening to all types of

music, long walks through Boston, reading or enjoying a simple cup of coffee. He is fondly remembered for his gentle nature and sense of humor, and he is most remembered as a fun seeking jokester and prankster.

He was the devoted father of Yuri Vasquez and his wife, Jessica of Malden and cherished grandfather of Alexander Vasquez; dear brother of Julia R. Sanchez and Rosa Orozco, both of Chelsea; beloved uncle of Mario S. Sanchez, Christopher L. Sanchez, Marlon Orozco, Franklin Orozco, Vanessa Orozco, and great uncle of Mayara Orozco, Amber Orozco, Harrison Orozco, Kiana Orozco, Paulette Orozco, Malia R. Sanchez, Lailani Sanchez, Charlize Sanchez, Cailyn Sanchez. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

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



A warm and welcoming space

Furnari said the new building will create a space that “will be safe, welcoming and inviting to our young people.”

“Our building is safe, and we want to make sure that our young people feel safe and comfortable here,” said Furnari. “There will be a new flow to the building. For example, what used to be the town center, our main gathering and function area, we’re going to transition into where the gymnasium was,” explained Furnari. “Everything will be accessible, cheerful, and welcoming.”

Furnari expects the renovation project to be completed by December at which time a grand opening ceremony will be held for the community.

During the renovation project, Roca is operating at three temporary sites in Chelsea on Second Street, Everett Avenue, and Arlington Street.

Praise for the construction team

On the day of the tour, the team from Consigli Construction was in full construction mode.

“I cannot say enough good things about Consigli Construction Company and the way they have worked with us, the way they came in so well-prepared and professionally to our pre-construction meeting, and the team that they have assembled to work here,” lauded Furnari. “I’m honored to work with them.”

“We also have a wonderful architectural out of Cambridge called ARC which is led by Victor Agran and his team, and they are pro bono,” Furnari added. “They’ve [ARC Architects] helped us with three other projects prior to this one, and they understand what Roca is all about, understand the services we provide to young people in need, and the programmatic work that’s going into the site. The site’s been totally revamped to identify areas for more programmatic space to hold training sessions in the extension of our CBT [Cognitive Behavioral Theory] team.

The building is going to be more conducive to young people and to our staff in the training we have for our cities and towns.”

Remembering Prince William and Princess Catherine’s visit

What the people of Chelsea have become accustomed to is Roca doing everything in a grand and exceptional manner. Their programs have become successful national models in the field of intervention and prevention of urban violence. ROCA’s partnership with the Chelsea Police Department has been very effective since its founding in 1988.

That’s precisely why Molly Baldwin and Roca earned the international spotlight when William, Prince of Wales, and Catherine, Princess of Wales, visited Chelsea on Dec. 1, 2022, to learn about the agency’s exceptional day-to-day work with people and its important mission.

“That whole experience was amazing,” recalled Furnari. “It was one of the most surreal opportunities that we’ve ever had in our lives. What you actually see with them is what you got. Prince William and Princess Kate are the most genuine people, the most heartfelt and most understanding people. They went out of their way that day and talked to everybody outside the building. There was no rush. Their team was phenomenal. To have this organization selected for a royal visit was an honor.”

Lauding founder and CEO Baldwin

Furnari credits Baldwin for the agency’s 36-year success story.

“Molly Baldwin does a lot of work, and she drives our wonderful programs,” said Furnari. “She’s a great visionary. She’s a great mentor. She’s the best. You couldn’t ask for a better leader to work for. She teaches you every day. And the interesting thing is that she doesn’t stay stagnant, there’s always a different idea, something else we’re going to do for the kids, and it’s always about the kids.”

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CITY PAWS

Benefits of massage

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Ah, there is nothing more relaxing than a great massage! If the massage is gentle and loving, your dog or cat might agree. What's more, if petting your animals is relaxing for you, massaging might even be a better way to spend time together and improve your bond.

Getting to Know You!

Writing on the Modern Dog website, Lola Michelin provides an excellent description of a 10-minute maintenance massage: "Use a flat palm to slowly touch all the parts of your dog's body. Really focus on what you are feeling and pay attention to all the layers, from hair through skin, fat, muscle, and down to bone."

She explains how this lets you know your dog or cat's body and "...to notice any differences in surface temperature, sensitivity to touch, localized swelling or muscle tension, poor

coat quality or tight skin." Once you know what's expected, you can spot what has changed and will be better able to communicate to your veterinarian what you want them to check.

Massage Calms

We used massage when we were doing a lot of fostering. Dogs entering foster homes are frightened and unsure of what will happen next. They must try to fit into a new routine in a new setting with strange people and other animals.

Over the years, we've used Tellington TTouch massage on our dogs and with some of the skittish rescue pups we've fostered. Mardi Richmond described the classic TTouch massage in an article in Whole Dog Journal, explaining that "... your fingers are slightly curved, and you use the pads of your fingers to create the circles." She has found this "particularly

useful for anxious dogs." How well does it work? Our vet was concerned because Poppy's heart rate was so low on the exam table. We had a quick explanation. While we waited for our appointment, Poppy was on Penny's lap getting a half-hour massage.

When to Apply Touch Therapy

A reassuring touch in a scary setting like a veterinary office may help calm an anxious animal. However, this will only work for critters who are receptive to it. Trained experts in TTouch may be able to work with reluctant and highly agitated dogs, but most of us have to choose which dogs we massage with foresight and knowledge of their personalities.

How do you tell if the dog is willing? Start with a few gentle rubs. If the pup settles in and seems to enjoy it, continue. Some dogs will lean into anyone willing to give them some



Petting, massage, or touch therapy are all good ideas if you and your animal both enjoy the experience.

pats. That's another sign that they are okay with some gentle massage.

Once you've established that massage is welcome, consider using it for anxious situations like thunderstorms or fireworks.

Medicinal Massage

If your animal has an injury or chronic condi-

tion like arthritis, your veterinarian may recommend physical therapy. As you discuss this option, which may be an excellent one, ask if you can supplement the treatment with at-home massage and ask them to show you how to do it safely and effectively.

Finally, for those who share their home with

more than one animal, a regular schedule of one-on-one massage moments could be the perfect way to ensure that your whole furry family gets solo attention.

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

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Public Hearing: Consider the Request that the Conditions at 1 Forbes Street Constitute a Nuisance The Board of Health will hold an in person public hearing on August 27th at 5:30pm at the Williams Building located at 180 Walnut Street (Arlington Street entrance) to consider the request of the Chelsea Inspectional Services Department that the conditions at the property at 1 Forbes St. and related properties constitute a nuisance or risk of nuisance in accordance to M.G.L. Ch. 111, Sec. 127B. To share comments please email favyaya@chelseama.gov 8/22/24

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Eugene Diaz For Special Permit seeking approval to create a curb cut and off-street parking which does not meet the requirements for not parking a vehicle within five (5) feet from a side yard property line, in the required front yard setback nor in within five (5) feet of any all containing ground floor or basement windows at the premises known as: 59 Clark Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 8/22/24, 8/29/24

LEGAL NOTICE

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. SU24P1680EA Estate of: Agnes M. Haverly Also known as: Agnes Haverly, Agnes Mary Haverly Date of Death: 06/03/2024 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Anne Masel of

Chelsea, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Frances X. Hogan of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal 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 Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/23/2024. 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 Court. Date: August 12, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 08/22/24

LEGAL NOTICE

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 CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU24C0330CA In the matter of: Hannah Gisele Regla Kendrick A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Hannah

Gisele Regla Kendrick of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Amani Regla Nava IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/05/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 05, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 08/22/2024

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RE-NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2024-17 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Rafael Serrano For Variance approval for the conversion of a two family residential structure into a three family residential structure that does not meet the requirement for extension of an existing nonconformity, minimum lot area and minimum lot size at the premises known as: 53 Hardy Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 8/22/24, 8/29/24

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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS On Call Professional Transportation Engineering & Design Services

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking qualifications from experienced consultants for professional transportation engineering and design services on an as-needed basis. The City will qualify firm(s) to provide these services. Request for Qualifications will be available on or after August 15, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "On Call Professional Transportation Engineering & Design Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, September 12, 2024. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 8/22/24

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 Docket No. SU24P1671GD In the matter of: Huynh Pham Of: CHELSEA, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of. Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Huynh Pham is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on

the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/26/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 13, 2024 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate 8/22/24

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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Island End River On Call Technical Services The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking qualifications from experienced consultants for Island End River On Call Technical Services. The City will qualify firm(s) to provide these services. Request for Qualifications will be available on or after August 22, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Island End River On Call Technical Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, September 05, 2024. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 8/22/24

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU24P1690EA Estate of: Miguelina Hernandez Date of Death: 05/05/2024 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Iris McGetrick of North Andover, MA. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Iris McGetrick of North Andover, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal

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procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 8/22/24

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CITY OF CHELSEA Invitation for Bids Chelsea Police Station Duct Cleaning and Sealing The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Chelsea Police Station Duct Cleaning and Sealing". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after August 22, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. * A Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk Through will be held on 8/27/2024 at 1:00pm. Meet in the lobby at 19 Park Street. Invitation for Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Chelsea Police Station Duct Cleaning and Sealing" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, September 05, 2024. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 8/22/24

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TEMPLE EMMANUEL HOSTS FOURTH ANNUAL COOKOUT

Temple Emmanuel hosted its Fourth Annual Cookout on Sunday.

The threat of inclement weather forced organizers to move the outdoor event inside to the Elaine and Larry Smith Social Hall where guests enjoyed barbecued hot dogs, burgers, and chicken and other sumptuous foods.

Temple President Sara Lee Callahan and Rabbi Oksana Chapman, spiritual leader of the congregation, welcomed the group to the event.

Callahan thanked event chair Esther Berkowitz and her committee for organizing such a fun and festive occasion.



George Higgins and Jean Higgins, pictured at the annual Temple Emmanuel Cookout.



Event Chair Esther Berkowitz and dance instructor Julie Kaufmann, who led the guests in a line dancing class.



Temple Emmanuel's leaders and event volunteers, from left, Rabbi Oksana Chapman, Building Engineer Felix Mercado, Carole Turransky, Ralph Turransky, Event Chair Esther Berkowitz, Temple President Sara Lee Callahan, Jim Howard, and Carol Brown.



Sara Lee Callahan, esteemed president of Temple Emmanuel, gives a special welcome to the Doherty family at the event. Front row, from left, are Skip Doherty, Nathan Doherty, and Jack Doherty. Back row, from left, are Ken Wacks, Christine Doherty, Janice Doherty, Sara Lee Callahan, and Eric Doherty.



Front row, from left, are Jean Higgins, Marilyn Winer, Edythe Shuman, and Joan McKinnon. Back row, from left, are Minna Karas-Marino, and Ronda Winer.



Rabbi Oksana Chapman greets guests, Fred Gordon, Ken Wacks, and Attorney Michael Callahan, at the annual Temple Emmanuel Cookout Sunday.



Well-known Chelsea resident Cindy Millman, pictured as she participates in the dance class led by instructor Julia Kaufmann.

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ALOE NATURAL ACAI AND COFFEE SHOP HOLDS GRAND OPENING IN EAST BOSTON

By Cary Shuman

Aloe Natural Acai and Coffee Shop held its grand opening celebration Aug. 13 at its location at the Boston Harbor Shipyard Marina on Marginal Street, East Boston.

Business owner Tanairi Garcia, who is a popular Chelsea city councilor, welcomed residents, friends, family, and her colleagues in city government to the celebration during which guests got to sample the delicious food items that are available at the shop.

Ms. Garcia also owns Aloe Natural Acai and Coffee Shop on Everett Avenue in Chelsea, which opened in July, 2022.

"I'm excited to open Aloe Natural in East Boston and look forward to welcoming the commu-



Tanairi Garcia (right), pictured with her sister, Kelly Garcia, at the grand opening celebration for Aloe Natural Acai and Coffee Shop in East Boston.

nity to our new location," said Garcia.

Tanairi Garcia's family was in attendance, including her mother, Socorro Vega, her daughter, Tanairi Camacho, her sister, Kelly Garcia, a Chelsea councilor-at-large, and her aunt, Gladys Vega, executive director of La Colaborativa in Chelsea.



Tanairi Garcia joins her family and friends for a photo at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Aloe Natural Acai and Coffee Shop in East Boston.



Bringing the congratulatory wishes from Roca to the grand opening celebration are Executive Vice President of New England Scott Scharffenberg, and Chief Executive Officer Molly Baldwin (and her canine friend, Aurora).



Gladys Vega, executive director La Colaborativa and aunt of business owner Tanairi Garcia, prepares one of the food treats enjoyed by guests at the grand opening celebration.



Tanairi Garcia, pictured with Adrianna Vega, Juan Vega, and Kelly Garcia at the grand opening celebration.



Kelly Garcia welcomes Chelsea School Committee members Jonathan Gomez-Pereira and Katherine Cabral to the grand opening celebration of the new coffee shop in East Boston.



Kelly Garcia (left) and Tanairi Garcia (right), pictured with their proud mother, Socorro Vega, at the grand opening celebration.



Tanairi Garcia, pictured with Jay Velez and Jeanette Velez at the grand opening celebration.



The new sign for Aloe Natural at the Boston Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street, East Boston.



Some of the dignitaries in attendance, from left, State Rep. Manny Cruz, Chelsea City Councilor Leo Robinson, Chelsea City Councilor Kelly Garcia, Chelsea City Councilor Tanairi Garcia (owner of Aloe Natural Acai and Coffee Shop), Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy, Chelsea City Councilor Todd Taylor, and Chelsea City Councilor Giovanni Recupero.

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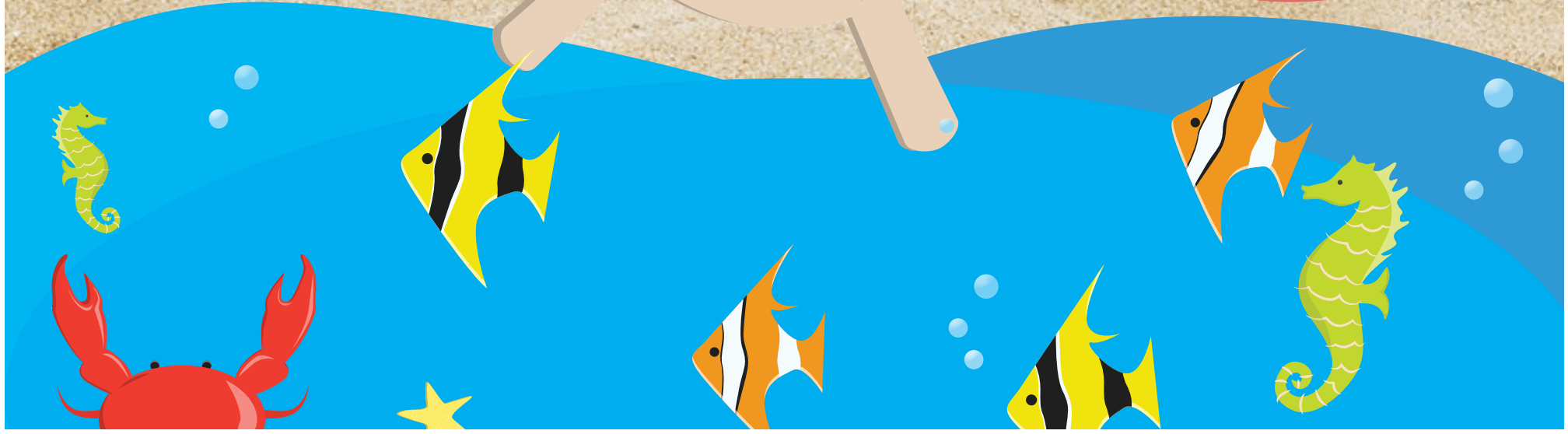
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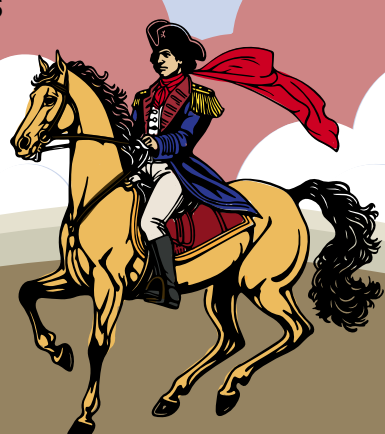
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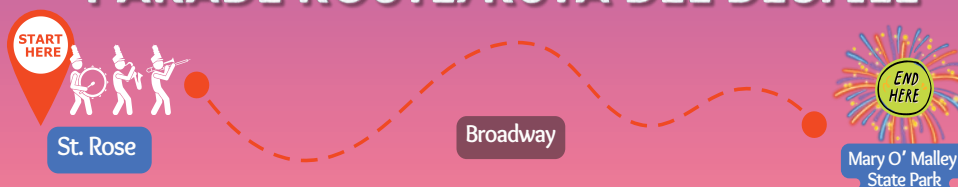


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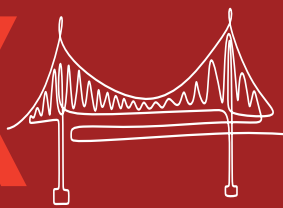


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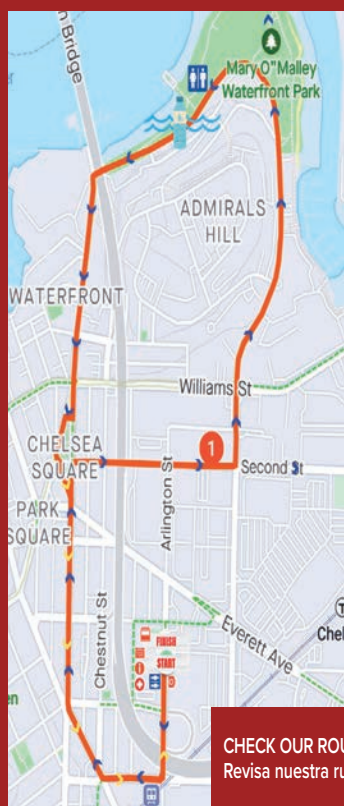
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