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Excited runners about to start the Chelsea 5K.



Chelsea Police Captain Tom McLain firing the starting round to begin the race. See more photos on Pages 9 and 10.



Some of the many volunteers who made Sunday's Chelsea400 5K Road Race a success are shown beforehand setting up at the medals and awards rack.

Martin named new Communications and Community Engagement Manager

Special to the Record

City Manager Fidel Maltez is pleased to announce the hiring of Lillian Martin as the new City of Chelsea Communications and Community Engagement Manager (CCEM), effective Sept. 4. Martin replaces the City's previous CCEM, Lourdes Alvarez, who accepted a new position as Chelsea's Manager of Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy earlier this year.



Lillian Martin

and commissions to organize the City's LGBTQ+ Pride events, annual Juneteenth Flag Raising, health fair, Memorial Day parade, and other community events. Previously, Martin served as the public relations coordinator for Kel & Partners, a creative Boston-based public relations agency, and a public relations assistant for Salem State University. Martin holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from Salem State University and is working towards a Master's in Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Capella University. "We are pleased to welcome Lillian Martin to the City

of Chelsea team," said Maltez. "Throughout the interview process, it was clear that Martin possesses the knowledge, skills, and experience to strengthen the City's communications and community engagement. Clear, timely, and thoughtful information sharing with employees, community members, and stakeholders in a user-friendly and accessible way is critical to the City's success. This work directly supports our core tenets of responsiveness, transparency, and accountability. Martin is poised to lead the City well in this effort." As Communications and Community Engagement Manager, Martin will work collaboratively with all departments to achieve the City's goals of improving communication and increasing civic engagement among Chelsea residents. Martin will be responsible for expanding and streamlining the City's outreach strategies innovating how the City of Chelsea reaches people who live, work, and play in the city.



Courtesy photo of the Chelsea City Council presenting resolutions to the fire department, the E-911 Communications Center, and Chelsea Emergency Management Supervisor Paul Koolloian for their response to the large fire at a multi-family home at 185 Washington Ave. on August 14.

First responders honored for efforts in fire

By Staff Report

During a special meeting Monday night, the Chelsea City Council presented resolutions to the fire department, the E-911 Communications Center, and Chelsea Emergency Management Supervisor Paul Koolloian for their response to the large fire at an 18-unit multi-family home at 185 Washington Ave. on August 14.

Nearly 60 people were displaced as a result of the six-alarm fire, one of the largest residential fires the city has seen in years.

"Last month, a devastating fire impacted 20

Chelsea families at 185 Washington Avenue," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "This was the City's largest fire in recent history. Thanks to the swift and coordinated efforts of our first responders, the fire was brought under control within a few hours."

After the fire, Maltez said the city was able to support these Chelsea residents by providing over two weeks of emergency housing in local hotels, various cash and gift card donations from community members and partner organizations, as well as case management support from our local nonprofits

La Colaborativa and The Neighborhood Developers.

"With our supportive services, all families were pre-qualified for the state's Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program which pays for all transition costs including first month's rent, security deposit, and other costly burdens associated with moving at a moment's notice," Maltez said.



City Manager provides update on emergency resilience plans

City Manager Fidel Maltez has placed an emphasis on communicating with residents since he took office in January. Earlier this week, Maltez recorded the latest in his series of public outreach videos to air on Chelsea Community TV. The text of his September video, which focuses on emergency resilience in Chelsea, is below:

Hello Residents of Chelsea. Welcome to Our Community. My name is Fidel Maltez and I am honored to be your City Manager.

Today, I want to take a moment to reflect on the strength and resilience of our community in the face of emergencies. Chelsea is a city that stands to-

gether, and this spirit is never more evident than when we face adversity.

Last month, a devastating fire impacted 20 Chelsea families at 185 Washington Avenue. This was the City's largest fire in recent history. Thanks to the swift and coordinated efforts of our first responders, the fire was brought under control within a few hours. The City was able to support these Chelsea residents by providing over two weeks of emergency housing in local hotels, various cash and gift card donations from community members and partner organizations, as well as case management support from our local nonprofits La Colaborativa and The Neighborhood Developers. With our sup-

portive services, all families were pre-qualified for the state's Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program which pays for

all transition costs including first month's rent, security deposit, and other costly burdens associated with moving at a moment's notice.

When an emergency strikes, it tests not only our infrastructure but also our collective resolve. I am incredibly proud of how our city staff, emergency responders, and each of you, our residents, rise to the occasion. From the first responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe, to the city workers who ensure our streets are cleared and services restored, to the neighbors

who check on each other and lend a helping hand—we are all part of what makes Chelsea a community that cares.

We know the impacts of these events can be significant, particularly for our most vulnerable residents. Our city, and our nonprofit partners, are committed to providing comprehensive support before, during, and after any disaster. We have strengthened our emergency response plans, improved our communication systems, and expanded our outreach to ensure that everyone in Chelsea has the information and resources they need to stay safe.

For example, to improve emergency communication, the city invested in a new Computer Aided Dispatch system and are close to completing a full renovation of the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) - these projects allow our public safety teams to respond more efficiently during an incident in our community.

In addition to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the City Council has allocated the Office of Emergency Management a much needed budget to support residents in the immediate aftermath of an emergency for housing stability.

The City has also started the Chelsea Resiliency Fund with the support of the Boston Foundation, open to all residents who experience an emergency. Our administration plans to keep expanding this program by leveraging funding through private/public partnerships.

Our response to disasters is guided by a simple principle: no one in Chelsea should feel alone in a time of crisis. Whether it's providing basic necessities or offering assistance with recovery

efforts, our city is here for our residents. We are also grateful to work with local organizations and

state partners to ensure that we can deliver aid quickly and effectively to those who need it most.

Residents can maintain preparedness for emergencies by keeping all critical documents such as passports, licenses, health insurance, and social security cards in one place for safe keeping and easy retrieval. We also recommend that families who need additional support sign up for the City's special needs registry by calling 311. This registry allows our emergency management teams to be better prepared when responding to a local emergency call.

Another critical resource that I want to highlight is renters insurance. Many of our residents are renters, and it's important to understand how vital this coverage can be in protecting your belongings and providing peace of mind. Renters insurance can help you recover from the financial impact of a disaster by covering losses due to damage, theft, or other unforeseen events. It can also provide temporary housing if your home becomes uninhabitable.

In a city like Chelsea, where community and connection are paramount, having renters insurance is not just a personal safeguard—it's a way to contribute to the resilience of our entire community. By ensuring that you and your family are protected, you help create a stronger, more prepared Chelsea.

But our efforts don't stop at immediate response. We are also focused on building a more resilient Chelsea. This means investing in infrastructure - from our fire trucks to our water pipes, developing programs that help residents prepare for emergencies, and fostering a culture of readiness throughout our community.

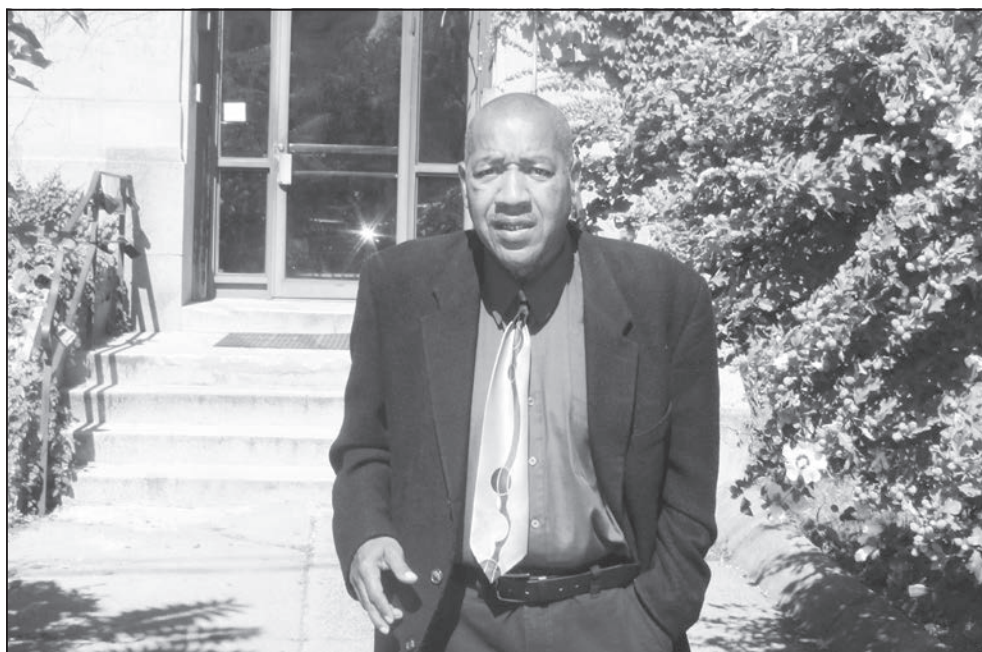
In the coming months, we will host a series of community education workshops to share more about emergency preparedness plans, renters insurance, and other resources available to you here in Chelsea. I encourage all residents to participate.

Thank you for your continued strength and solidarity. Together, we will ensure that Chelsea remains a city where everyone is supported, no matter the challenges we face.

Rounding out our September community update, I am excited to celebrate the promotion of Tracy Nowicki formerly our Director of Elder Services to her new role as the Director of Health and Human Services for the City. A longtime public servant and incredible advocate for our residents, I know she will excel in this next chapter of service to our City.

Tracy's promotion is possible due to the retirement of one of our most dedicated employees, Ned Keefe. Ned has served the City of Chelsea since 1993 when he joined the ranks of our Planning and Community Development Department, from there he went on to serve as the Deputy City Manager, Acting City Manager, and Health and Human Services Director. Ned has made so many amazing things possible for our community. From some of our most important development projects to our most valuable social services, Ned's role in helping to make Chelsea a vibrant and welcoming city cannot be understated. We are incredibly grateful for his 31 years of service and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

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



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson is pictured outside the condominium building located at 48 Washington Avenue.

Councillor Robinson reaches out to Washington Ave. condo association

By Cary Shuman

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson said he is reaching out to the Washington Avenue Schoolhouse Condominium Association after receiving phone calls from current and former residents of Chelsea expressing concerns about “the condition of the exterior of the historic building” located at 48 Washington Ave. di-

agonally across from City Hall.

The 20-unit condo building is the former home of the Chelsea Hebrew School.


“The people are concerned about the city losing its history and what can be done regarding the conditions at the former Hebrew School building. I am requesting a meeting with the condo association to discuss the concerns

that have been raised,” said Robinson.

Robinson's immediate action in addressing the matter comes as no surprise to longtime Chelsea residents. The dean of city government, Robinson has been a “go-to guy” in the city since beginning his many years of service on the former Chelsea Board of Aldermen in the 1980s.

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Council wants to take a closer look at motorized scooter ordinances

By Adam Swift

The proliferation of motorized scooters has caused a number of safety concerns throughout the region.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson requested the council hold a subcommittee meeting with Police Chief Keith Houghton to review and consider revising the

city's motorized scooter ordinances.

“I'm sure we all got a number of calls over the summer in regards to the scooters and the bikes on the sidewalk,” said Robinson. “I just want to take a look at our ordinances to see whether or not we can strengthen it.”

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor commended Robinson for bringing up the issue and said he looked forward to further discussion in subcommittee.

“This really is an irritating problem that I'm sure we have all had calls on,” said Taylor. “Frankly, it's becoming a safety hazard.”

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown said he agreed it is a safety issue, especially with a number of drivers for delivery services using scooters and mopeds. Brown said the city should work to get more information out to the public about what is

and isn't allowed when it comes to operating scooters and other small motorized vehicles.

Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez Rivera noted that the city's bike and pedestrian committee is in the process of reconfiguring, and said that it should be involved in any discussion involving motorized bikes.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero pointed out that the state has recently taken action to better regulate mopeds and said he wasn't sure how much say the city could have over ordinances.

He said mopeds must be operated by a licensed driver and need to be registered.

“I'm not sure what we can do,” Recupero said. “Tow them? We can't tow them if they have a plate and we can't stop them from driving if they have a license, so what are we going to do?”

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Courtesy photo of La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega receiving a Certificate of Recognition from the Chelsea City Council on Monday night.

Gladys Vega recognized by Council for service to the community

By Adam Swift

For decades, Gladys Vega has been a leader in the community as the executive director of La Colaborativa, often stepping beyond the nonprofit's mission to provide relief and assistance to anyone in need in Chelsea and its surrounding communities.

On Monday night, the Chelsea City Council presented Vega a Certificate of Recognition in honor of years of service and dedication to the city.

Council President Norieliz DeJesus noted that the honor was only fitting on a night when the council had already honored public safety officials who were on the scene at the recent fire at Washington Avenue and issued a proclamation in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month in the City.

DeJesus and a number of other councilors praised Vega and La Colaborativa's efforts to provide assistance to those displaced by the fire, as well as hold-

ing her up as one of the most accomplished and recognized Latinx leaders in the state.

"I think about the fire, and I think about how Gladys never takes credit and does the things quietly," said DeJesus, who works alongside Vega at La Colaborativa. "This woman will always show up for her community, and her community is any human being existing in her city or in any surrounding city."

Just in recent years,

DeJesus said Vega has been at the forefront of relief efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic and during the most recent migrant crisis.

"This woman is fearless, and her commitment is beyond words," said DeJesus. "I just want to make sure that we understand that everything she touches is to make sure that there is a future leader to continue the work."

When speaking about the sacrifices Vega has made to help her community, no one could speak more closely to that than her daughter, current Councilor Melinda Vega.

"I am blessed, first and foremost, to be your daughter and it's an honor to award you with this recognition," she said.

Vega talked about the sacrifices her mother made as a single mother to make ends meet while also making sure she took on the battles for those in the community who were most in need.

"When I describe you, I describe you as a modern day Martin Luther King, Jr. because of all of your hard work and your effort and love for your community," said Vega.

Vega said her mother exemplifies the example of loving one's neighbor.

"I remember when I asked you why you do everything you do ... and you said, 'If I don't do it, who else will?' It's important to fight for what is right, and you've always

done that." District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor praised the role Vega and La Colaborativa played in providing relief and assistance after the Washington Avenue fire.

"You came in and you played a really pivotal role in helping all these people that were homeless," said Taylor. "I think that that work doesn't go unnoticed. I know that you get a lot of recognition, but you don't necessarily get recognition from everyone, I want to give you recognition tonight myself for everything you did for these folks."

The part you play in this community is an important one."

Council to hold hearing on changing street name back to Walnut Street

By Adam Swift

The city council has scheduled a public hearing on renaming Arlington Street Extension to Walnut Street at its Monday, Oct. 7 meeting.

"During our last council session, the council received a request to rename this street (to) celebrate the historically thriving Black neighborhood that existed in this area before the Great Fire of 1973," stated City Manager Fidel Maltez.

Over the past few months, Maltez said the city has worked with members of the Chelsea Black Community on the request. He said the city has developed a plaque that will be placed on the street to honor the name change.

"Our local ordinances require that a public hearing be held to rename a public road," Maltez said.

In May, Stacey Smith, a fifth generation Chelsea

resident and member of Chelsea Black Community, addressed the city council requesting the city make the street name change back to Walnut Street from Arlington Street Extension.

Changing back the street name would help highlight some of the long history of the Black population in the city, Smith said in May.

"Blacks have been in our community since we settled in 1624," said Smith. "Our founding father Maverick was one of Massachusetts' first slaveholders and had folks enslaved here. If you go through the 17th century, you had other families who were also slaveholders."

Over the years, Walnut Street became a center of Black life, history, and culture in Chelsea, Smith said.

"My father came from 13 children, and his father came from 10 to 12 chil-

dren," said Smith. "There are hundreds from my family who can say they originated down in the Walnut Street area."

The area did not burn in the fire of 1908, Smith said. But after the Great Fire of 1973, Smith said many of the families were forced to leave the area due to damages or other unknown reasons.

In a letter to the city council, Smith related how her father was saddened that the street he grew up on was no longer known as Walnut Street.

"He reminded me of the times when he used to have to go to his grandparents to cut wood for them or times his father would have gatherings," Smith wrote. "Block parties, birthday parties, you name it and it happened on Walnut Street."

Those stories from the family led Smith to do more research on Walnut Street and bring attention to the issue, she said.

Officials get early start on CIP

By Adam Swift

City Manager Fidel Maltez is looking to have the city get a jumpstart on its budget process a little earlier in the year for FY26.

While FY25 began on July 1, Maltez said the city has already launched its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) efforts for the coming year.

"Starting our CIP process now, will in turn allow us to start our annual operating budget process early as well," stated Maltez. "Our Deputy City Manager of Finance, Michael Mason, will lead this effort, along with our talented finance staff."

The first step in the CIP process is reviewing all past projects, discussing their status, and determining if any unspent funds can be used for upcoming projects.

"This is a step that the City Council has requested in the past, and that we see as a critical step in our

annual financial processes," Maltez stated in a letter to the council. "Mr. Mason began this work in August by creating a database of past projects and meeting with all department heads to review it. Mr. Mason has created a CIP working group that meets regularly."

Maltez said Mason has also developed a comprehensive schedule to help guide the process.

That schedule has the city submitting a draft of the FY26 CIP to the council by early November for review.

The FY26 operating budget development calendar has the budget team beginning the process in early December, with the city manager submitting the operating budget to the council by May 2 of next year.

"Chelsea has done a fantastic job with Capital Planning," stated Maltez. "We invest in our public buildings, our parks, our public safety fleets and

our infrastructure. We appreciate the input that the city council gives and we will incorporate it into the annual plan."

Maltez encouraged councilors to send requests from constituents for projects, from paving streets to improving parks, to the administration to incorporate into the capital plan.

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Forum

A GREAT ROAD RACE!

We'd like to offer our thanks and congratulations to the Chelsea400 committee and the folks from Chelsea Recreation and Cultural Affairs who organized a superb 5K road race through the streets of the city on a perfect late-summer morning this past Sunday.

The success of the race could not have been possible without the efforts of a huge number of volunteers and others, including Bea Cravatta and Jason Seigal from Chelsea Recreation; race-day coordinators Eduardo Rodriguez and Adam Edgett; and the officers of the Chelsea Police and Fire Departments who ensured a smooth and safe run for all of the participants.

In addition, the entertainment provided by the DJ, who kept everyone pumped up all morning; local rap recording artist Joe Rez, who got the runners fired-up at the start of the race with an outstanding performance; and the dancers at the conclusion of the race all made for an enjoyable experience.

We'd also like to thank State Rep. Judith Garcia for lending her always-effervescent and energetic presence to the festivities with the presentation of the awards to the top competitors.

We here at the Record know what a large undertaking it can be to sponsor a road race. We held the Chelsea Record Road Race back in the late 1970s that featured legendary Chelsea High track stars such as Bobby Goss and Eddie Richard and attracted world-class runners such as Alberto Salazar, so we know how much planning and effort that a road race requires.

All in all, it was a great day for our city, both for the 400 competitors (many of whom came from throughout the Greater Boston area) and for all of the residents who cheered them along the race course.

REMEMBERING 9/11

For anyone who is old enough to remember September 11, 2001, all of us know exactly where we were and what we were doing when we heard the terrible news. For this generation of Americans, that day was as memorable as was the assassination of John F. Kennedy for a previous generation. On both occasions, time seemed to stand still for all Americans as we processed the tragic events.

The replays on TV this week of the hijacked jets crashing into the twin towers still seem like a nightmare -- did it really happen or was it all just a dream? But as much as we'd like to unwind the past, the reality is that 23 years later, the events of 9/11 clearly have changed all of our lives and have had a dramatic impact on the course of world history.

The invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, and the long and costly wars that followed, never would have occurred. Those wars forever changed the trajectory of our world in so many respects: The deaths and injuries of thousands of our brave members of the American armed services; the destruction in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians in those countries; the destabilization of Syria and other nations in the Middle East and Africa that gave rise to a new terrorist organization, ISIS, that resulted in the greatest number of displaced persons in the history of the world, an exodus that has led to the rise of right-wing groups in democracies world-wide that threatens to destabilize our long-standing alliances; and the rise of Iran, which has partnered with Russia, to bring death and destruction to Israel, Ukraine, and beyond.

However, amidst the discussions by historians and analysts of the global effects of 9/11, we must never forget the impact that 9/11 had on the families and loved ones of those who perished that day, many of whom were from our area and who were passengers on the two planes that left from Logan Airport.

Nearly 3000 Americans died in the attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon and on the flight of a fourth plane in which the passengers of the plane overwhelmed the hijackers before they could reach their target, the U.S. Capitol.

In addition, the heroism of New York City firefighters, of whom 343 died when the towers collapsed as they were racing inside to rescue occupants, as well as another 71 law enforcement officers (and one National Park Service officer who died when the fourth plane crashed into national parkland in Pennsylvania), must never be forgotten. In addition, another 360 firefighters have died from diseases since that time because of the toxic fumes they inhaled.

We recently had occasion to visit the 9/11 memorial in downtown Manhattan where there is now a beautiful building, known as the Oculus, and the soaring Freedom Tower.

But despite the passage of more than 20 years, the memories invoked by that terrible day brought us a deep sense of grief, not only for those who perished and their families, but also for the world as we knew it that existed before 9/11.

9/11 changed our lives forever. We can only hope that we will be able to navigate the treacherous world we are facing with the necessary strength and wisdom equal to that task, both for ourselves and future generations.



LETTER to the Editor

HELLO FROM FORT MOORE

Dear Editor,

I hope this message finds you well. As many of you know, my commitment to public service extends beyond my role as your state senator. It is with great pride and a sense of duty that I write to you from Fort Moore, where I am completing my Officer Direct Commission Course, also known as "basic training." I look forward to making some of you laugh over some drinks when I get back.

I have met incredible people from all walks of life. I am so grateful for all of the lessons, corrections, and discipline they extended to me. I have grown.

I can assure you it has been the most physically trying and emotionally draining experience of my life. I never knew I could cry, curse, and do push ups all while chanting cadence. I have passed

land navigation and rifle marksmanship by the skin of teeth. It has been like drinking out of a firehose with all the military vocabulary and regular 3 am wake ups. I have just a little gas chamber and a 6 mile ruck march to go. It will take all I got to rally.

I appreciate serving as your senator even more now. I also deeply miss the good food of our district. When I get back I will continue to campaign and work for you. I have

told my fellow battle buddies they will be welcome if they ever want to visit.

In the meantime, you can still write to my Senate email. I have occasional access to email, so I recommend contacting my Chief of Staff. Additionally, you can still reach out to my office, where my team will be working every day. Serving as your senator is one of the greatest honors of my life, and I am equally proud to serve in this new capacity. This experience

will undoubtedly enrich my perspective and strengthen my dedication to public service.

Your support and understanding mean the world to me during this time. Thank you for the letters.

Thank you for your continued trust and encouragement. I will be back next week.

Finally, thank you for your votes on September 3, 2024. See you soon.

Onward!

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Sen. Lydia Edwards shown during Basic Training at Fort Moore.

GUEST OP-ED

A milestone for Massachusetts housing: new solutions for a growing crisis

By Sen. Lydia Edwards

On July 31st, the Massachusetts legislature passed a groundbreaking \$5.2 billion housing bond bill. Less than a week later, Governor Maura Healey signed it into law, setting the stage for one of the most ambitious efforts in the state's history to address its growing housing challenges. The legislation represents not just a substantial financial commitment, but a bold vision for the future of affordable housing across the Commonwealth.

This bill tackles critical issues that have long plagued our state: deteriorating public housing, a lack of affordable homes, and an urgent need for policy innovation. The housing bond bill allocates \$2 billion toward the maintenance and redevelopment

of public housing, which will have a direct impact on the lives of over 70,000 residents. These investments will finally address safety concerns and neglected conditions that have been ignored for far too long.

"For years, we've heard from families in public housing about the dangers they face from outdated, unsafe conditions," said Senator Lydia Edwards. "With this bill, we're taking action, ensuring people can live in dignity and safety. But it's also about more than fixing buildings—it's about fixing our approach to housing."

The bond bill doesn't stop at repairs. It includes \$200 million for a forward-thinking demonstration program that will transition public housing into mixed-income communities. This shift

will reduce the need for state-funded modernization in the future while fostering vibrant, diverse neighborhoods.

"As Senate Chair of Housing, I had a front-row seat to help negotiate, plan, and push this language forward. At the heart of the bill is a comprehensive approach to affordable housing." The legislation pours \$800 million into the Affordable

Housing Trust Fund and adds hundreds of millions more into other key housing programs, such as the Housing Stabilization and Investment Trust Fund and the Housing Innovations Trust Fund. These funds will fuel projects that create and preserve affordable housing, helping to close the widening gap between housing demand and supply.

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Members of the CUAW are shown outside of Chelsea High School last week.

CUAW against recruitment efforts at CHS

By Fran Roznowski

Chelsea Uniting Against the War (CUAW) - Chelsea Uniéndose en Contra de la Guerra's annual anti-military recruitment campaign was launched at Chelsea High School this week. Members and supporters of CUAW distributed over 1300 English/Spanish fliers as students arrived to school on Monday, September 9, 2024.

Under the No Child Left Behind of 2002, public school administrators must send students' personal information (name, address and phone number) upon request to recruiters from all branches of the armed forces. Students and their parents have the right to not have the young person's information released to the military by signing the OPT-OUT form on the student's personal school issued computer.

In addition to OPT OUT information, the fliers contrast what the mil-

itary cites as benefits of enlisting with the reality. Military recruiters promise money for higher education. The fact is that less than 5% of veterans are in college. The armed forces boast of new possibilities for females. The truth is female soldiers face widespread sexual harassment and rape. Military enlistees are portrayed as patriotic yet they are expected to kill civilians, destroy homes, schools and hospitals and food supplies.

The efforts of Chelsea Uniting Against the War goes beyond leafletting. At last year's counter military recruitment activity during lunch periods at Chelsea High School, a student new to the school told a CUAW member that he wanted to join the military. When asked why, he really wasn't sure. He received a handout in Spanish that explained that there was no pathway to citizenship by joining the military. He was also giv-

en the link for a video, Before You Enlist, The Truth about Joining the Armed Forces/ Antes de Alistarte: La Verdad de Unirse a La Fuerza Armada. The short film is based on interviews with soldiers, many young, who describe their disillusionment with the military after their service. The student sent a follow-up text, "What I saw on the video was disturbing and now I don't want to be a part of that (the military)."

Chelsea Uniting Against the War is ready to expand its counter military recruitment efforts (campaign) to students at Phoenix Academy Charter Public High School in Chelsea and to local students at Northeast Metro Regional Vocational High School.

For more information or to get involved contact Chelsea Uniting Against the War, Joel 617-688-1197 or Facebook - Chelsea Uniting Against the War.

Bellingham Square stabbings under investigation

Police are investigating two stabbings that happened in the Bellingham Square area late last week.

Police officials stated that they believe the two incidents are related.

Chelsea Police are actively investigating two stabbings that occurred this morning in the Bellingham Square area, which are believed to be related.

The first incident took place shortly after 8 a.m. on Sixth Street on Thursday, Sept. 5. A victim

in their 20s sustained a non-life-threatening stab wound, according to police. Approximately 30 minutes later, a second stabbing occurred on Fifth Street, involving another victim in their 20s. Both victims were quickly transported to area hospitals for treatment and are expected to recover.

Police said witnesses reported that suspects in both incidents were wearing black or dark clothing and fled the area before police arrived. Investigators

are working to determine any connection between the two incidents and urge anyone with information to come forward and call police.

Chelsea police officials stated they are increasing patrols in the area and are asking residents to remain vigilant. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Chelsea Police Department at (617) 466-4805 or provide an anonymous tip through the department's social media channels.

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The bond bill recognizes that housing is not just about buildings—it's about people and communities. It includes \$275 million for environmentally friendly housing projects, ensuring that as we build more homes, we also contribute to a sustainable future. Additionally, \$100 million is designated for homes for first-time buyers, while \$70 million will support housing development for people with intellectual disabilities and people with mental illness.

This bill also introduces meaningful policy changes aimed at making housing more equitable and accessible. Senator Edwards led the charge on a provision creating a process for eviction records to be sealed, allowing individuals to petition for sealing records of no-fault evictions, rent nonpayment due to economic hardship, older fault evictions, records from civil actions related to property misuse, and record from dismissed eviction actions or judgements favoring the defendant. The reform includes protections against the disclosure of sealed records by consumer reporting agencies and ensures applicants can answer "no record" for sealed evictions when applying for housing or credit. "Eviction should not be a life sentence," Senator Edwards stated. "This reform is about fairness

and giving people a second chance." Moreover, the provision reflects the input of a wide coalition, including the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, who endorsed the original bill in 2023.

In a creative approach to addressing vacant commercial spaces, the bill supports a Commercial Property Conversion Program that will transform underutilized properties into much-needed housing units. This not only addresses the housing shortage but also breathes new life into struggling commercial districts.

Other notable reforms include:

- Making it easier to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on single-family lots.
- Local Option for Veterans Preference in affordable housing programs. Municipalities may opt to reserve up to 10% of affordable units for veterans.
- Ensuring that state-funded housing projects comply with responsible contractor standards to protect workers' rights.
- Creating seasonal communities definition and policies to protect communities with extensive population growth during the touring season. One such policy is the municipal worker preference.
- Creating a policy on Social Housing.
- Creating a commis-

sion on Senior Housing.

- Creating an Office of Fair Housing.

The housing bond bill is a testament to the power of innovative policy paired with serious investment. It's a reflection of our commitment to ensuring that housing is a right, not a privilege, and that no one is left behind in the push for more affordable homes. As Senator Edwards put it, "This bill is more than a financial investment—it's an investment in the future of Massachusetts. A future where housing is stable, accessible, and equitable for all. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead as a freshman Senator in a conference committee on one of the leading issues of our time, contributing to a bill that tackles such critical challenges head-on."

With the enactment of this historic legislation, Massachusetts is not just responding to today's housing crisis but also laying the foundation for long-term solutions that will benefit generations to come. This is more than just a victory for housing advocates—it's a win for everyone in the Commonwealth.

Lydia Edwards is a State Senator representing the Third Suffolk District.

New CHS cafeteria to open in November

By Adam Swift

A new \$10 million cafeteria project at Chelsea High School should be ready for its grand opening in November, according to school officials.

During last week's school committee meeting, school district finance director Monica Lamboy updated members on the status of the project.

"I think this is going to be a really transformational project for the school and for the district as a whole," said Lamboy.

Work is well underway on the project, with the existing cafeteria demolished and construction undergoing on the new cafeteria and kitchen, as well as a counseling and social work office. During the fall, students are using three large tents outside the school as dining spaces, and are also allowed to eat in the bleachers, Lamboy said.

"We began in the fall of 2022 with listening sessions with students and with teachers, and we heard a lot about the problems with the cafeteria," Lamboy said. "It was too crowded, there were literally not enough seats for people to sit, the number

of food options were limited, and people had to wait in line for long periods of time."

The high school was originally built to accommodate 1,000 students, and now has a population of nearly 1,700 spaces, Lamboy said. While classroom space has been added to the school, the cafeteria remained undersized, with only 325 seats to handle lunch services of 500 to 600 students.

The new dining area will have 500 seats, Lamboy said, including some alternative seating options. The project will also double the size of the kitchen, and lengthen the serving line so more students can be served at one time.

"It will allow us to put more food out at the lines for the students to move through them faster," Lamboy said.

The project budget is \$10 million, but Lamboy said the lion's share of the funding comes from food service revenue as well as Covid-relief funding that was earmarked for the schools and the city.

Construction began the day after students left the school in June, Lamboy said, and crews from West Construction have been

working double shifts and on weekends to get the project completed as quickly as possible. Lamboy said the project is on track for a grand opening in November.

"It's been a major team effort, and I hope people will be happy with the outcome when we are all done," said Lamboy.

School committee member Katherine Cabral praised the project for including more social spaces for students.

"This is such a welcoming space," said Cabral. "I can't wait for our students to be able to convene in these social spaces and really build community; and the fact that it is so focused on being environmentally friendly is something that is really huge."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta echoed Cabral's sentiments about adding more usable social space to the high school.

"We just did the library last year and what we are finding is that everybody wants to be in the newly remodeled library. So maybe now with this entire large area and space with the cafeteria people will want to be down there as well."

Man held without bail after biting off part of officer's ear

A 27-year-old man is being held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing after being arraigned last week in Chelsea District Court for biting off a piece of an officer's ear during a domestic violence call on Friday, August 30.

Carlos Sanabria, 27, of Chelsea was charged with mayhem, strangulation, assault and battery on a police officer, assault to murder, and resisting arrest, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Judge Jane Prince ordered Sanabria to be evaluated by a clinician and held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing on Friday, Sept. 20.

At about 2:20 p.m. on August 30, Chelsea police responded to the Chelsea Community Center at 207 Shurtleff Street for a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officers encountered a male, later identified as Sanabria, being uncooperative, according to the district attorney's office. A center employee informed officers Sanabria had a video of a domestic incident involving his girlfriend. Sanabria refused to show the video to police

and became increasingly more upset.

As Sanabria left the building, he began yelling at an officer before charging at him and throwing punches, according to the DA. The officer attempted to place Sanabria under arrest when both fell to the ground in a struggle with Sanabria on top. Sanabria continued to punch the officer and had the officer's hands pinned down. Sanabria then bent his head down and bit the officer's ear, tearing a piece of it off, the district attorney's office alleges.

A second officer witnessed Sanabria on top of the officer and placed him in a chokehold. The second officer deployed his Taser, striking Sanabria in the back. Officers were eventually able to handcuff Sanabria.

The officer was immediately treated and transported to a local hospital for further medical attention.

"A dangerousness hearing is entirely appropriate here to ensure the safety of first responders and the larger community," said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. "This is an example of

how unpredictable domestic violence calls can be for police officers, and how rapidly their day-to-day responsibilities can turn chaotic. This officer was injured in the line of courageous duty and I wish him a quick recovery."

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.

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Final beam put in place for Northeast Vocational

Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School began the process of building a new high school facility just over a year ago. On Aug. 29, the structure's final beam was raised and put into place, celebrating the project's significant progress to date.

Superintendent David DiBarri, Northeast Metro Tech administrators, School Building Committee members, State Representatives and Senators, MSBA representatives, ironworkers, and Gilbane representatives gathered to share a few words and watch as construction crews raised and placed the steel structure's final beam.

Raising the final beam, traditionally known as "topping off" the building, marks the project's second major milestone since the groundbreaking ceremony that began construction in October 2022.

"The placement of this beam marks an important milestone for the construction of this state-of-the-art school, and brings us closer to the day when the doors of opportunity open for new generations of students," said State Sen. Bruce Tarr.

Those in attendance had the opportunity to sign the beam before it was raised into place. The beam had also previously been signed by Northeast Metro Tech students.

The "topping off" ceremony dates back thousands of years to ancient Scandinavian and European traditions. As part of the tradition, now common in the United States, the final beam is raised and set into place with decorations of an evergreen tree and an American flag.

Speakers at the ceremony included Superintendent DiBarri, Gilbane Building Company Senior Vice President Michael O'Brien, School Committee Chairman Deborah Davis, Building Committee Chair Theodore Nickole and MSBA CEO James MacDonald.

The evergreen tree is a tribute to the Native American tradition that "no structure should be taller than a tree." Now the evergreen tree symbolizes joy and is meant to bring good luck to the building's inhabitants.

The flag symbolizes



MSBA CEO James MacDonald, State Rep. Bradley Jones, Superintendent David DiBarri, State Sen. Bruce Tarr, State Rep. Donald Wong, State Rep. Richard Haggerty, Assistant Superintendent Tracey O'Brien, and Gilbane Senior Vice President Michael O'Brien. (Photo Courtesy of Northeast Metro Tech School District).

patriotism and the hard work and commitment of construction workers.

"This is a great day for current and future trade students," said State Rep. Donald Wong. "It is going to be great to have an up-to-date building for students to pursue an education in trade work and go to college if they wish." Students will have the

first-hand opportunity to expand upon their education during construction. According to Gilbane representatives, the company has already offered opportunities for students to learn more about the construction process through guest speakers, site tours, and presentations.

Graphic design students even participated in the design of the fence that surrounds the boundaries of the project grounds.

"This project represents the best of building today for a better tomorrow,"

said State Rep. Bradley H. Jones, Jr. "This new modern facility will help educate tens of thousands of students in the trades in the years to come, benefiting us all."

The project is on track to be completed by the spring of 2026, meaning that current first-year students and sophomores will likely have the opportunity to learn in the new school building.

"This project is about creating an opportunity for students to learn about trade work and build a life

for themselves," said State Rep. Richard Haggerty. "I am proud to be able to celebrate this important milestone."

"Northeast Metro Tech provides an incredible opportunity for students from the twelve surrounding communities to receive a strong and hands-on education," said State Sen. Jason Lewis. "The new, sustainable, state-of-the-art school building will better serve the needs of students and faculty and will allow for increased enrollment, safety, and programming

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Sports

CHS Roundup

CHS FOOTBALL AT LOWELL CATHOLIC THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

The Chelsea High football team, which dropped its season-opener last Friday evening at Chelsea Stadium to Tech Boston, 28-0, will travel to Lowell Catholic tomorrow (Friday) evening. The opening kickoff is set for 7:00 at Chelmsford Stadium.

The Red Devils will return home to host Lynn English next Friday evening at Chelsea Stadium for a 6:00 kick-off.

CHS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS STANDS AT 3-0

The Chelsea High girls volleyball team stands at a perfect 3-0 on the season after victories over non-league opponent East Boston and Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Somerville and Everett.

Coach Gloria Rodriguez's squad, which has lost only one set in the three wins, will play four matches in eight days: they were at GBL foe Malden yesterday (Wednesday); they will travel to non-league opponent Latin Academy tomorrow (Friday) and to GBL rival Revere on Monday; and then return home to host GBL opponent Medford next Wednesday.

BOYS SOCCER DROPS HEART BREAKER, 4-3

The Chelsea High boys

soccer team came up just short in its season-opening contest at Excel Academy this past Saturday, dropping a 4-3 decision that was decided on the last kick of the game.

After 10 minutes of level play between the teams, Red Devil Esteban Calderon broke the deadlock with the first goal of the season for coach Mick Mlutinovic's crew. Chelsea had a nice build-up with play from its backfield, which eventually led to Calderon finding himself 1-on-1 with the keeper and slotting the ball into the back of the Excel net.

CHS captain Christian Palacios made it 2-0 five minutes later when the Excel keeper kicked the ball out of his area. However, Palacios cleared the ball from the mid-field line and the ball took an awkward, big bounce over the keeper's head and into the net.

Excel sliced the margin 2-1 with a quick response and then brought the contest back to level with a penalty kick before the end of the first half.

The teams played evenly after the intermission, but Chelsea earned a corner kick about 15 minutes into the half. Palacios took the corner and placed a perfect ball, scoring directly off the corner kick, to make it 3-0.

Excel once again bounced back to make it 3-3. Then with about a minute to go, Excel won a corner. The ball bounced around for a while before an Excel player took the

final kick of the game for the game-winning goal.

"It was an unfortunate way to lose," said CHS assistant coach William Estrada, "but we played well considering that we had many missing players. On another day, we could've won that game. Excel pushed us to play as well as we did that day."

The Red Devils will make the short trek across the Parkway to meet archrival Everett at 7-Acre Park today (Thursday) at 4:15. They will host Lynn English on Tuesday and Revere next Thursday with both contests kicking off at 5:45 at the Stadium.

CHS GIRLS SOCCER HOSTS EVERETT TODAY

The Chelsea High girls soccer team, under new head coach Naomi Mejia, will host Everett today (Thursday) at Chelsea Stadium at 5:45. They will travel to Lynn English on Monday and to Revere next Thursday.

CHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS GET UNDERWAY

The Chelsea High boys and girls cross country teams, under the direction of head coach Cesar Hernandez, opened their season yesterday (Wednesday) with a meet against Maden. They will travel to Somerville on Monday and then return to their Admiral's Hill course next Wednesday to take on Everett.

SCENES FROM CHELSEA HIGH VOLLEYBALL VS. EASTIE HIGH

Bob Marra Photos

Chelsea opened its volleyball season with wins

over East Boston and Somerville. The Red Devils look to continue last year's success, when they

posted a 16-2 record and earned a berth in the Division II post-season playoffs.



Ashley Martinez (3) and Ancrea Medina (17) make a play at the net.



Valerie Ramirez (9), Hazel Martinez (1) and Ashley Martinez celebrate a Chelsea point.



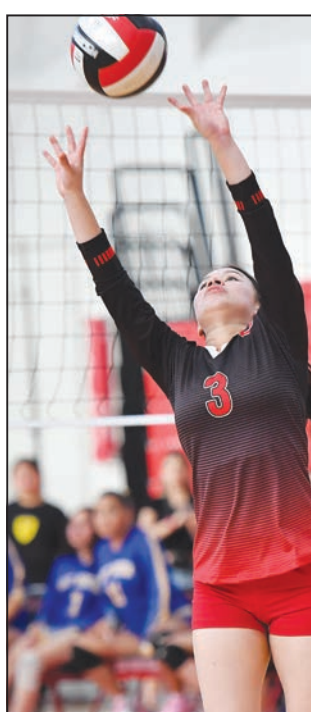
Valerie Ramirez (9) makes a leaping play at the net.



Anais Artica (6) has a determined look as she makes a return volley and teammate Hazel Martinez looks on.



Thania Simon leaps at the net to make a return shot (18).



Ashley Martinez (3) sets herself to make a set-up volley.



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OBITUARIES

Gina Lou Dorso

December 17, 1966 - August 13, 2024

Gina Dorso passed away in her home unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 13th. She was 57 years of age.

She was born and raised in Chelsea, attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1984.

She worked as a certified nurse's assistant at On Broadway Skilled Nursing Home and, at the time of her passing, she was employed at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. Gina was a long-time social member of the Sagamore Club in Chelsea where she is fondly remembered as a wonderful fun-loving person.

A lifelong resident of Chelsea, she was a beloved child of the late John R. and Celia Dorso. She is lovingly survived by her beloved companion of 40 years, Thomas "Tommy" Lubanski, Jr., of Chelsea.



She was the dear sister of John Dorso, Jr. and his wife, Brenda of Winthrop, Patricia Dobbyn and her husband, David of Connecticut and the late Doreen Dorso. She is also survived by several cherished nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends.

Funeral services were private.

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



Glen Allan Welch

May 1, 1962 - September 4, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend

visiting hours for Glen A. Welch today, Thursday, September 12th from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. A life tribute service and celebration of life will immediately follow the visitation at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Military Honors and committal at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

At 62 years of age, Glenn passed away unexpectedly in his home on Wednesday, September 4th. He was a beloved child of the late Violet Marie (Koby) "Dolly" Welch-Harrison. Born and raised in Chelsea where he attended local schools, he enlisted into the US Army during the Granada Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1983. Upon returning home, he joined the Carpenters Union Local 33 in Boston and worked on many various construction projects in the metropolitan Boston area. He was residing in Saugus for the past 20 years.

In his lifetime, he was a talented artist and painted many still life and landscape oil paintings. He also collected jewelry and watches and enjoyed following and invested in the stock market.

Glen was the loving



brother of Lawrence "Larry" Welch and his wife, Nancy and William P. Welch and his wife, Diana, all of Maine, the late Kathleen Chapman and Mark S. Welch; cherished uncle of Joshua Chapman of Boston, Jessica Lynn Downey Welch and her husband, Joseph of Florida, Melissa Marie and her husband, Luke Cyr of Maine, Carmen Welch, Valerie Welch, Angel Welch, Chrissy Welch, Cora Welch and Kasey Welch, all of Maine, Lawrence "LJ" Welch of New Hampshire, Elicia Welch of Oklahoma and the late Lawrence Welch Jr. and the adoring great uncle of William, and Tyler Cyr, Charlotte and Elsie Quiron, Nolan, and Nelson Downey, Olivia Welch and Everly Welch. He is also survived by extended family members and friends.

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



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Recognizing CHS teachers

At the first regular meeting of the Chelsea School Committee of the 2024-25 school year, Chelsea Public Schools and Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta recognized CPS teachers who earned Professional Status as well as bestowed the school district's Butterfly Award and inaugural Name, Strength and Story Award.

To receive Professional Status, educators must be fully licensed and received at least three years of satisfactory or exemplary evaluations. Congratulations to all our educators who earned professional status.

Nina Silva-Bowe of the Early Learning Center received the Butterfly Award this year. Nominated by her administrative team, Ms. Silva-Bowe has worked as the Music Teacher at the ELC for the past 10 years. She is a wonderful teacher who makes meaningful connections with her students. She is thoughtful, engaging and clearly enjoys sharing her love of music and movement with her young children. Ms. Silva-Bowe is described as "the heart and soul of the ELC".

The Butterfly Award is given to a Chelsea Public Schools teacher, by the family of Carolyn Arond, to support creative ideas and innovative instructional practices. It is presented to an educator who exemplifies the qualities and attributes that Carolyn brought to her professional practice. The recipient will receive a \$500. award that can be used for professional development opportunities or for materials and/or activities that will enhance and support student learning.

Chelsea Opportunity Academy teacher Max



COURTESY PHOTOS

Nina Silva-Bowe of the Early Learning Center received the Butterfly Award this year.



Teachers who received Professional Status were recognized at the Chelsea School Committee meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Benford earned the inaugural Name, Strength and Story Award. The Name, Strength and Story award is given to an educator who believes in a world of possibilities for their students and that behind every strength lies a future opportunity.

And behind every story is the heart of a student waiting to be understood, encouraged, celebrated and loved. This educator ignites potential, nurtures dreams, and instills a sense of self-worth in every student who walks through their classroom door.



Chelsea Opportunity Academy teacher Max Benford earned the inaugural Name, Strength and Story Award.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Mindful vs mindless eating

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Think about the food you've consumed over the past 48 hours. How much of it did you sit at a table and savor without distractions other than quiet and relaxed conversation with your dining partners? What meals or foods did you truly enjoy? What were your outstanding dining moments? Did you do any mindful eating? Would it make a difference in your life and health if you did more mindful eating?

How much mindless eating did you do? How much did you eat at your desk, walking down the street, scrolling on your phone or computer, watching media, or as bites you grab while doing another chore? Today, most of us do far too much mindless eating.

From Mindless to Mindful

The transition to more mindful eating can be a slow, step-by-step process. Here's an exercise to help you experience various aspects of mindful eating.

Plan a trip to a farmstand or farmers market and purchase two varieties of local apples. For some mindful eaters, the process begins with a thoughtful selection of the food they purchase.

Then, invite someone to taste the apples to compare the look, flavor, texture, and aroma with you. Some people find that sharing a meal and talking about their food results in more mindfulness about the food as they eat it. We love sharing apples this time of year and know this process results in more apple enjoyment than just eating an apple alone.

Compare the apples, enjoying their shape, colors, markings, and aroma, if any. Next, slice them and compare their crunch, sweet-to-sour balance, texture, and flavor. Finally, describe what you discovered about the apples. Think about the difference between eating an apple mindfully and grabbing one to chomp down while

running to catch your bus. This is the difference between mindless and mindful eating.

Steps for Mindful Eating

Step one is eating slowly, without distractions, and enjoying what you're eating. Next comes a very good suggestion for overall health and weight control: take smaller portions and learn to recognize when you're full. It takes time for your brain to register that you are full. The faster you eat, the more likely you are to eat past the point where real hunger is satisfied.

Before you decide to eat something, ask yourself if this is to answer a hunger pang or another trigger. Are you craving

food or comfort, fighting depression or anxiety, or rewarding yourself with a treat?

Try to become aware of your triggers. This can be something as simple as turning on your favorite media and sitting on the sofa. Your sofa may be the place where you routinely allow yourself to snack, and you are now craving snack food.

Thích Nhất Hạnh, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk known as the "father of mindfulness," wrote a great book on this topic, "How to Eat." We'll let him have the last word. "When you put a piece of fruit into your mouth, all you need is a little bit of mindfulness to be aware: 'I am putting a piece of apple in my mouth.' Your mind doesn't need to be somewhere else. If you're thinking of work while you chew, that's not eating mindfully. When you pay attention to the apple, that is mindfulness. Then you can look more deeply and in just a very short time you will see the apple seed, the beautiful orchard and the sky, the farmer, the picker, and so on. A lot of work is in that apple!"

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



Consider the difference between eating an apple mindfully and grabbing one to chomp down while running to catch your bus.

CHELSEA 400TH ANNIVERSARY 5K ROAD RACE

Photos by Marianne Salza

In recognition of the City of Chelsea's 400th anniversary, 400 runners participated in the Chelsea 5K Road Race, presented by the Chelsea 400 Committee and Chelsea Recreation and Cultural Affairs, on September 8.



John Garozzo and Alison Sherry.



Rotary Club President Madelyn Garcia with members Marilyn Garcia, Natasha Cruz, Bory Jimenez, Shantel Manzano, and Gerardo Flores



Ana Maria Lazaro, Alvaro Rodriguez, Rocio Madrid, Carla Amoros holding Mel, Marc Sanchez, and Maria Garcia.



Jose Vazquez, Felipe Pagno, Natalia Pincon, and Marcos Valle.



John Calle, Joaquin Guerra, Kamila Calle, and Julian Vega.



Chelsea rapper, Joe Rez, performing his song, "Chelsea MA"



Participants running in celebration of Chelsea's 400th anniversary.



Tori Willbanks, Justine Plaut, and Suraj Katepally.



Lisa Tomaszewski proudly standing in front of a Chelsea 400th anniversary banner.



Eduardo Rodriguez greeting Brian Wilson with a hug after he completed the race.



Brian Wilson, of the Seaport, who timed in at 18:11, with Eduardo Rodriguez.



Antonio Wilson coming in first place at 16:34.

MORE SCENES FROM CHELSEA 400TH ANNIVERSARY 5K ROAD RACE

Record Staff Photos

The Chelsea400 Committee sponsored a 5K Road Race through the city's streets this past Sunday, attracting more than

400 entrants on a perfect late-summer morning. State Representative Judith Garcia presented the plaques to the top men's and women's finishers.



The omnipresent Tobin Bridge looms in the distance as the 400 runners in the Chelsea400 5K Road Race trek down Broadway Sunday morning. The race began and ended at the Williams School, with the runners following a course that traversed through Bellingham Square to Chelsea Square, turning down Second St. en route to Admiral's Hill, and then passing under the bridge onto lower Broadway to head back to the Williams.



Members of the Chelsea Police Dept. and a host of volunteers turned in a superb effort to ensure that Sunday's Chelsea400 5K Road Race ran smoothly and safely for all of the 400 runners through the city's streets.jpg



Participants show off their medals following the race.



Race coordinator Adam Edgett, State Rep. Garcia, Second-place finisher Justin Turner, First-place finisher Antonio Wilson-Sousa (in a time of 16:31), 3rd place finisher Marcos Zavaleta, Chelsea Recreation & Cultural Affairs Director Bea Cravatta, and race coordinator Eduardo Rodriguez.



First-place women's finisher Cindy Cortes (in a time of 20:25) and Third-place finisher Kathy Valle display their plaques. (Kenia Tejada was the 2nd-place women's finisher.)

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LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on September 9, 2024, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council affirms its vote previously taken on December 21, 2023 regarding the establishment of a Transit Community Overlay District and formally corrects the scrivener's error in § 34-188 (d)(1) to reflect a density of 40 units per acre. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of the permanent removal of on-street parking on Carter and Fourth Street and Carter and Vale Street with 'No Overnight Parking' signage directly across 128 Carter Street.

Per Order Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson

9/12/24

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on September 9, 2024, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council that pursuant to Section 4-3(l) of the Chelsea City Charter, the Chelsea City Council approves the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 192 (representing E-911 Dispatchers) memorialized in the Memorandum of Agreement for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 dated May 3, 2024.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council that pursuant to Section 4-3(l) of the Chelsea City Charter, the Chelsea City Council approves the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the Teamsters Local 25 (representing E-911 Supervisors) memorialized in the Memorandum of Agreement for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 dated May 3, 2024.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council approves the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with Chelsea Firefighters Local 937 memorialized in the Memorandum of Agreement for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 dated June 24, 2024.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council that in accordance with M.G.L Ch. 44, Section 64, "budget management procedures", whereby costs incurred in FY23 were not paid and are owed to the vendors, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY24 budget as noted, that the City Council authorizes the following expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balances that total \$2,918.50. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

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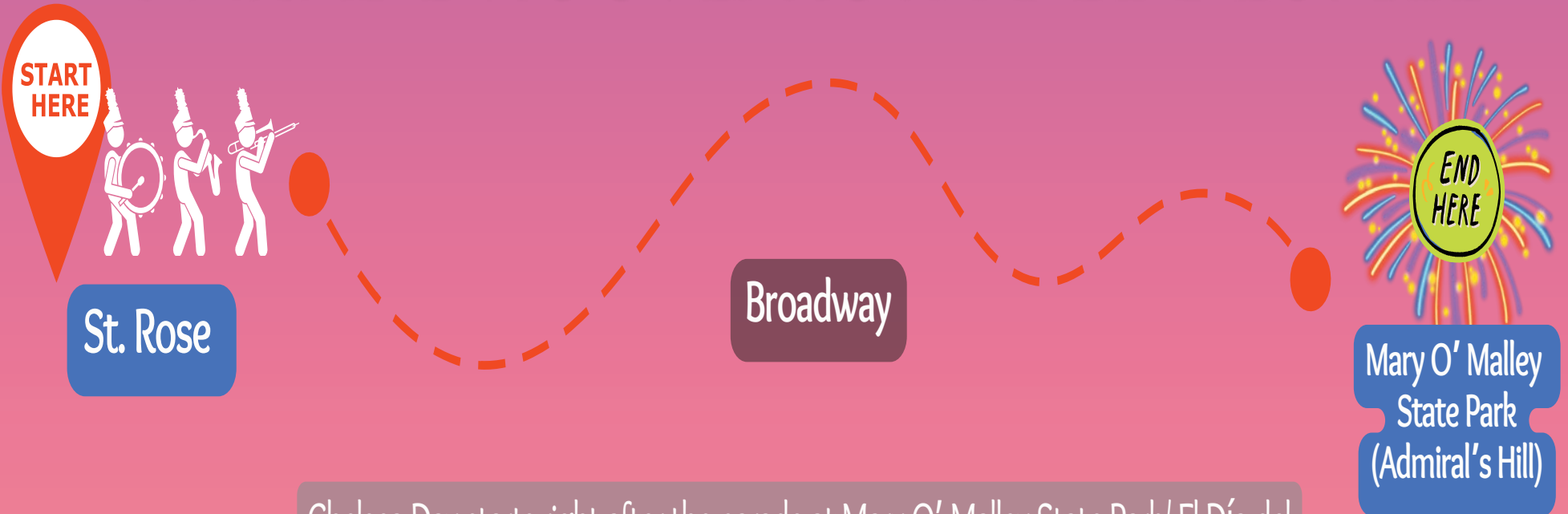
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