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The many Chelsea athletes assemble for a photo before the individual race events during the 24th Annual Chelsea Kiwanis Track & Field Day and Fundraiser that took place last Saturday, September 28. See Page 6 for more photos.

Planning board approves site plan for battery storage facility

By Adam Swift

The planning board approved the site plan for the Flatiron Energy Energizer Storage battery storage facility proposed for 284 Eastern Ave. at its regular meeting last week.

In addition, the board recommended approval of a special permit and variances for the project when it comes before the zoning board of appeals on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Flatiron Energy is an energy developer, owner, and operator that owns and operates the energy storage systems it develops. Flatiron is looking to finalize the purchase

of the Eastern Avenue property in early December, according to Flatiron co-founder and partner Jonathan Poor.

The company has offices in Boston, New York City, and Boulder, Colorado and is currently developing energy storage systems in the Greater Boston, Connecticut, and New York City areas.

The project was originally before the planning board in May to review the plans for the construction of the battery energy storage structure on Eastern Avenue.

The property itself is

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City hosts art exhibit

Special to the Record

An opening reception and unveiling of Guatemalan artist Sury Chavez's "La Piel" (Skin) exhibition was held at the Chelsea City Hall Gallery on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

"It was a great success with awesome attendance, from local artists to residents who saw the promotion on social media," said Lourdes Alvarez, the city's Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy Manager. "We had some special guests with us, including City Manager Fidel Maltez; Susana Esquivel, Vice Consul of Guatemala; Lisa Santagate from Chelsea City Council; and Annis

Sengupta, Director of Arts and Culture at MAPC. Sury Chavez received lots of compliments and really connected with everyone."

Born in Los Angeles in 1991 and raised in Guatemala from the age of five, Sury Chavez has been profoundly influenced by her rich cultural heritage. Her early passion for painting and design has evolved into a distinctive voice in the art world. In Chelsea, Chavez has made a significant impact with her murals at Rodeo, Ciao Pizza, and Bella Isla Express, as well as contributions to the Division Street murals and the city's Welcome

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Police department gets \$55,000 municipal safety grant

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vide resources and supports that will ensure they have the tools they need to protect road users."

Funds awarded to municipal police departments through the Municipal Road Safety Grant Program allows the departments to afford initiatives that include conducting traffic safety enforcement, bicyclist and pedestri-

an safety enforcement, non-enforcement activities such as trainings or community events, and purchasing traffic safety equipment or safety items to distribute in the community such as bike helmets. This year, OGR awarded \$5,637,336.83 to 191 departments – a record number of recipients for the program.

Chelsea leaders honored on annual ALX100 list

By Adam Swift

Chelsea was well represented on this year's ALX100 list from Amplify LatinX.

During this year's Hispanic Heritage Month, six Chelsea residents, including City Manager Fidel Maltez, were named to the list of 100 Latino leaders from across Massachusetts.

In addition to Maltez, the other local recipients included City Council President Norieliz DeJesus; City Councilor at Large Kelly Garcia; MA Executive Office of Economic Development's Juan Vega; Executive Director of La Vida Scholars Peter Barros; and Assistant VP & Relationship Manager at Eastern Bank Chelsea, Jose Abreu.

The full list of the Latino leaders from across the state is available on the Boston Globe's website and was printed in the Sept. 15 issue of the Globe Magazine.

The ALX100 recognizes exceptional Latino leaders who have demon-



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City Manager Fidel Maltez



Mass Executive Office of Economic Development's Juan Vega

Chelsea PD, faith-based organizations to kick off "Faith & Blue" events

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea Police Department is hosting a series of Faith & Blue events with Chelsea's faith-based organizations, including La Luz de Cristo, St. Luke's Church, Salvation Army of Chelsea, and Revival Chelsea.

Chelsea's Faith & Blue events, which aim to strengthen community ties and enhance public safety through meaningful engagement between law enforcement and residents, will kick off on Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m., at La Luz de Cristo.

"Faith & Blue represents a vital opportunity for us to connect with our community on a deeper level," said Police Chief Keith Houghton. "By partnering with our local faith-based organizations, we promote public safety

and reinforce the bonds of trust essential to a thriving community. We invite everyone to join us in these events as we work together to create a Chelsea where every resident feels safe and valued."

City Manager Fidel Maltez said the Faith & Blue initiative exemplifies the power of community collaboration

"By connecting our residents with law enforcement through the shared values of faith, we build trust and foster a safer, more inclusive Chelsea," Maltez said. "I encourage everyone to participate in

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NeighborHealth announces major clinical care expansion to meet community need for primary care

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NeighborHealth, formerly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, announced a multi-faceted clinical space expansion at the community health system's 20 Maverick Square outpatient facility adjacent to MBTA's Maverick Station in East Boston. This multi-year, two-part construction project is part of NeighborHealth's ongoing efforts to extend access to healthcare and social services across Greater Boston in response to the Commonwealth's ongoing healthcare capacity challenges.

The multi-year initiative will add 27,000 sq. feet of clinical space and 60 additional exam rooms to NeighborHealth's existing East Boston footprint, enabling the health system to accommodate thousands of new primary care patients over the next decade. Conversion of 20 Maverick's existing 4th floor into clinic space is now in progress.

"There simply isn't enough access to primary care in Boston, and it's a challenge that we're committed to addressing," said Greg Wilmot, President and CEO at NeighborHealth. "This project will help connect more of our neighbors to the high-quality primary care they need and deserve."

Designed specifically with patient-centered, team-based care in mind, the new fourth floor also supports interdisciplinary collaboration.

"Not only is NeighborHealth investing in more clinical space; we are also

investing in our care model which brings a diverse team of medical professionals to fully respond to complex and nuanced needs of today's patients," said Dr. Julio Mazul, Vice President and Interim Chief Medical Officer at NeighborHealth. "By working as a team, we are able to care for many more patients across our communities than a traditional primary care practice would be able to."

In addition to innovative design, NeighborHealth is trailblazing socially responsible and sustainable building practices. In an unprecedented commitment, NeighborHealth is exceeding existing minority participation benchmarks for its construction workforce, requiring that 50% of direct worker hours be fulfilled by minority workers and 40% of total construction funds be paid to minority-owned businesses. Together, these practices set the highest minority participation goals of any construction project within the City of Boston.

"We are truly pushing boundaries when it comes to how we build this space," said Dr. Ryan Boxill, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "This project is an investment in the community, and we are setting a new standard in our city, both in terms of our requirements for diversified onsite labor and total project dollars spent on contractor-owned businesses of color."

The multi-year project will take place in two distinct phases, commencing



Shown (left to right) are John Gioioso, Vice President, Campus Operations, NeighborHealth; Marianne Grenham, Senior Director, Adult Medicine, NeighborHealth; James Murnane, Site Manager, Wise Construction; Dr. Catherine Silva, Medical Director, Adult Medicine, NeighborHealth; Dr. Ryan Boxill, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, NeighborHealth; Greg Wilmot, President and CEO, NeighborHealth; and Hollis Graham, Associate Vice President, Strategy, NeighborHealth.

in 2024.

• Phase I: Fourth Floor Clinical Space Conversion

The first phase of the project includes the renovation of the existing fourth floor, previously used for administrative offices, into clinical space for Adult Medicine, NeighborHealth's fastest growing department. The renovation, which began in July 2024, is scheduled for completion in spring 2025 and will host 18 new exam rooms. The project is funded through a combination of federal and state grants, with an estimated budget of \$5.5 million.

• Phase II: Three-Story Addition

The second phase of this project envisions the construction of a three-story addition over the existing parking lot on Paris Street, adding approximately 17,262 square feet to the existing 49,000 square-foot 20 Maverick Square outpatient facility. The proposed design will match the existing building's height and setback, featuring a glazed exterior that compliments East Boston's historical architecture and inspires innovation within the community. Construction will begin in 2025/2026 based on ongoing funding.

To learn more about the about the completion of

this project visit: 20 Maverick Square Addition to Increase Access to Patient Care.

NeighborHealth, formerly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, NeighborHealth has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency

care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods. With nearly 2,000 employees, NeighborHealth champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other healthcare providers in our state. For more information, visit www.neighborhealth.com.

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these events and strengthen our community bonds."

La Luz de Cristo Pastor Keila Velez said it is exciting to see much more participation this year with a variety of houses of worship and the Chelsea Police Department.

"Faith and Blue is a perfect opportunity for the faith community to honor our elected officials and public servants who put themselves on the line

regularly and to pray for them," Velez said. "We believe that Chelsea will be blessed as its leaders and churches, synagogues, and mosques are all working together for the safety and good of the residents."

Schedule of Faith & Blue Events*

• October 4, 7 p.m.: La Luz de Cristo, 738 Broadway Ave
• October 11, 6 p.m.:

Temple Emmanuel, 60 Tudor Street

• October 13, 1 p.m.: Saint Luke's-San Lucas Episcopal Church, 201 Washington Ave

• October 17, 6:30 p.m.: Revival Chelsea, 278 Broadway Ave

*Additional Faith & Blue events may be added.

The events will feature music, prayer, refreshments, and opportunities for residents to engage di-

rectly with officers.

Faith & Blue facilitates safer, more unified communities by fostering partnerships between law enforcement, residents, businesses, and faith-based organizations. This national initiative emphasizes the importance of community connections and aims to create an environment where everyone feels secure and included.

Suicide prevention fundraiser event set for October 3

By Melissa Moore-Randall

A fundraiser for suicide prevention will be hosted on October 3 from 5:00-9:00 at Mission Beach House. The event is hosted by Barbara Hamilton and in memory of Ashley Frawley and Gabriel Salado. Hamilton will participate in the Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, October 19 at the Boston Common (Parkman Bandstand). A variety of raffles will be held and 20% of the sales will be donated to Team Ashley and Team Gabe.

Hamilton shared why she is walking. "I am joining hundreds of thousands of people across the country who are walking in the Out of the Darkness Community Walks to prevent suicide and support AF-SP's mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. I walk in memory of Ashley Frawley, who took her own life on August 30, 2015. Since September of that year, we have been proud to walk alongside the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. We discovered this organization just weeks after losing Ashley, and our mission has been clear: to raise awareness about suicide prevention and to break the stigma surrounding mental health. I also walk in memory of

Gabriel Salado, who took his own life on May 6, 2021. Gabe participated in many walks and fundraisers for suicide prevention, and his spirit continues to inspire us. We walk in memory of our dear friends, holding onto hope that by sharing their stories, we can help prevent further loss and create a supportive community. Together, we strive to ensure that no one feels alone in their struggle. Let's keep the conversation going and work towards a future where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued."

According to their website, "The Community Walks, held in hundreds of communities across the country, are the core of the Out of the Darkness movement, which began in 2004. These events give people the courage to open up about their own connections to the cause, and a platform to create a culture that's smarter about mental health. Friends, family members, neighbors and coworkers walk side-by-side, supporting each other and in memory of those we've lost. Suicide is a public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. Suicide can be prevented — more investment in suicide prevention, education, research, and advocacy can help save lives."

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National PACE Month observed

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This September, organizations across the country came together to raise awareness of an important senior care program we are fortunate to have in our Greater Boston community – PACE – or Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly. PACE offers a unique care model designed to help older adults maintain healthy, independent, and active lives in their homes and communities. The program serves over 77,000 participants nationwide and is growing every day.

Begun in the 1970s in San Francisco's Chinatown neighborhood, PACE is a model of care that has steadily grown since then, providing holistic and individualized care solutions that allow older adults to live at home with a higher quality of life and at a reduced cost compared with other healthcare settings such

as nursing homes. Care is provided by interdisciplinary teams comprised of primary care providers, registered nurses, home care coordinators, personal care attendants, dietitians, social workers, transportation drivers, PACE center managers, as well as physical, occupational and recreational therapists.

In 1990, the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, now Neighborhood Health, launched its PACE program, becoming a pioneer in Massachusetts by providing this unique medical services plan for seniors in East Boston and surrounding communities. Working hand in hand with families, these services provide an alternative to nursing home care.

Since then, the Neighborhood PACE program has expanded its services to improve the quality of life for adults over 55, operating five sites in East Boston, Winthrop, Ever-

ett, and Revere with both clinical care and social and wellbeing activities.

"The PACE program offers a wide variety of services, including primary and specialized medical care, prescribed medications, social services, rehabilitation, and more," explained Revere resident Lidia Hernández, member experience manager for the Neighborhood PACE program.

Today, the program serves more than 850 seniors in East Boston, Revere, Winthrop and Everett, as well as Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, and the North End.

"We also provide transportation for medical appointments, manage medications, and even deliver food to the homes of those who cannot prepare it themselves," Hernández noted, emphasizing the importance of these services for seniors and their families.



Shown are some PACE members at the new PACE site on Broadway in Everett.

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about 3.7 acres and includes Willoughby Street, which Poor said will be the main access point to the project.

The property is also adjacent to the Eversource Chelsea electrical substation. Poor said this means Flatiron will be able to use an underground connection to tie into the electrical grid.

The proposed building itself would be two stories and will have a number of compartment areas where the batteries will be stored. Outside the building will be energy inverters, transformers, and other infrastructure.

At last week's planning board meeting, Poor reviewed the activity Flatiron has taken since the initial meeting with the planning board in the spring.

Poor said they have worked with their landscape architect and community partners such as GreenRoots to rework the landscaping plan for the project.

"We want to create as much green space as possible on the property,"

Poor said.

In addition, he said Flatiron is working to help mitigate urban heat islands in the area by installing a white roof to reflect sunlight on the building, and creating as much impervious area on the property as possible.

Flatiron and its consultants have also reviewed the findings of a consultant hired by the city for a peer review, as well as by the fire department, on the project's fire safety and hazard mitigation plans, Poor said.

"The feedback was relatively minimal, we are going to take that feedback and address it," he said, adding much of the feedback will be addressed by the time of the ZBA meeting.

Flatiron and the city have agreed to a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement, and Poor said he expects a host community agreement for the project to come before the city council in the next few weeks.

Planning board members did question Poor about some of the fire and

safety measures that will be in place at the facility.

"We are designing our building's fire protection and detection systems to not only the most recent standards that are available, we are actually work with FRA (fire risk assessment) and those other groups to design our project to the upcoming standards that will be released either at the end of this year of the beginning of next year," said Poor.

He added that Flatiron is also working with its consultants and the fire chief on an emergency response plan.

Planning board member Mimi Rancatore said she would like to see some kind of additional design elements to make the building more attractive.

"I understand the landscaping is going to be helpful, but it would also be nice to have something else on the building," she said.

Poor said Flatiron is open to working with community partners on a mural or other ideas to help make the building more attractive.

City manager provides update on opioid settlement funds

By Adam Swift

Chelsea is slated to get approximately \$2 million from a total of seven opioid settlements through Fiscal year 2038.

At last week's city council meeting, City Manager Fidel Maltez provided an update on those funds and how the city plans to use them.

The office of the Massachusetts Attorney General and many other attorneys general from across the country settled lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers for their roles in contributing to the devastation caused by the opioid crisis, Maltez stated. The settlements provide that the defendants pay states and municipalities money annually through FY38 to supplement and strengthen resources for opioid prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.

To help plan for how to most effectively spend the

funds the city is expected to receive, Maltez said the city held two planning sessions in the spring with invited stakeholders. The city also issued an open application for opioid community abatement funds.

"The overall guiding principle is to use the funds to save lives," stated Maltez. "In Chelsea, even acknowledging incomplete reporting, there were eight deaths and 133 overdoses in a 16-month period."

Over the next three fiscal years, Maltez said the city anticipates receiving and making available \$780,000 in the settlement funds.

Maltez noted that Chelsea is one of the few communities in the state that has operated a substance use disorder system for several years to address substance use with several ongoing projects.

"Therefore, as a general matter, the Opioid program in Chelsea will build

upon and expand existing prevention and intervention projects," Maltez.

After reviewing the applications for the opioid abatement funds, Maltez said the city made awards to three projects.

Roca will use the funds to provide lifesaving cognitive behavioral theory skills, as well as education and workforce readiness programming, employment, and effective referral and connection to harm reduction services and clinical care to young people with opioid and substance use disorders.

The CAPIC Opioid Project will connect individuals with substance use disorders to appropriate and equitable intervention in a coordinated way and to increase their quality of life and to lead a self-sustaining life.

The Opioid Overdose Reporting Project will be a non-fatal drug overdose tracking and reporting system.

In Chelsea, City Manager Fidel Maltez said the funds will be used for various initiatives, such as overtime to participate in six traffic safety enforcement campaigns (consisting of Winter and Summer Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Click It or Ticket, and Summer

be safe on Massachusetts streets, whether traveling by car, foot, public transportation or bike," said Governor Maura Healey. "As individual communities work to address their unique traffic safety concerns, these programs provide resources and supports that will ensure they have the tools they need to protect road users."

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strated excellence and made significant contributions in their respective fields and communities, according to the Amplify Latinx website.

This year's celebration honoring the recipients is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Museum of Science in Boston.

"I am incredibly honored to receive this award alongside such inspiring leaders as we celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month," said Garcia. "It's a privilege to be recognized among Chelsea's Latinx leaders, advocates, and disruptors who are making a positive impact in our community. Congratulations to all the honorees – this is truly a celebration of our collective dedication and hard work."

Maltez said the honors show the strength of Chelsea leadership.

"We are leaders in the entire Commonwealth and it's amazing to get recog-

nized," he said. "People like Juan Vega, who has worked his whole life to improve the livelihoods of people in Chelsea, and then when he went onto the state, the entire Commonwealth. People like our council president, who similarly has been working to improve the lives of all residents, and there are also folks in the private sector who are really advocating for the Latino

community and the entire community at the same time."

Maltez noted that his wife, Maria Belen Power, was an ALX100 honoree last year.

"This one is kind of special to me, because my wife was a recipient of the award last year and I was that event as her plus-one, so she gets to attend this year as my plus-one," said Maltez.

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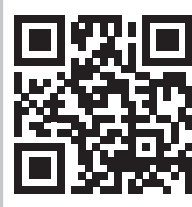
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The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Verizon for the following petitions:

Division St.

Placement of one (1) Sole owned pole, P.2.5 on the southerly side of Division Street at a point approximately 95' southwestly from existing JO pole, P.2.

Relocate one (1) JO pole, P.3 approximately 42' southwestly from its existing location located on the northerly side of Division Street.

Relocate one (1) JO pole, P.4 approximately 16' southeastly from its existing location located on the southerly side of Division Street.

This petition is necessary to accommodate construction at 15 4th Street.

Prospect Ave.

Place one (1) JO pole, P.92A approximately 20' southeastly from existing pole, P.92 located on the northerly side of Prospect Avenue.

The petition is necessary to provide new service at 655 Washington Avenue.

Public comments will be accepted during the meeting.

Written comments are accepted by email to cfox@chelseama.gov until 12:00pm on 10/22/24.

The public is invited to attend.

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BICYCLING IS NOT SAFE IN GREATER BOSTON

The tragic death of a 62 year-old bicyclist last week on Memorial Drive has highlighted the lack of safety on our roadways for even experienced cyclists. We ourselves know first-hand how dangerous Metro Boston's roads can be. We train for triathlons and are fully aware that we are taking our life into our own hands whenever we take off for a ride. Even in places where there are bike lanes on the roads, those bike lanes always just end precipitously -- eventually forcing cyclists to navigate unsafe roads alongside high-speed automobile traffic.

And even when we are in a bike lane, we still have to deal with motorists who pull out halfway into the bike lane in order to see oncoming traffic, or who are distracted thanks to cell phones, or who are under the influence (either by alcohol or marijuana), or who are just bad drivers, not to mention the prospect of being "doored" by an inattentive driver exiting their parked car adjacent to the bike lane.

Although we applaud the trend toward encouraging bicycling both for exercise and in order to reduce our dependence on cars for environmental reasons (we used to commute to work on our bike on nice days and rode our bike routinely when we were in college in Cambridge), the reality is that bicycling never is going to be widely-adopted by commuters thanks to rain, snow, ice, and summer heat-and-humidity. It's a good way to get exercise, but it has its limitations for our increasingly-aging populations and for those who are not mobile.

Biking has its place in communities with designated bike paths, such as those on Cape Cod and the islands, where we enjoyed many bike rides with our children when they -- and we -- were younger.

But the reality of the push to get people on bicycles, as laudable as it may be, is that it only will lead to more tragedies on our unsafe roads. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that 1,105 bicyclists were killed in motor-vehicle traffic crashes in 2022, a 13% increase from 976 in 2021. In addition, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there were 405,411 emergency department-treated injuries associated with bicycles in 2022.

In New York City, last year was the deadliest year for cyclists since 1999, according to that city's Department of Transportation. Of the 30 cyclists who died in 2023 on NYC streets, 23 died riding e-bikes, which is more than double the previous record for e-bike fatalities. Serious injuries among cyclists in NYC went up last year as well, with a total of 395 cyclists who were severely injured, including 79 who were riding e-bikes, an increase of about 50 from the previous year.

The U.S. never is going to be Europe, where bicycling was a way of life before the automobile and the roadways in major cities were designed with bicycling in mind. We certainly would like to see safer roads for bicyclists in and around the Greater Boston area, especially if we can add dedicated bike paths. But until we have figured it out (and have the money to pay for it), we fear that more tragedies are inevitable.

DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN FOR LONG-TIME SOX, PATS FANS

The Red Sox once again are on the outside looking in. The Sox have failed to make the playoffs for the third year in a row and the fifth time in six years. The Sox had appeared destined for a playoff spot at the midseason All-Star break, only to falter miserably in the second half of the season, a pattern of the past three years.

As for the pathetic Patriots, it's hard to imagine them winning more than one or two games for the remainder of the year, which means they will finish up even worse than last year's four-win team, leaving them out of the playoffs for the fourth season in the past five. Even worse to contemplate is that the future for the Pats appears dim. As long as Allen, Mahomes, and Jackson are still in their prime, the Pats at best will be a .500 ballclub for the next decade.

Although both the Sox and the Pats enjoyed incredible success in the first two decades of this century, the downward trajectory for both teams is not all that surprising. The Sox and the Pats may be rated among the most valuable sports franchises in the world -- the Patriots recently were ranked the fourth most-valuable NFL team -- but the ownerships of both teams take their incredibly loyal fan base for granted and appear disinterested in constructing a championship-caliber team.

The Pats' demise must be particularly galling for owner Bob Kraft, who often speaks of being a Patriot fan from the founding of the franchise in 1960 and then enduring the decades when the Patriots were among the worst teams in the NFL.

Although younger Boston sports fans came of age during a 20-year period of excellence, the woeful performances of the Sox and the Pats these days bring back sad memories for older fans of the early 1960s for the Red Sox ("When April's high expectations turned to September's tears", in the words of Ken Coleman on the Impossible Dream record) and the latter half of that decade when the Pats were the worst team in the NFL.

Ironically, when the Pats and the Sox were awful in that era, it was the Celtics who brought us success with their incredible run of NBA titles led by Bill Russell -- and once again the Celtics seem to be our only hope for joy once again, just as they were six decades ago.

With the tough summer for Sox fans behind us and the fall football season fast-forwarding (so it ends quickly) for the Patriots, hopefully the Celts will bring us some salvation this coming winter and spring.

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The Neighborhood Developers Selected by NALCAB for Award to Support Recovery and Resiliency in Latino Communities

The Neighborhood Developers has been selected by the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB), with support from TD Bank, to receive grant funding and specialized technical assistance to help strengthen programs aimed at building a sustainable pipeline of Latino homebuyers, homeowners, and renters.

This grant will support The Neighborhood Developers' delivery of financial education workshops as well as one-on-one financial coaching, helping local Latino families build wealth through homeownership and other asset-building activities.

In addition, The Neighborhood Developers will participate in NALCAB-facilitated roundtables at regional convenings, providing opportunities for collab-

oration with other housing-related organizations and peer learning across NALCAB's national network.

The Neighborhood Developers' mission is to create strong neighborhoods enabling community members to secure a stable home, achieve economic mobility, and determine their own future.

"We are honored to receive this support from NALCAB and TD Bank to help strengthen the pathways to homeownership and financial stability for Latinos in our communities. This grant will allow us to deepen our impact through targeted financial education and coaching, empowering more Latinos to build long-term wealth and economic resilience. By working together with our partners, we can create real opportunities for community members to

achieve financial security and thrive," said Rafael Mares, Executive Director of The Neighborhood Developers.

As a comprehensive community development organization, The Neighborhood Developers envisions a future that builds upon the rich history of our communities as gateways to opportunity for immigrants and people of color. Our vision is that all people have access to affordable and healthy homes, financial security, quality jobs, reliable transportation, good health, excellent education, accessible open spaces, and a strong voice in the decisions that affect their lives.

The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) is the hub of a national network of 200+ member organizations that are anchor insti-

tutions in geographically and ethnically diverse Latino communities in 46 states, Washington DC and Puerto Rico. NALCAB supports its member institutions through funding, training, research and advocacy, enabling them to invest in their communities by building affordable housing, ensuring equitable neighborhood development, supporting small business growth, and providing financial counseling on issues including credit building and homeownership. As a grant maker and US Treasury certified CDFI lender with offices in San Antonio and Washington DC, NALCAB serves hundreds of thousands of low-to moderate-income people, advancing economic equity and inclusivity.

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Speeding from July-Sept 15th) as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement overtime; both initiatives will be targeting busy streets like Broadway and Eastern Avenue.

Grants funds will also be utilized to fund 2 pole-mounted speed radar signs with cloud based equipment management capabilities so we can operate them remotely. This will be a great resource for traffic studies.

"Lastly, we always request funds to purchase bicycle helmets for children ages 6-11," Maltez said. "The Community Services Division has previously participated in the MGH Chelsea Summer Safety Bike Fair and the Chelsea Recreation Bike Rodeo, incorporating the helmets into the educational component requirement per

the grant. This year we were also approved for bicycle safety educational books. We plan on having a bicycle safety station at National Night Out next year."

Funds awarded to municipal police departments through the Municipal Road Safety Grant Program allows the departments to afford initiatives that include conducting traffic safety enforcement, bicyclist and pedestrian safety enforcement, non-enforcement activities such as trainings or community events, and purchasing traffic safety equipment or safety items to distribute in the community such as bike helmets. This year, OGR awarded \$5,637,336.83 to 191 departments -- a record number of recipients for the program.

LETTERS to the Editor

WELL DONE

To the Editor,
The residents of Annese Road and Palmer Street would like to thank

the City of Chelsea officials for the paving of our streets.

Artie Ells and the residents of Annese Rd. and Palmer St.

Your opinions, please

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Letters must be signed. We reserve the right to edit for length and content.

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Chelsea Public Schools showing signs of moving in the right direction on MCAS

Special to the Record

On the 2024 MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) Chelsea Public Schools' (CPS) test scores reflect alignment with statewide patterns. The state reported that in English Language Arts, there was a slight dip from last year; this was true for student scores in CPS as well. Performance on the math section held steady in the state this year; however, CPS had a slight growth in math.

Three out of four elementary schools in the district experienced growth across all subject areas, highlighting that investment in a curriculum that is aligned to state standards is working. Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta said, "We know there is much work to be done, but the growth we are seeing at the elementary schools is evidence that we are on the right track.

We know that we still have work to do, especially at the secondary level; however, with new curriculum materials in the secondary grades as well, we know we will see gains in the forthcoming years." CPS is trending in the right direction.

Among the elementary schools, the Berkowitz Elementary School has distinguished itself by achieving double-digit gains in every tested area. This outstanding performance has earned the Berkowitz recognition from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) as a "School of Recognition." DESE identifies a small number of Schools of Recognition annually as schools that demonstrate progress toward annual accountability targets, with an emphasis on the performance of all students in the school and the school's lowest performing students group

(where applicable).

School Committee Chair, Ana Hernandez, expressed pride in the achievement, stating, "We are incredibly proud of the hard work and determination exhibited by all our students and educators. The recognition of Berkowitz Elementary as a 'School of Recognition' is a testament of high-quality teaching and a supportive environment of excellence that we strive to create at all schools." This accomplishment reflects CPS' commitment to continuous improvement and focus on student success.

The district remains committed to fostering an engaging and enriching learning environment, aiming to further build on this momentum in the coming years.

For more information about the Chelsea Public Schools and its academic initiatives, please visit the district website at www.chelseaschools.com.



Samuel Vega teaching his fourth-grade class at the Berkowitz Elementary School.



Berkowitz School Principal Blanca Restrepo looks on as Assistant Principal Kathleen Edwards speaks with a fourth-grade student.

TMC presents fall concert on October 19

Special to the Times-Free Press

Tutti Music Collective (TMC) presents a fall concert "Resonance of Remembrance," on Saturday, October 19, 8 pm, at St. Cecilia Church, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston. The concert features the Wood Harbor Orchestra and TMC Chorus, led by Cofounder Elijah Langille, conductor. Guest performing artists include Ciaran Nagle, tenor, Tara Novak, violin and fiddle, and Ken Field, saxophone.

"Through a diversity of compositions and musical genres, we'll explore our remembering - who we are, who we should be, who we cherish, and who we have lost," shares Rachel Burckardt, composer and TMC cofounder. "Where else but at a TMC concert will you hear the mingling of a concert orchestra, chorus, jazz combo, and Irish musicians performing music mostly of local composers? Join us for an unforgettable evening of music!"

Tutti Music Collective's "Resonance of Remembrance" features the second Boston performance of Composer Rachel Burckardt's Global Music Award-winning work "Mount Auburn: A Requiem in D Minor," featuring renowned Irish tenor Ciaran Nagle, soloist. In addition, the program features Burckardt's composition "Ascendance." The performance of this work is the first collaboration of the Wood Harbor Orchestra, Ishna violinist/fiddler Tara Novak, and the Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, featuring Ken Field, saxophone, Phil Neighbors, drums and Blake Newman, bass. "For Elaine & Steve" by Burckardt, "Psalm 130" by local composer Patricia Van Ness, and "Conga del Fuego Nuevo" by Arturo Márquez round out the program.

The Tutti Music Collective and Wood Harbor Orchestra are committed to showcasing the music of local minority, LGBTQIA+,

and living composers, in the belief that concert music should reflect the diversity of the world we live in. The Collective strives to create spaces where these voices are heard and celebrated. Through the Collective's performances, it aspires to engage audiences, while championing inclusivity and equity in the arts. Learn more at thetuttimusiccollective.com.

Tickets to "Resonance of Remembrance" are \$25 general admission, \$10 seniors and students, children under 12 attend for free, available at MtAuburn-Boston.eventbrite.com and at the door. Parking is available at the nearby Hynes Auditorium Garage on Dalton Street for \$13 with a coupon available at the door. St. Cecilia Church is fully accessible

For more information about Wood Harbor Music, and Composer Rachel Burckardt, visit woodharbormusic.net.



COURTESY PHOTO

Tutti Music Collective will present a fall concert on October 19 at St. Cecilia Church.

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signs.

"La Piel" explores complex emotions such as Loneliness, Shame, and Acceptance, while examining societal expectations.

Last year, "La Piel" was showcased in the 'Las Chicas Artistas' Exhibition at the Somerville Arts Council's BIPOC Pop-Up Exhibition Space.

More information about the exhibition and gallery hours is available online at chelseama.gov.



Lourdes Alvarez, Arts Culture, and creative economy manager, Susana Esquivel, Vice-consul of Guatemala, Sury Chavez, the artist, Fidel Maltez, Chelsea City Manager, and a representative from the Vice Consul's Office at last week's art exhibit opening.



COURTESY PHOTOS

City Manager Fidel Maltez speaking at the opening of the La Piel exhibition at city hall last week.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF CHELSEA HOLDS TRACK AND FIELD DAY

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The 24th Annual Chelsea Kiwanis Track & Field Day and Fundraiser took place last Saturday, September 28, under blue skies at Merritt Park. More than 100 kids aged 6 to 15 participated in running races, three-legged races, potato sack races, a hula hoop contest, and perhaps the silliest and most fun event: a water balloon free-for-all.

Since 2001 Chelsea Kiwanis has hosted this event with support from community volunteers and generous sponsors. On one level, each year Chelsea kids have enjoyed an active day of fun and friendship with a delicious breakfast. What's more, however, is the nearly \$200,000 raised by Chelsea Kiwanis that has been

awarded in scholarships to just shy of 100 Chelsea students over the past 24 years.

Chelsea Kiwanis awards four \$2,500 scholarships annually to students graduating from Chelsea High School (CHS), Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy (CVLA), and Chelsea Opportunity Academy (COA).

This year's Podium Sponsors (\$1,000) were: Kayem Foods, Eastern Salt, Global for Good, and Cassano Development Company. Racing Sponsors (\$500) were: El Potro Mexican Grill and North Suffolk Community Services.

Next year, this Chelsea Kiwanis flagship event will celebrate its 25th year. Chelsea Kiwanis is always

looking for new sponsors, volunteers, and members to help in its mission of improving the world one

child and one community at a time.

(Event summary by Rich Cuthie)



Christina Munera, Kaylee Bonilla, and Wendy Mancía, representing North Suffolk Community Services at the agency's table Saturday in Chelsea.



Yahya Noor and his sons, Khasim Noor and Ibrahim Noor.



Ujean Valenzola (left) and Rubira Teshome.



Tattoo artist Elianni Monge (right), with Angely Prudencio and Fernanda Alegria.



The Chelsea Fire Department graciously provided tours of its fire truck and informational tips on safety and security. From left, are Jessica Wynns, Firefighter David Viemann, Firefighter Bryan Bermudez, Kiwanis Vice President Carolyn Boumila-Vega, and Kiwanis President Elaine Monge.



Chelsea Kiwanis President Elaine Monge, with Anderson and Angekly.



Kiwanis Club President Elaine Monge welcomes Chelsea Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism Charles Giuffrida and his son, Ray Giuffrida, to Track and Field Day.



Members of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club volunteered their efforts to provide a fun and athletic day for Chelsea youths on Track and Field Day at the Mary C. Burke Complex. From left are Gerry McCue, Elianni Monge, Elaine Monge, Rich Cuthie, Renee Caso, Cassandra Thompson, Jessica Wynns, Joe Carreiro, Carolyn Boumila-Vega, Veronica Dyer-Medina, Robert Sherbs, Christopher Holden, and Kristin Holden.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Jennifer Hassell lends her support to the event at the Chamber's official booth at Track and Field Day.



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A variety of raffles will be held, and 20% of all sales will be donated to Team Ashley & Gabe for the Boston Area Walk on October 19, 2024, in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
 For more information reach out to Sabrina Hamilton
 sbrinatammy27@gmail.com



Digna Depaz and her daughter, Elisa Prudencio.

CHELSEA AND REVERE SENIORS COMPETE IN ANNUAL BOCCE MATCH

The teams representing the Chelsea Senior Center and Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center of Revere competed in their annual bocce match Saturday at

the Voke Park courts.

The Chelsea team prevailed in a close, exciting match over their friends from the Beach City.

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Former Chelsea High School educator and coach Lisa Ceccherini, Donna Bongiovanni, Pam Cinelli and Sonny Dall.



Donna Bongiovanni and Nino Bongiovanni, parents of Chelsea GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni.



Maryanne Carbone-Renda and Frank Renda.



Former Chelsea sports star Jimmy Duarte (right), a brilliant catcher for the dynastic Little League Indians team, and his sister, Monique Duarte (left), provided support for their mother, Antonia Duarte (center), who was a member of the Chelsea bocce team.



Marina DeCastro, Director of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki, and Mary Birritteri.



The Chelsea Senior Center bocce team that included former candlepin bowler Billy Tedesco (front row, right), is pictured before taking the court at Voke Park for its match against the Revere team.



The Chelsea Elder Services contingent of Tracy Nowicki, Geraldine Portillo, and Michael DeJesus welcome Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center Director Deb Peczk (second from left) to Voke Park in Chelsea for the annual bocce match.



Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe (center, with his canine companion) traveled to Voke Park to cheer on the Revere seniors in their annual bocce match versus Chelsea at Voke Park.



Maribel Mendez, Maryann Carbone-Renda, and Cindy Millman were key members of the Chelsea team.

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REP. JUDITH GARCIA PARTICIPATES IN CHELSEA'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE



State Rep. Judith Garcia is all aboard for Chelsea's 400th Anniversary Parade Sept. 21 as she waves to residents on the parade route near Chelsea City Hall.

METRO CREDIT SPONSORS THE HISPANIC HERITAGE BREAKFAST



Metro Credit Union was proud to sponsor the Hispanic Heritage Breakfast last Friday at the Boston Park Plaza. In the photo above, are Traci Michel - SVP Chief Operating Officer & Chief Strategy Officer, Charlene Bauer- SVP Outreach, Advocacy & Chief Development Officer, Alberto Vasallo-CEO El Mundo Newspaper, Monica Santos - SVP Chief Marketing Officer, and Robert Cashman - President and CEO.



Shown are Fidel Maltez, Chelsea City Manager, Charlene Bauer, SVP Outreach, Advocacy & Chief Development Officer, Traci Michel, SVP Chief Operating Officer & Chief Strategy Officer, Monica Santos, SVP Chief Marketing Officer, Saritin Rizzuto, VP Relationship Manager Business Development, Chelsea Police Captain David Rizzuto, and Robert Cashman - President and CEO, Metro Credit Union.



Shown are Fidel Maltez- Chelsea City Manager, Saritin Rizzuto VP Relationship Manager Business Development, Josh Kraft, President of the New England Patriots Foundation, and Chelsea Police Captain David Rizzuto.

King Richard's Faire

The New England Renaissance Festival

Special to the Times-Free Press

Thou art most welcome! The 43rd annual King Richard's Faire, New England's largest and longest-running Renaissance festival now open until October 20, 2024. Faire hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day.

Nestled on a beautiful 80-acre wooded site off Rt. 58 in Carver, MA, this enchanting event features tree-lined paths leading to a magical village ruled by King Richard XI, Queen Anne III, and their royal court. Visitors can enjoy a day filled with colorful performances by acrobats, aerialists, jugglers, fire-eaters, musicians, dancers, and puppeteers, all celebrating the spirit of the Renaissance.

This season, King Richard's Faire provides the region's finest live entertainment with eight stages showcasing hundreds of performers from near and far. Visitors can enjoy a full day of shopping, tantalizing foods and drink, thrilling rides, and games, making it the perfect escape from everyday life. The excitement includes daily jousting tournaments where daring knights clash, and bawdy beggars compete in the Mud Pit. Dancing fairies frolic through the forest, children can take a ride on a real live unicorn and royal dogs perform tricks on stage. Throughout the village, friendly inhabitants guide guests into a whimsical world filled with engaging performers, puppets, pirates, pipers, and princesses. Unlike traditional stage shows or films, King Richard's Faire offers a uniquely personal, immersive experience, creating an unparalleled day of live entertainment.

NEW entertainment in 2024:

Broadway Style Musical Comedy

This annual favorite returns with a brand-new show, featuring the main cast of King Richard's Faire's characters. It is sure to delight young and old with comedic spoofs of songs we know and love. Stop by to see the King, Queen and their Court, as they dance their way out of this year's precarious predicament and into some of the very best memories of the day!

The Rogue Piper- Aaron Lindo- Warwick, RI

Whether outside the front gate or around the Tournament field, this strapping piper provides a classic soundtrack to the festival day. With rogue-ish good looks and blaring talent you are sure to follow this piper anywhere. 2024 marks Arron's debut at the helm of this musical masterpiece. Bagpipes.

Bards of Gungywamp- Jeff Butler- New London, CT

Jeff Butler takes the lead as this boisterous group supplies a strong beat that will course throughout the realm in 2024. The Bards of Gungywamp deliver the sound of another world and

a time gone by. Music fans will revel in their rhythmic radiance which can feature anything from sea shanties to punk rock delivered in the form of Celtic chaos that is the Bards of Gungywamp. Violin, guitars, banjo, percussion, recorder/flutes.

Hey Nunnie Nunnie! - Dana McCain & Shannon O'Brien- NY (Weekends 1-5)

Woenia confess!... Sister Philomena Claire and Mother Redempta will have audiences coming back for more in 2024. This "Sister" act has been traveling worldwide for more than 30 years and easily blends their musical talents with side splitting comedy. These two nonsense filled nuns make laughter a religious movement that you'll pray never ends!

Thunder's POWER Show- Etienne McGinley- WA

As a student of the Ringling Brothers Clown College and Ecole Internationale du Theatre Jacques Lecoq, this performer learned what it means to entertain. With powerful witty banter and stunts featuring flaming torches, battle axes, or balancing high atop tubes of death, this show will leave you in awe. When life's choices lead you to the King's Stage the suspense will be real, as you watch Thunder make a trampoline out of the line between bravery and lunacy.

El Zappo- John Lepiarz- NJ

Time tested and audience approved this veteran of performance will show you what it means to be entertained. El Zappo leads you through an experience complete with wacky noises, belly laughs, and performative skills that have been perfected over the course of his long and incredible career. The real-life father of TikTok sensation Jacques Ze Whippeur, El Zappo will showcase the whipping skills that were his son's inspiration, along with other impressive classic sideshow skills like knife throwing. This season catch him on the Queen's Stage.

Cirque Us- Charles Keidel, Brandon Beall, Clara Duffy- Boston/ Southshore Canton, MA

Contortion, aerial grace, and acrobatic excellence await all who come to the Faire. With modern twists on classic stunts you'll see a wide array of cultivated skills that have been masterfully perfected. With over 50 years of circus skills combined, this show has something for everyone. Whether it's balancing upside down or flying high in the canopy of the trees, the wonder of the circus will take center stage as this trio showcase their impressive works in Cirque Us.

Leaping Leopard- Brian Koenig- Canton, MA (Weekend 1)

A leopard never changes its spots, and this performer never disappoints. Families will be leaping with joy after watching this show. Juggling, slack rope

walking and feats of silly combined with high energy enthusiasm for the dangerous. Make sure to catch this leopard before he escapes. Opening weekend only!

Loud Mime- Will Flederman- New Orleans, LA (Weekends 5-8)

Shout it from the rooftops the Loud Mime will be at King Richard's Faire the last 3 weekends of the 2024 season. Coming all the way from New Orleans, LA this performer screams talent. With a less than subtle sarcasm and a skill set that cannot be contained inside a box, Will's mime persona is vibrant, flamboyant, and loud. There's no escaping it, he's one you'll be talking about for a long time!

Returning favorites in 2024:

Hanlon Lees Action Theater - Jousting Knights and Steeds- OK

Catch these talented horsemen...and women, three times daily on the Tournament Field. Each performance allows the audience to witness epic battles complete with sword fights and four magnificent horses. Revel in your adrenaline rush as you watch these brave knights compete to become the King's Champion.

Muttville Comix - Jonny Peers- FL

These high energy canines will have you captivated with their agility. Jonny ...and his Peers will leave you with your tail wagging and mouth agape, applauding their tricks of the trade with absolute pleasure!

Washing Well Wenches - Emily Asbury & Stephanie Ward- NY

Wet, dirty women... Good, clean FUN! These two laundresses of the realm will have you rolling in the aisles as they give away prizes of love. If you like men, beer, and laughing... or all of the above, these gals are for you! Hysterical comedy is the stain on the shirt that these wacky wenches wear with pride!

The Mud Show - Sturdy Beggars- NY, TX

The "Greatest Show in Earth" is back to make you laugh. A favorite of more than 40 years... these guys will do anything for a buck, and you'll be begging to see them do it. Comedy is a competition for these guys, and both aim to prove neither one is a stick in the mud!

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Tickets/Tips: Guests are encouraged to pre-purchase tickets online at kingrichardsfaire.net, so they may choose and secure the date of their visit. Note: pet animals are not allowed unless they are legally identified service animals, and no outside food or beverages are allowed into the Fairgrounds. Cosplayers and costumes are welcome! See our website for more FAQs and details.

Visit kingrichardsfaire.net for a site map, special events and entertainment schedules, and ticket information.



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Among the entertainment is Hanlon Lees Action Theater - Jousting Knights and Steeds

CHS Roundup

JOJ NETS FOUR GOALS AS CHS BOYS WIN TWO, IMPROVE TO 4-3

The Chelsea High boys soccer team extended its winning streak to three games, improving to 4-3 on the season, with a pair of victories this past week over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Medford and Lynn Classical.

In last Thursday's match at Medford, the Red Devils found themselves trailing 1-0 within the first two minutes when the Mustangs converted on a direct kick that hit the post and caromed into the back of the net.

However, the Red Devils rebounded quickly to bring the contest back to level. A Chelsea attack from the back line sent the ball upfield to forward Jose Joj, who cut in toward the Medford goal at the top of the box, drawing the Mustang defenders. Jose then sent a nice pass to Christian Palacios on the other side, over the Medford back line. Christian took one touch to settle the ball and then drilled a shot over the Mustang keeper's head to make it 1-1.

Shortly thereafter, Josafath Gonzalez threw the ball in from the sideline and Emanuel Perez struck the ball on the half-volley over the Mustang keeper's head to make it 2-1. The second half proved to be 40 minutes of back-and-forth momentum shifts, but ultimately the Red Devils prevailed for the 2-1 victory.

This past Monday at Manning Field, Lynn Classical came out fast, with most of the early chances coming from the Rams' attack. However, just as in the Medford game, Jose Joj crossed the ball from the left to sophomore Ryan Orellana on the right side. Ryan took one touch inside and curled a brilliant shot past the Classical keeper. Moments later, Steven Gamez delivered a perfect strike on a free kick to make it 2-0. Before the half ended, Gamez delivered the ball from a corner kick and Joj headed it in to make it 3-0.

Chelsea kept up the momentum after the intermission, with Joj netting his second goal to extend the Chelsea lead to 4-0. However, the Rams refused to quit and soon cut the Chelsea lead in half with a pair of goals on a free kick and a penalty kick. The momentum then shifted in Lynn Classical's favor and it seemed like their third goal was coming at any moment.

However, freshman Erick Herrera sent a ball over the top of the Ram defenders to Joj, who controlled the bouncing ball and sent a strike into the back of the Classical net for a "natural" hat trick and a 5-2 Chelsea lead.

"You could feel the relief after our fifth goal was scored," noted CHS assistant coach William Estrada, but the Red Devils

continued to press. Joj received a nice ball from Esteban Calderon from the right side and tapped it in to score his fourth goal of the game for the 6-2 finale.

Coach Mick Milutinovic and his crew, who stand at 4-2 in the GBL, will take on Somerville today (Thursday) at 5:45 under the lights at Chelsea Stadium in a key GBL battle. They will entertain non-league opponent East Boston on Monday and archrival Everett on Tuesday, with both of those matches starting at 5:45. They will travel to Lynn English next Thursday evening for a 7:30 match under the lights at Manning Field.

TWO UP, TWO DOWN FOR CHS VOLLEYBALL

The Chelsea High team split its four contests this past week, falling to Lynn Classical (0-3) and Somerville (0-3), but defeating Lynn English (3-1) and Boston Latin Academy (3-

0).

In the match with Lynn English, Hazel Martinez served 16 aces and made 13 digs. Anais Artica led Chelsea in kills with seven.

Coach Gloria Rodriguez and her crew, who stand at 7-4 on the season, played at Everett last night (Wednesday) and will make the short trip across Chelsea Creek to East Boston tomorrow (Friday) evening. They will entertain Malden on Monday and Revere next Wednesday.

CLOSE CONTESTS FOR CHELSEA CROSS COUNTRY

The Chelsea High girls and boys cross country teams narrowly came up short in their meets last week at Lynn Classical.

On the girls' side, a 27-29 loss, the Lady Red Devils just missed out on a draw or win. The top five finishers for coach Cesar Hernandez's squad were Hazel Hatleberg in 2nd,

Angely Mejia (5th), Aly Perez (6th), Maria Sola (7th), and Alison Osorio (10th).

The boys fell by a 25-30 decision. Chelsea's top finisher was Sherwin Kim, who was 2nd overall, following closely behind Lynn's top runner. Kyle Leong (5th), Eric Anderson (6th), Ivan Irias-Padilla (7th), and Carlos Perez rounded out the Red Devils' top five finishers.

Hernandez and his squad ran at Lynn English yesterday (Wednesday) and will host Medford next week on the course at Admiral's Hill.

CHS FOOTBALL AT ROXBURY PREP

The Chelsea High football team will be seeking its first win of the season when the Red Devils travel to take on Roxbury Prep tomorrow (Friday) in West Roxbury.

Chelsea came up on the short end of a 22-8 decision last week at Somerville.

OBITUARIES

James M. Cormier

December 9, 1953 - September 25, 2024



Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for James

M. Cormier, on Wednesday, October 2 in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. His funeral will be conducted from the funeral home today, Thursday, October 3rd at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

At 70 years of age, James (Jimmy) Cormier passed away on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, in the peaceful surroundings of his home in Hudson, NH. Born in Dover, NH, Jimmy grew up in Chelsea and attended Chelsea High School before joining the National Guard. As a young man he did mechanical and construction work, eventually working for the National Parks Service as a Maintenance Mechanic Work Leader. He found his calling there, enjoying the camaraderie of his colleagues and the beautiful surroundings of the Saugus Iron Works.

Jimmy was widowed twice, first by Pauline (Comeau) Cormier and then by Cynthia (McGill) Cormier, both originally from Chelsea. He is survived by his stepsons Christopher Mercer of Derry, NH and John Mercer of Hudson, NH and stepdaughters Angela Lepore of Chelsea and Kelly Lepore of Ft. Worth Texas. He was the cherished brother of Joan Cormier of Ladysmith, Virginia, Janice and Angus MacDonald of Methuen, Walter and Barbara Cormier of Everett, Daniel Cormier and Marta Priftis of Falls Church, Virginia, and his brother-in-law Robert Young of St. Albans, West Virginia. Jimmy was predeceased by his sisters, Catherine Mahoney and her husband, Joseph of Methuen and Mary Young of St. Albans, West Virginia, and brothers Richard Corm-



ier and John Cormier, both of Chelsea. He was a proud Papa to Christopher, Jr., Lily, Chloe, Joey, Chayse, Mason, Bentley, KJ, Antonio and Bridget. James is fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, especially the gang at the Nan King in Hudson, his niece, Haley Mealey, and his special bromance buddy, George.

Jimmy had a personality as big as his voice but not quite as large as his laugh. Stories abound of the misadventures of the Cormier boys, especially the four youngest, who were as close in friendship as they were in age. He was incredibly handy, working as a mechanic, carpenter and handyman throughout his life. If Jimmy couldn't fix it, he knew a guy. He made friends easily, sharing laughs and adventures over a Heineken and a smoke. He was fortunate to have had two great loves, building a family with Pauline and later enjoying retirement with Cindy, whose daughters adopted him as their own. Until recently, he had breakfast every weekend with his lifelong friend, Guy, and was heartbroken when he passed before him. Jimmy's passing leaves a hole in the hearts of so many.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

<https://www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give>

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CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Groundskeeper / Custodian

JOB SUMMARY

The Groundskeeper / Custodian position involves the maintenance of lawns, trees, shrubs, flower beds, walkways, roadways, parking lots, etc.; the cleaning and maintenance of floors, walls, ceilings, windows, fixtures, etc., in offices, public areas and apartments; and performing minor maintenance repairs. He/she will be required to lift and carry heavy objects and to work outdoors in all types of adverse weather conditions.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

The candidate receives direct supervision from the Maintenance Supervisor, who directs the work to be done, and inspects work upon completion for timeliness, workmanship, neatness, and appearance.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES

1. Performs a wide range of groundskeeping and custodial functions, which frequently calls for physical exertion.
2. Maintains lawns, trees, shrubs, flowerbeds, walkways, roadways, and parking lots using hand and power equipment.
3. Shovels and operates equipment to remove snow; treats stairs, walkways, roadways and parking lots with sand and/or ice melt.
4. Empties trash barrels; moves dumpsters out for scheduled pick-up; cleans and deodorizes trash rooms and dumpster areas; picks up litter.
5. Cleans buildings, apartments, offices, common areas, stairwells, lobbies, and other areas.
6. Sweeps, mops, strips, waxes and polishes floors, walls, and woodwork; dust furniture and equipment; empties waste baskets; washes windows; vacuums and shampoos rugs; cleans appliances; removes graffiti.
7. Makes daily checks on the condition of lighting, plumbing and other fixtures, stairwells, entry areas, hallways, walkways, utility rooms, etc., and reports unsafe conditions or anything in need of repair to the Maintenance Coordinator.
8. Performs minor maintenance and repair work such as clearing plumbing blockages, changing lightbulbs, unlocking doors for tenants or contractors, changing batteries, and distributing notices.
9. Move furniture, files, and equipment; arrange tables and chairs for special events.
10. Operates and maintains mowers, trimmers, clippers, power washers, vacuum cleaners, floor scrubber/cleaning machines, buffers, snow removal equipment and other groundskeeping and custodial equipment.
11. Maintain records on preventive maintenance programs, repairs, stock utilization and work orders via smart phone or computer.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Work in a safe, courteous, and professional manner within a service environment.
2. Perform preventive groundskeeping and custodial procedures.
3. Maintain electronic records on preventive maintenance programs, repairs, installations, stock utilization and work orders.
4. Be proficient with hand tools, power tools, email, and smartphone use.
5. Be available to respond to emergencies that may arise after normal working hours.
6. Perform minor maintenance tasks.
7. Perform all other related duties that may be assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

1. Knowledge of proper groundskeeping and custodial cleaning methods.
2. Knowledge of the proper use of chemicals commonly used for custodial duties.
3. Knowledge of occupational hazards and safety measures.
4. Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
5. Ability to work independently and effectively following a set work schedule.
6. Ability to maintain acceptable working relationships with co-workers.
7. Ability to work in adverse weather, dusty and dirty conditions, as well as cramped quarters and high places.
8. Ability to lift heavy objects.

QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

- High school graduate with at least one year of full-time, or equivalent part-time experience in building custodial and groundskeeping.
- Must have a valid class III Driver's License
- Position will be offered, contingent upon a successful CORI check and driving record history

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Job Type: Full time, 40 hours per week Over Time after 6 month probationary period

Bargaining Unit: Fireman and Oilers SEIU Local 3

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Position open until filled.
Interested applicants must submit a letter of interest and resume to the Director of Maintenance and Modernization James Krasco at 51 Exeter Street or to jkrasco@chelseaha.com

OBITUARIES

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Revere's Matt Misci will host Italian-themed comedy show at Lynn Auditorium

By Cary Shuman

Revere resident Matt Misci will be spending his 48th birthday in a very special way: on stage at the Lynn Auditorium hosting "La Famiglia of Boston Comedy" show before an expected crowd of 2,000 fans.

"I couldn't be more excited about this appearance [on Saturday, Oct. 12]," said Misci. "I'll be performing comedy with two of my best friends, Dave Russo and Paul

D'Angelo, and two other great comedians, Brad Angelo and Frank Santorelli, that have really been boosting my career as far as getting to open for them. We're all Italian, so it seems like a fun night on Columbus Day."

Misci is in his sixth year as a professional comedian, performing throughout New England and in Florida.

Chris Flahive, owner of CFProductions, tabbed Misci for the coveted assignment of hosting the

show. "Chris has been a family friend since childhood and he's been really instrumental into getting me into the comedy scene," said Misci. "I like working with Chris, and the other four performers on the show are superstars. Paul D'Angelo is one of the best comedians around, and he's just so humble. He's the guy that boosted my confidence, but if it weren't for Chris, I wouldn't be doing comedy at all."

A proud Revere High graduate
Matt Misci is the son of Gail Misci and the late Thomas Misci, the beloved principal of the Seacoast Academy, which became the new innovation high school, City Lab. A 1994 graduate of Revere High School and a captain of the boys hockey team coached by Jim Palumbo, Misci recalled the great support and inspiration he received from two of his favorite teachers, Mr. Joe Cipriano [Mathe-

matics] and Ms. Ann Marie Costa [Art]. "I had Ms. Costa four classes a day for Art, and I would have to say she really molded my creativity to become an entertainer and a barber," said Misci, who is also a graduate of Fitchburg State with a degree in Sociology. "Every morning the first person I saw was Ann Marie Costa, and I stayed in her class for four periods, and then I did my core classes [math,



Matt Misci will be hosting a comedy show on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Lynn Auditorium.

See MISCI Page 11

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 24 SM 003389 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Sotiris Sotiropoulos a/k/a Sotirios Sotiropoulos, Garifalia Sotiropoulou a/k/a Garifalia Sotiropoulos, Stavros Sotiropoulos and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. G. 50 §3901 (et seq): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2003-6 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 68 Pearl Street, given by Sotiris Sotiropoulos to The Anyloan Company, dated October 8, 2003, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 33007, Page 313, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 11/04/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 9/23/2024 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder 10/3/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on September 10, 2024, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations: To apply lane pavement markings along both sides of Clark Avenue to clearly define the edges of the new singular travel lane; to install regulatory signs ('Do Not Enter,' 'No Left Turn,' and 'No Right Turn' signs) to restrict access to Clark Avenue, from Webster Avenue and Stockton Street; and to reverse the orientation of all traffic signs on their existing sign posts on the east side of Clark Avenue to face the new southbound-only traffic. To post a handicap sign at 55 Cary Avenue. To post a handicap sign at 102 Grove Street. To post a handicap sign at 72 Spencer Avenue. To designate one on-street parking space for the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 9/23/2024 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder 10/3/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU24P2030EA
Estate of: Amy Pacheco Also Known As: Amy Forman Date of Death: May 26, 2024 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Anthony Forman of Newark, NJ. Anthony Forman of Newark, NJ 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 procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 10/03/24 C

you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Rebecca D. Edmondson-Korom, Esq. Edmondson-Korom Law LLC 111 Everett Ave. Suite 1E Chelsea, MA 02150, your answer, if any, or before 11/14/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 24, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 10/03/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU24P2065EA
Estate of: Francis Joseph Woodford Also Known As: Francis J. Woodford Date of Death: August 13, 2023 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Peter J. Woodford of Wilmington, MA. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. 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 procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 10/03/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU24P1900EA
Estate of: George Leander Mugford Also Known As: George L. Mugford Date of Death: August 5, 2024 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Kathy A. Ings of N. Billerica, MA. Kathy A. Ings of N.

Billerica, 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 procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 10/03/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, the Chelsea Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on: Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 6:00 PM via Zoom video conference to review the Notice of Intent submitted by Demoulas Super Markets, for a retail store and site improvements at the Mystic Mall, 170 Everett Avenue. Register to join here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89555046777?pwd=0DKx5rDe7FEZf-KU0mBoxXgys5f1aD.1> Call in Number: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 895 5504 6777 A copy of the Notice is available for review in the Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning, Rm 106, City Hall, during City Hall business hours. Per Order Stephen Sarikas Chair 10/3/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
September 19th, 2024 City of Chelsea 500 Broadway, Room 101 Chelsea, MA, 02150 617-466-4197 These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Chelsea. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about October 4th, 2024 the City of Chelsea will submit a request to the U.S Department of

Treasury for the release of American Recovery Plan Act funds under the PH-NEI category of this funding source. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT The City of Chelsea has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Chelsea City Hall, Department of Housing and Community Development, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 and may be examined or copied Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8AM to 4PM, Tuesdays 8AM to 7PM and Fridays 8AM to 12PM. PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Department of Housing and Community Development. All comments received by October 4th, 2024 will be considered by the City of Chelsea prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION The City of Chelsea certifies to HUD that John DePriest in his capacity as Director of the Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and allows the City of Chelsea to use Program funds. OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Chelsea's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Chelsea; (b) the City of Chelsea has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD's administration office at 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should

contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. John DePriest, Director of Land Use Planning 9/26/24, 10/3/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
October 3, 2024 Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300 Boston, Massachusetts 02114 Telephone # 617-573-1300 North Suburban HOME Consortium c/o Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development 215 Pleasant Street, Third Floor Malden, Massachusetts 02148 Telephone # 781-324-5720 These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and the Malden Redevelopment Authority (MRA) d/b/a City of Malden Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, as agent for and representative member of, the North Suburban HOME Consortium. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about October 21, 2024, EOHLC and the MRA will submit separate requests to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the following funds, Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) funds under Section 8, The Housing Act of 1937, as amended, HOME Program Funds (HOME) available through the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12701 et. Seq. as amended, to undertake a project to be known as 4th @ Broadway located at 14-19 Fourth Street & 361-387 Broadway Avenue in Chelsea, MA. The project involves the new construction/rehabilitation of 62 mixed-income rental housing units. Eight units will receive Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher funds. The project anticipates \$1,100,000 in North Suburban HOME funds. Additional public funding anticipated includes Chelsea ARPA, Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency Workforce Housing, Massachusetts project-based vouchers, and State and Federal Low-income housing tax credits. The project sponsor is Arx BC LLC, and the total estimated project cost is \$42,025,116.68. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT Both agencies have determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore,

an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and is available upon request at the MRA, Malden City Hall, 215 Pleasant Street, Third Floor, Malden, MA 02148 or online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/> or at EOHLC, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114 and may be examined or copied during normal business hours; MRA: Mon, Wed, and Thurs 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Tues. 8:00 AM-7:00 PM or at EOHLC: Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this activity may submit written comments to EOHLC or to the MRA at the respective addresses indicated above. All comments received by October 18, 2024, will be considered by these agencies prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and proposed project they are addressing. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION EOHLC certifies to HUD that Catherine Racer in her capacity as Certifying Officer, and the MRA certifies to HUD that Gary Christenson in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Malden, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows both agencies to use Program funds. OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and this certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the MRA or EOHLC; (b) the North Suburban HOME Consortium or EOHLC has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the following email address: CPDRRQF-BOS@hud.gov Potential

objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Gary Christenson, Mayor, City of Malden, MA Catherine Racer, Associate Director, EOHLC 10/3/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS
SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES FOR CITY AND SCHOOLS
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking bids for "SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES FOR CITY AND SCHOOLS". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after October 03, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES FOR CITY AND SCHOOLS" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than October 24, 2024 by 10:00 AM. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid proposal, to reject any or all bids 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 bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 10/3/24 C

ing all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 10/3/24 C

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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 23, 2024, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the sum of \$50,976.74 representing the unexpended portions of projects appropriated under the Fiscal Years 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Capital Improvement Plans for the projects as noted, and which remains available after the discontinuation or completion of the projects for which the funds were authorized and which are no longer needed to complete these projects, are hereby transferred in the amount of \$50,976.74 for vehicle acquisitions to the Fiscal Year 2025 DPW Vehicle Acquisition project, Account 55402511 series. Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64, "budget management procedures", whereby costs incurred in FY24 were not paid and are owed to the vendors, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY25 budget as noted, that the City Council authorizes the following expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balances that total \$2,925.26 from prior years. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$89,018.20 as a transfer from special revenue TNC Surcharge Distribution Fund # 5019 from funds distributed to Chelsea from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund - in order to supplement the Fiscal Year 2025 DPW Streets & Sidewalks Capital Road Improvements line item - Account #0142258-583100 to be used for the purpose of roadway repair. Ordered, by this vote, the Chelsea City Council formally accepts and approves the BARR Foundation grant in the amount of \$460,000 to the City of Chelsea and authorizes the City Manager to direct the funding to the North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability. 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 10/3/24 C

MBTA launches NextGen Bus Navigation Pilot Program, employees to use new digital tools

Special to the Record

The MBTA announced the beginning of its new NextGen Bus Navigation Pilot Program, a new initiative designed to assist bus operators in navigating detours and other road challenges. In partnership with Swiftly, a transit technology company committed to open data and interoperability, off-the-shelf tablet technology will be piloted in the operator cabs of up to 100 buses by the end of the year, providing turn-by-turn directions similar to navigation apps like Google Maps or Apple Maps. The NextGen Bus Navigation Pilot is supported by major new features in Skate, the MBTA's internally managed bus dispatching app, which allow the MBTA's Operations Control Center to map out, monitor, and manage unplanned bus detours on-the-fly.

"This technology is a step forward in improving service for customers and supporting our drivers who need to be nimble when unforeseen obstacles get in the way of running vehicles on regular routes," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "MBTA bus service is a great option for travel and we believe the new technology will result in more efficient bus service, reduced travel times, and improved service reliability."

"As we continue to improve bus service for our riders, it's important to put our workforce in a better position to succeed. We all know how the ability to navigate our road network can vary from day to day, and even hour by hour,

affecting travel times. We are utilizing technology to give our dispatchers and operators the tools to make timely decisions and deliver improved and more reliable travel for our riders. The NextGen Bus Navigation Pilot does just that," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "Providing our front-line bus operators with turn-by-turn directions is another example of the investments we're making in our workforce, building a more resilient and nimble transit system. Credit goes to our Technology and Operations teams along with our Safety Division that have worked to ensure the NextGen Bus Navigation Pilot Program is safely implemented."

Automobile drivers increasingly use navigation apps like Google Maps or Apple Maps for turn-by-turn directions, which typically provide the fastest, most efficient route. However, the needs of the MBTA's buses, which operate along fixed routes making hundreds of scheduled stops at bus stops, are very different. During special events, closed streets, and unplanned subway service suspensions, MBTA buses follow approved detours and shuttle bus accommodations provided by the Control Center, which can sometimes be complicated by narrow and winding streets.

In designing and implementing the NextGen Bus Navigation Pilot, the MBTA addressed these challenges by:

Using modern practices from the technology industry: Rather than relying purely on proprietary systems, the MBTA combined

its in-house software engineering staff experts with an in-development tool from Swiftly.

Centering safety: Minimizing distractions is even more important for bus operators than for most drivers given their varied responsibilities keeping riders safe. The MBTA's Safety Division has been engaged since this pilot's inception, orchestrating testing and planning that helped Swiftly and internal technology staff ensure that the pilot technology is supportive, not distracting, for bus operators.

Listening to front-line staff: For almost a year, the MBTA and Swiftly iterated and tested with bus operators, inspectors, and dispatchers, ensuring that the turn-by-turn software and new detour features in Skate reflect the input and expertise of front-line staff.

"Providing safe and reliable service is the core to everything we do at the T — and that starts with supporting our operators," said MBTA Director of Bus Safety Asia Williams. "Turn-by-turn navigation will ensure a seamless transition as the T continues to update its routes and reinforce bus operators' existing knowledge, giving them more confidence. We tested this feature with our operators and instructors to ensure that the technology works seamlessly in real-world conditions, creating a safer on-board experience."

Swiftly's navigation solution will provide bus operators audible and visual turn-by-turn directions from a low-cost, off-the-shelf tablet. Concurrently,

new features in the internal Skate app allow bus dispatchers to draw detours on a map from the Control Center — Skate then allows these detour maps to be shared with inspectors and other staff who manage service in real time across the system. The MBTA plans to eventually push these detour directions to the in-cab Swiftly tablets, and ultimately also to bus riders via industry-standard real-time open data feeds.

"We are delighted to partner with the MBTA to bring a modern navigation experience for the unique concerns of transit to life," said Swiftly's Chief Product Officer Meredith Bordon. "With Navigation in Onboard App, transit agencies can prevent wrong turns, improve service reliability and safety, guide operators through detours, and build operator confidence. While feedback from dozens of transit agencies informed Swiftly's approach, the MBTA's unique open data standard orientation and innovative development approach made the agency an extraordinary partner in solving transit navigation challenges for the whole industry."

By building on a combination of in-house tools, off-the-shelf hardware, and modern vendors like Swiftly, the MBTA is preparing for future innovation and iteration. In an industry where technology can often remain stagnant, the MBTA's Technology Innovation Department can iterate quickly based on feedback from dispatchers and other front-line staff.

"We've hired over 350 new operators in the last year. Though we train operators on all routes, it still can be a nerve-wracking experience to get out on the road for new operators," said MBTA Executive Director of Bus Transportation Sean Mills. "This helps provide them with more confidence to learn more routes and be able to cover what would otherwise be dropped trips, when they have availability."

"The team has built the detours feature with dispatchers, for dispatchers," said MBTA Bus Dispatcher Byron Randolph. "They've done it by spending time learning from us, speaking our language, and understanding our needs. I appreciate what the team has built. It'll make detour management so much easier for dispatchers by saving us time and improving how we work with staff in the field."

The MBTA will monitor the NextGen Bus Navigation Pilot over the fall and the winter 2024/2025. Following this evaluation period, the new technologies will be prepared to roll out to all bus garages with detailed real-time bus detour information available for riders too.

The MBTA's Technology Innovation team utilizes creative technology solutions to improve transit service for riders and the T's workforce. Members of the public interested in joining this exciting team can view their open positions online.

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science, English]."
Matt's sister, Marla, is also an RHS graduate (Class of 1997). She went on to Boston College where she was captain of the Eagles' football cheerleading squad.

Misci said his mother and her many friends will be attending the Lynn show. He will be incorporating his local background into his hosting gig.

"I'm going to do some Revere jokes. My grandmother [the late Augustina Misci] owned a store, St. Pierre's greeting card shop on Broadway, and when I was a kid, my parents would drop me off there, and it was just a cast of characters, everyone had nicknames," recalled Misci.

High praise from the producer

Chris Flahive has been the driving force behind Matt Misci's career since its inception six years ago.

"We've been working with Matt since 2018 when we added him to a show at Salvatore's in Lawrence featuring Boston comedy great Lenny Clarke," said Flahive, "He'd been doing some open mic stuff, and my family and Matt's have been close Revere families for over 40 years. So, I asked him if he'd like to do some time on the show at Salvatore's. We wanted to boost ticket sales, and he brought half of Revere with him up to

Lawrence. I think he sold something like 89 tickets. We ended up selling out a 300-seat room thanks to Matt. And he's hit the ground running ever since that day in March of 2018. He hustles."

Flahive said his company has been hosting comedy shows at Lynn Auditorium since 2019.

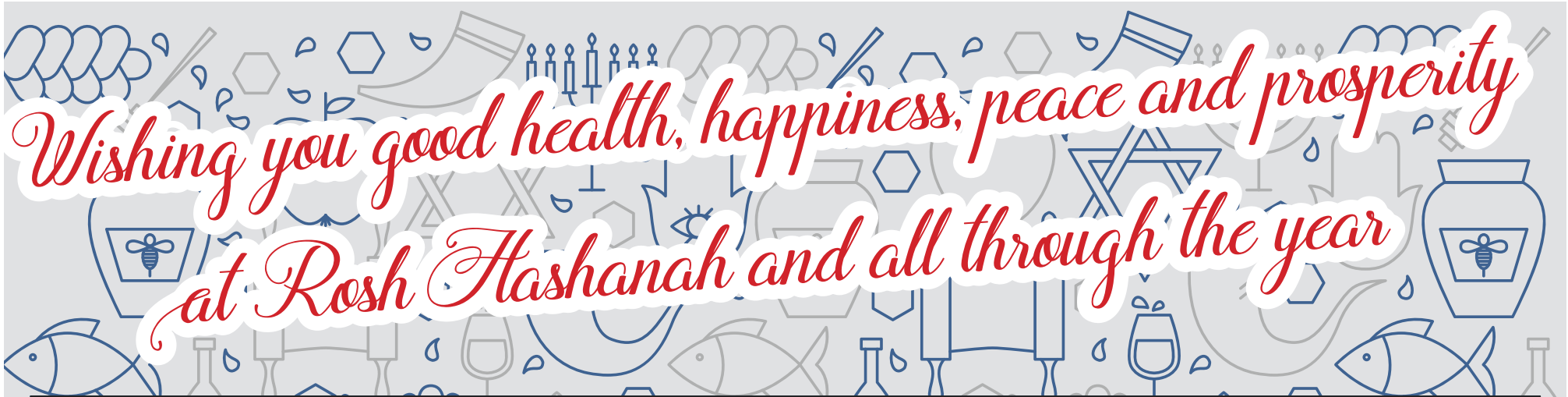
"The theater is awesome and working with James [Marsh] and Henry [Ryan] from the Auditorium is great. It's the biggest theater around (more than 2000 seats), so filling it is definitely a challenge. We started The Four Leaf Clover of Boston Comedy in March a few years back and it's gone good annually. Someone suggested an Italian themed show in October because of the large Italian communities around the area. Last year was our first one and it went amazing. We had a great turnout to a great show with some big time Italian names in Boston Comedy. Brad Mastrangelo (formerly of Chelsea), Dave Russo (of Malden), Paul D'Angelo (formerly of Wakefield) and Frank Santorelli (a Cleveland guy who made a name for himself in Boston Comedy and TV/movies) all crushed last year. This year we wanted to add Matt Misci to host the show and keep it flowing with laughs. Plus, it happens to be his birthday on October 12, so it's a big birthday bash for him!"

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Emergencies with pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Animal guardians have two types of emergency situations where planning ahead will make things easier and less stressful. The first is an occurrence where you might have to leave your home with your pet to shelter elsewhere or a call to “shelter in place” with the needed preparation and supplies. The second is the need for an emergency visit to a veterinarian for a sudden illness or injury.

have companion animals, you need a plan because, should a storm or other disaster strike, you are on your own when finding shelter for your entire family.

You must plan a safe place to go with your animals in an emergency. While large-scale disasters come to mind, it could also be water leaks or fires in your building. Sadly, the organizations that provide shelters for people often prohibit animals.

A friend or relative who will shelter you for a few days is ideal. You should also have the phone numbers of a few pet-friendly

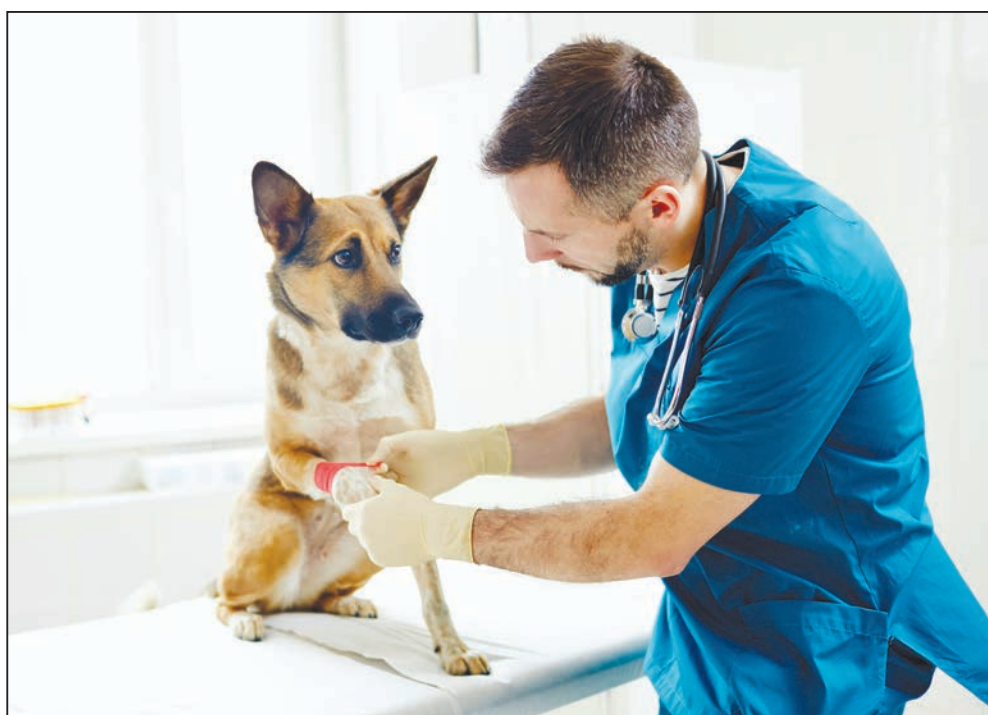
hotels near your home and surrounding areas, where you might reserve a room until the immediate danger has passed and those charged with emergency management begin to offer solutions for families with animals.

Escape Plan and Kit

The MSPCA and Animal Rescue League have created comprehensive and helpful collections of disaster planning resources on their websites. These will provide you with a checklist of items to gather and resources to have on hand. Those with cats and birds should be certain to

Weather and Other Emergencies

The heart of hurricane season is here. If you



By planning and calling ahead, you can reduce the stress of rushing your dog to an emergency vet.

have appropriate carriers in an easy-to-access spot.

Poppy has a red kit bag filled with emergency supplies. We use it when we travel and would take it if we needed to evacuate. This bag has been used more often as a first aid kit than for a significant emergency, an added incentive to have one for your animals. Our family escape bag has our own supplies, plus emergency food and water for her.

Trip to the Animal ER

Do you know your current options for an emergency room visit for a sick or injured pet? When we meet new neighbors, they often ask if we can recommend a veterinarian.

We’re happy to tell them about the veterinary hospital we use and our favorite home-visit vet. We also tell them the location of animal hospitals offering round-the-clock emergency care and specific specialists. If they’re new to the area, we suggest they know exactly how they would get to these facilities.

If they, like us, are car-free, we suggest they have a plan to transport their animal to a vet by public transportation, a car service, or, best of all, by a friend or neighbor with a car.

We’ve noticed more and expanded veterinary clinics and 24-hour emergency veterinary care services opening in our area.

We suggest you search, list those nearest you, and add the numbers for those places to your phone. Calling ahead is always a good idea in an emergency, not only to confirm availability and wait times. This call can also guide what you should do on the way to professional care.

We keep our dog Poppy’s medical records in cloud storage. This way, we don’t have to remember the details and can give any veterinarian access to the records from our regular care providers if needed.

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