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Above, the 16th Annual ALS & MS Walk for Living on October 6 at the Leonard Florence Center for Living.

Hundreds of participants from the community turned out for the 16th Annual ALS & MS Walk for Living. The October 6 fundraiser on Admiral's Hill supported the facility's patient care and programs, and raised awareness about the neurological diseases.



Right, Maria Stephanos, WCVB Channel 5 news anchor, Councilor Leo Robinson, and Representative Judith Garcia. See Page 6 for more photos.

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

State Election

Chelsea announces early voting dates, key election information

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea is pleased to share important information regarding early voting and key details for the upcoming November 5, 2024 State Election.

Key Information For The November 5, 2024 State Election:

Voter Registration Deadline:
In-Person: Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the

City Clerk's Office, 500 Broadway, Room 209.

Online: Saturday, October 26, 2024, by 11:59 p.m.

Visit sec.state.ma.us/ovr/

By Mail: Applications must be postmarked by October 26.

In-Person Early Voting Schedule:

Early in-person voting will take place in the

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City looks to continue Chelsea 400 celebrations

By Adam Swift

City Manager Fidel Maltez is looking to continue the successes of the Chelsea 400 celebrations forward past 2024.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Maltez requested the council approve the appropriation of \$100,000 in supplemental funding to continue the work the Chelsea 400 Committee has completed in recognition of Chelsea's 400th anniversary.

The request was moved to the council's ways and means subcommittee.

"This year has been historic, and the celebrations that have taken place will be remembered for a long

time in our community," said Maltez. "However, we do not want these celebrations to fade into our memories. We cannot lose the momentum, collaboration, pride, and capacity that we have built in the last year."

Instead, Maltez said the city can use it as an opportunity to launch the Chelsea 400 and Beyond campaign that will guarantee that the celebrations will continue for years into the future.

In 2025, Maltez noted that the city will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Battle of the Chelsea

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City announces Rumba 97.7 will host city's Latin Heritage Festival

Special to the Record

Boston-based Spanish-language radio station Rumba 97.7 will host Chelsea's Latin Heritage Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. on the City Hall lawn. This vibrant celebration honors Chelsea's rich Latinx culture and is part of the city's year-long festivities commemorating its 400th anniversary.

The entire Chelsea community is invited to participate in the festival's festivities, which will showcase a variety of family-friendly activities, including live dancing, performances by local Latinx entertainers such as the local Boston Mariachi Band, and a diverse selection of Latinx food and artisan vendors.

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Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and Sergio Toribio, better known as "ChocolateRadio" or "Chocolate," who is one of the most important broadcasters in the Hispanic market in the United States, according to iHeartRadio.

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State rep provides update on potential Everett soccer stadium

By Adam Swift

State Representative Judith Garcia is committed to making sure Chelsea is included in all the relevant aspects of a potential major league soccer stadium for the New England Revolution near the Encore Casino in Everett, she stated in a letter to the city council.

The letter was in re-

sponse to a motion Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson made last month asking that Garcia and state Senator Sal DiDomenico take part in a council subcommittee meeting to discuss the potential stadium project and its impact on Chelsea.

"I believe it is important to provide an update to all Council members on the current status of

negotiations," Garcia stated. "At this stage, several technicalities need resolution, including the approval of an exemption to allow development on the designated land."

Garcia said that decision requires careful consideration.

"As state officials, we are working hard to establish and protect the state as a whole," she stated.

"While the exemption might provide potential economic benefits, it must be passed with clear protection to limit the use of public funds and safeguard taxpayer dollars."

Once the committee deliberating on those key components reaches an agreement, Garcia said

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CHS' Tiago Antunes '25 pursues dream of becoming a pilot

Special to the Record

For Chelsea High School senior Tiago Antunes, a passion to take to the skies always existed. After taking an aviation course at CHS offered through the school's Acceleration Academy over April vacation in the spring of 2024, Tiago's goal to become a pilot was fueled even further.

"As a kid, I was surrounded by pilots, and with the class that I took with Ms. Boyd for the April STEM Acceleration Academy, it really made me want to go out there and become a pilot. It's like a dream for me. It's



COURTESY PHOTO

Tiago Antunes in the cockpit during one of his lessons.

like a passion, aviation."

Following the week-long exposure during Acceleration Academy, Tiago's passion brought him to Beverly Airport in June where he took a discovery

flight, a short introductory flight for people interested in taking the first step

towards earning a pilot's license. Since then he has begun working towards his license, a process that includes ground school (an early step in flight training where you study aviation-related topics to help pass the knowledge test). As of early September, Tiago had flown in a "Piper Warrior November 1987" three times with an instructor.

"It's not the same as going on a commercial flight.

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State grant will help fund Polonia Park project

By Adam Swift

The city has secured a state grant that could help pay for up to \$500,000 towards the expected \$900,000 Polonia Park renovation project on Tremont Street.

At Monday night's city council meeting, City Manager Fidel Maltez requested an appropriation to fund the project. The state PARC grant is reimbursable, and would be paid to the city once the project is completed.

"For this grant, the proposed scope of work for Polonia Park comprises the installation of playground equipment, a fenced-in dog park, shaded picnic area, splash pad, lighting, rubber surfacing,

and green space," said Maltez. "Once completed, this modern facility, designed contemporaneously with a broader urban heat mitigation project and informed by resident input, will serve our city's youth, offer a new dog off-leash area, mitigate heat and poor air quality, and increase the quality of life for residents in the lower Broadway neighborhood, a goal highlighted in the city's 2017-2024 Open Space and Recreation Plan."

The city will complete the design of the improvements by June of next year, according to Maltez. The design process will include coordination with park users, neighborhood

residents, and other stakeholders.

Maltez said the city expects to hold a public forum on the final design and construction schedule in 2025, with the reconstruction of the park taking place in Fiscal Year 2026.

The targeted completion date for the project is June 1 of 2026.

"Based upon the city's estimates, the total cost of the Polonia Park Renovation will be \$900,000," said Maltez. "To date, the City Council has appropriated \$400,000 through the FY 2024 Capital Improvement Program, leaving a balance of \$500,000. The City expects to be fully reimbursed for \$500,000

by the Commonwealth PARC Grant Program."

To fully fund the renovation project, Maltez requested the appropriation of \$500,000 to fund the full project cost. He added that the money would be appropriated from the city's stabilization funds.

"In the event the park ultimately costs more than the estimate, which is not uncommon, I may return to the Council for a further appropriation," said Maltez. "Conversely, if there are any remaining funds from the project, I am requesting authority to utilize them on any other PARC funded projects."

The council moved the request to its ways and means subcommittee.

High bail ordered for man charged with sexual offenses during medical exam

Special to the Record

A Boston man is being held on \$50,000 bail after being charged with committing an indecent assault and battery during a medical exam last week at MGH Chelsea.

Christopher Fisher, 58, of Boston, was charged in Chelsea District Court Monday with two counts of indecent exposure, two counts of open and gross lewdness, assault, indecent assault and battery on a person over 14, and possession of a class E substance.

Judge Matthew Machera ordered Fisher held on \$50,000 with GPS monitoring if released. Fisher was also ordered to stay away from Mass General Hospital and undergo a mental health evaluation. Fisher is due back in court on Oct. 31 for a pre-trial hearing.

Fisher is a registered level 3 sex offender with a 19-page board of probation record including multiple convictions for open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior, according to the Suffolk

County District Attorney's office.

On Oct. 4, Chelsea police were notified by Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) police of a sexual assault that occurred at the MGH Healthcare Center located on Everett Avenue.

A patient, later identified as Fisher, had requested to be seen by a female doctor. Fisher told the doctor he was concerned about a rash on and around his genitals and bleeding from possible hemorrhoids.

After an initial assessment, the doctor asked Fisher to change into a hospital gown for further examination. The doctor proceeded with a medical assistant present, per MGH policy regarding such exams. The doctor told Fisher she did not observe any rashes and noticed Fisher becoming aroused, according to a release from the Suffolk D.A.'s office.

Fisher then asked the doctor to further examine his genitals due to additional concerns. During

this exam, Fisher insisted he suffered from a rash while grabbing his erect penis and saying "Look! Look at it! There is something there," according to the district attorney's office.

The doctor observed Fisher moving his hand in an up and down motion, turning his body toward her, and attempting to ejaculate on her. The doctor lifted the hospital gown up as a barrier between her and Fisher.

Police met with the doctor and assistant. The assistant corroborated the doctor's statements and provided officers with a bag containing the hospital gown and seat covering bearing Fisher's bodily fluids.

During a search, police recovered a black plastic bag tucked into Fisher's sock, filled with 17.5 white oval pills, according to the district attorney's office.

"Incidents like this illustrate how unpredictable a call or interaction can be for health care workers and first responders," said

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. "I am very sorry for what these women witnessed while they were simply trying to do their jobs."

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

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

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City Clerk's Office located on the second floor of Chelsea City Hall at 500 Broadway during the following days and times:

Saturday, October 19: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 26: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, October 21 – Friday, November 1: During regular business hours only:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Vote by Mail Application Deadline:

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 by 5 p.m.

To vote by mail, community members can contact the Election Department at 617-466-4056, and the election team will mail a mail-in ballot application to the provided address. All mail-in ballot applications must be returned to the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29. Applications received after this date cannot be accepted.

Vote in Person on Election Day:

Registered voters can cast their ballots in person on Election Day between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. at their designated polling locations:

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Ward 1 Precinct 1 (District 6)

Ward 1 Precinct 2 (District 6)

Ward 1 Precinct 3 (District 5)

Ward 1 Precinct 4 (District 5)

Ward 2 Precinct 1 (District 8)

Ward 2 Precinct 2 (District 8)

Ward 2 Precinct 3 (District 7)

Ward 2 Precinct 4 (District 7)

Ward 3 Precinct 3 (District 4)

Ward 3 Precinct 4 (District 4)

St. Rose School

Ward 3 Precinct 1 (District 2)

Ward 3 Precinct 2 (District 3)

Ward 4 Precinct 1 (District 3)

Ward 4 Precinct 4 (District 2)

Public Safety Building

Ward 4 Precinct 2 (District 1)

Ward 4 Precinct 3 (District 1)

To check your voter status or for additional information, please visit the City of Chelsea's official website, www.chelseama.gov, or contact the Election Department directly at 617-466-4056.

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Creek.

"This celebration will remind the community of the pivotal role that Chelsea played in our country's Revolutionary history," said Maltez. "Celebrations might include a reenactment of the battle, including an appearance of the HMS Diana. We propose a big celebration for Memorial Day weekend 2025."

Maltez pointed to the Chelsea 400 fireworks celebration as one of the big successes of the anniversary celebration.

"This funding request will allow fireworks to continue in the hopes that they will become an annual tradition," said Maltez.

"Our team will look into a different venue, potentially hosting Chelsea Day at Port Park and having the fireworks celebrated on Chelsea Creek. Our team will continue to advocate for additional funding, including earmarks from the Commonwealth, grants, and holding fundraisers in collaboration with our non-profit organizations and the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce."

Maltez emphasized that the celebrations are a key to building community, fueling pride in the city, and providing residents with a safe and family friendly environment to have fun.

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"I am proud to partner with Rumba 97.7 to celebrate our vibrant Latinx heritage through this exciting festival," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "This event not only reflects the diverse cultures that make up our city and its leadership but also shows how important it is for city events to represent all of us. It highlights the rich contributions of our Latinx community and fosters a sense of belonging for everyone."

Maltez said he encourages everyone to come out, enjoy the festivities, and celebrate their shared heritage together.

"As a Latina raised in Chelsea and now serving as Council President, I'm excited to celebrate our heritage and reflect on the incredible journey this city has been on," said Chelsea City Council President

Noreliz De Jesus. "Our Latinx community is a cornerstone of Chelsea's progress, and events like the Latino Heritage Festival celebrate not only our rich culture but also the resilience, accomplishments, and ongoing success of our city under diverse leadership."

To ensure public safety, Broadway Street from Bellingham Avenue to City Hall will be closed for the duration of the festival.

Chelsea's Latin Heritage Festival is sponsored by Aloe Natural Açai & Coffee Shop, the City of Chelsea, the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, Rumba 97.7, and Chelsea's Metro Credit Union.

For more information, www.chelsea400.org/pt/events/latin-heritage-festival

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The Chelsea City Council turned out to honor retiring Deputy Manager Ned Keefe. From left, are City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, City Councilor Melinda Vega, retiring Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, City Councilor Todd Taylor, Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.

CHELSEA HONORS DEPUTY CITY MANAGER NED KEEFE AT A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Chelsea leaders, elected officials, municipal staff, and residents honored Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe at a retirement sendoff at City Hall.

Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll and former city manager Jay Ash joined City Manager Fidel Maltez, City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, and State Rep. Judith Garcia in recognizing Keefe for his excellent

31-year career serving the City of Chelsea.

Keefe was deputy city manager in the administrations of Jay Ash and Tom Ambrosino. He also served two terms as acting city manager.

Keefe's dedication and service were much appreciated Chelsea residents. Keefe was an unsung contributor to the city's success and development

for the past three decades, preferring to remain out of the spotlight while deflecting credit to others.

The overriding message at the retirement celebration: "Thank you, Ned, for all that you've done to make Chelsea a better place to live and work. We wish you good health and much happiness in your retirement."



City Manager Fidel Maltez, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, (who served Chelsea as its legal counsel and deputy city manager for five years), retiring Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe, and former City Manager Jay Ash.



City Manager Fidel Castro, Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, Chelsea Police Officer Nicole McLaughlin, Police Capt. Brian Dunn, retiring Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe, Police Chief Keith Houghton, Fire Chief John Quatieri, and Police Officer Carlos DelCompare.

Chelsea hires master plan consultant

By Adam Swift

The city has selected a vendor to undertake the city's Pa'Lante Comprehensive Master Plan.

Chelsea has not undertaken a comprehensive master planning process in nearly 50 years.

"I want to thank the city council for supporting this endeavor, including fully funding our request of \$450,000," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "Following city council approval, our team finalized the request for proposal and proceeded with the advertisement process as required by MGL (Massachusetts General Laws). We were extremely pleased with the submissions received."

To help evaluate the submissions, the city worked with the UMass Boston Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management. The Collins Center assembled a group for the evaluation process including the Watertown city manager, the former Com-

missioner of DCAMM, along with the former state Assistant Secretary for Communities and Programs Juan Vega, Deputy City Manager Devon Fields, and city permitting and land use director John DePriest.

"The team unanimously selected Utile Design as the firm to lead this important work for the city," stated Maltez. "Utile has a tremendous history in the planning field and is a proven partner. Utile has completed many planning assignments for other communities."

Most recently, Maltez stated that Utile completed comprehensive master plans in Cambridge, Lynn, Lowell, and Worcester.

"Our team has met with Utile several times to finalize our contract and to begin outlining the work," stated the city manager. "It is critical that the city council play a pivotal role in this process. I will share our project schedule with the city council as soon as it is finalized."

Maltez first announced the plans for Chelsea Pa'Lante, or Chelsea Onward, in the spring, stating that it was more than just a plan, but a commitment to forward motion, upward mobility, and progress.

"It embodies the spirit of our community, the resilience of our people, and the determination to create a future that leaves no one behind," Maltez said.

At the heart of the master planning process is a dedication to incorporating the voices of the city's residents in all the decisions that are made.

"Our plan will be centered on the community, ensuring that every voice is heard, every perspective considered, and every idea valued," said Maltez. "From housing shortages to traffic congestion, from lack of parking, to providing economic opportunity for all residents. We will tackle these challenges with creativity, with innovation, and with a deep commitment to equity and inclusivity."

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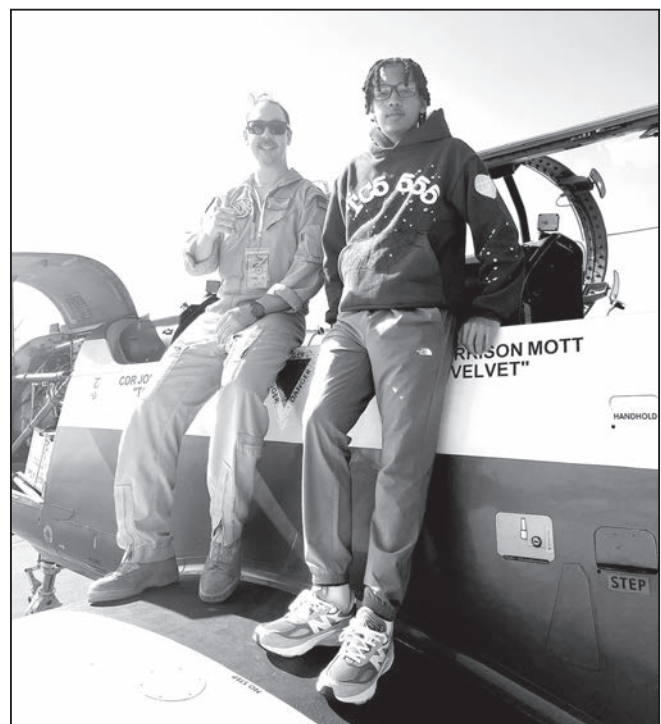
It's a different feeling. You get to turn the engine on, feel all that going through you, and when you're taking over, pushing you throttle all the way to full power. To be honest, it has changed my perspective. I didn't know what I wanted to do before I started taking these aviation classes. I really didn't. So this is a big achievement for me."

To help pursue this dream, Tiago is working at a local movie theater to pay for his flight classes, which sometimes can cost as much as \$300. On top of his classes and employment, he is balancing a full schedule at CHS that includes participation in the Early College program where he is taking courses at Bunker Hill Community College. It's the passion to take to the skies that keeps him motivated.

"The aviation thing is pretty much driving me because if I have passion for something, I'm going to keep going. So even if it is really hard for me right now, I'm still going to push through," Tiago commented.

Eight students took the aviation course offered at CHS' Acceleration Academy. The course included lessons about the language of aviation and the NATO phonetic alphabet. The students incorporated what they learned in the creation of their own call signs. Hands-on exercises featured the use of flight simulators to learn basic takeoff and landing maneuvers. A highlight of the week was a field trip to the Norwood Airport. Ms. Jacquelyn Boyd, CHS' AVID and Internship Manager, taught the aviation course and is a pilot herself. She would love to see an aviation program grow in Chelsea.

"Well, what I would like to see is an aviation program started here at CHS, even if we start as an afterschool program in our school. I believe aviation is a career path that we forget about when we do our career and college fairs. By helping support our students and helping our students sort out their dreams, we are able to understand them better and that helps the educator to understand how mighty



COURTESY PHOTO

Tiago Antunes, and his instructor, stand on the plane's wings before a lesson.

and creative our students are. As the Internship Manager, it is my job to help with creative career pathways for our students such as Tiago. Finding unique ways in supporting our students makes our college and career pathways much more fun and interesting."

With educators like Ms. Boyd and opportunities like Acceleration Academies that are available to students through CPS' Extended Learning Department, students like Tiago can pursue interests like aviation. In addition to going for his private pilot's license, he has his eyes set on his commer-

cial license and obtaining his Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) certificate. An ATP is the highest level of pilot certificate.

Tiago is working with Ms. Boyd to apply for potential scholarships to help him continue on his aviation journey after graduation, including the pursuit of the Civil Air Patrol which would open up opportunities for scholarships, additional licensure support and more. The duo are also recruiting classmates of his to hopefully grow the aviation program at CHS more.

For Tiago, the sky is more than the limit. It's where he wants to be.

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CITY OF CHELSEA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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' southwesterly from existing JO pole, P.2.

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

Relocate one (1) JO pole, P.4 approximately 16' southeasterly 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' southeasterly 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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Chelsea

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Forum

OCT. 7, ONE YEAR LATER

The barbaric attack a year ago this week by the Iranian-backed Hamas terrorist group shocked and horrified the world. The brutal slaughter, rape, and torture of 1250 men, women, children, and elderly Israeli citizens, plus another 300 who were taken captive, by Hamas invaders who poured across the northern Gaza-Israeli border, affirmed that Iran and its terrorist proxies, Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis, know no bounds in their hatred for Jews and their stated aim of wiping Israel off the face of the map.

The attack and its aftermath accomplished a number of goals of the Iranian-backed terrorists. Not only did 10/7 deal a blow to Israelis' sense of security, but it also destabilized Israel politically and economically. More than 100,000 Israeli citizens have been displaced both along the Gazan border and in northern Israel, where Hezbollah has been shelling northern Israeli communities. Israeli citizen-soldiers have been fighting for a full year, with no end in sight.

The attack of October 7 predictably unleashed a devastating military response by Israel on the Gaza Strip, a narrow piece of land that is about 140 square miles and home to two million people, of whom half are children, in its effort to kill every Hamas fighter. (By comparison, Boston and Suffolk County consist of about 120 square miles with 750,000 people, of whom 20 percent are children). After a year of ceaseless Israeli bombardment, the Gaza Strip has been laid to waste, with more than 40,000 Gazans killed, tens of thousands more maimed for life, and the entire population facing mass starvation. The Israeli government now seems bent on replicating the same devastation in Lebanon from where Hezbollah has been shooting its rockets onto Israeli communities.

The Israeli government, which itself is controlled by religious extremists, fell into the trap set by Iran and its proxies by waging its brutal assault on Gaza. When images of the Middle East are shown on our TV screens each night, it is the horrors being endured by Gazan children that we see. It is their plight (as well as those of Palestinians who are being attacked by Israeli settlers on the West Bank), not that of the Israeli victims, that is garnering the world's attention and sympathies.

Finally, the bloody attack of October 7 and the military response by Israel achieved another of Iran's major goals by creating political fissures both in the Western democracies and in Israel itself, as well as upending plans for a treaty among Israel, the U.S., and Saudi Arabia.

Just as 9/11 changed our world, so too has 10/7. A year later, with a wider war all but certain, it is clear that peace in the Middle East is more elusive than ever with an outcome that will reverberate across the globe today and for generations to come.



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News Briefs

CITY ANNOUNCES FREE, WALK-IN COMMUNITY FLU CLINICS

The City of Chelsea has announced it will host two free, walk-in Community Flu Clinics on October 19 and October 26, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Chelsea Senior Center, located at 10 Riley Way (behind Chelsea Fire Headquarters).

The clinics, which are for adults aged 18+ only, come as respiratory illnesses, including the flu, led to over 6,000 Emergency Room visits in

Massachusetts between September 15th and 21st, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Respiratory Illness Dashboard.

"We care strongly about the health and well-being of our residents and want to keep you happy and healthy at home, and that's why we're excited to offer these free clinics to the Chelsea community," said Flor Amaya, Public Health Director for the City of Chelsea.

The clinics are walk-in, meaning no pre-registration is needed. Insurance isn't required, but

residents with insurance should please bring their insurance card. It's also recommended to wear short sleeves.

Community members who think they have the flu should call their doctor or, if needed, visit a local urgent care such as:

Beth Israel Deaconess Urgent Care, 1000 Broadway: (617) 975-6060

MGH Chelsea Urgent Care, 151 Everett Ave: (617) 884-8300

Residents who need assistance applying for insurance can contact:

Chelsea MassHealth Enrollment Center, 80

Everett Street, Chelsea: (888) 665-9993

Chelsea Senior Center, 10 Riley Way, Chelsea: (617)-466-4370

La Collaborativa, 63 Sixth Street, Chelsea: (617) 889-6080

Mystic Valley Elder Services, 300 Commercial St #19, Malden (781) 324-7705

The Neighborhood Developers, 4 Gerrish Ave, Chelsea, (617) 889-1375

Questions about the flu clinics can be directed to Chelsea 311: (617) 466-4209.

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then there can then be formal discussions about the project, mitigation, and community benefits.

"Speaker Ron Mariano and Chair Aaron Michlewitz are actively working toward a resolution, with the hope of reaching an agreement later this fall," Garcia stated. "Until then, conversations about mitigation and community benefits are premature. If the legislature approves the removal of the Designated Port Area designation, the Kraft Group can begin the process of gathering the necessary requirements needed prior to developing."

That would then trigger a formal mitigation process, involving multiple agencies.

"I remain committed to ensuring Chelsea is included in all relevant aspects of the project, joining cities like Boston and Somerville, which are expected to experience spillover effects from the

stadium," stated Garcia.

Robinson said he spoke with Garcia over the weekend about the potential stadium project.

"I just want to make sure the stadium is on our radar so that we can get some of the benefits that some of the other communities are going to have the opportunity to get," said Robinson. "That is the reason I had asked earlier about having a conference."

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown thanked Garcia for getting back to the council in a timely manner.

"It shows that she is aware of what our concerns are regarding this proposal," said Brown. "This is something that we as council members have been looking at for some time and it seems like there is a lot of traction going on."

Brown said that a professional soccer stadium will impact a number of

streets in the city, including Beacham, Williams, and Spruce and the surrounding neighborhoods.

District 4 Councilor Tanairi Garcia said while there will be major traffic impacts from the project, there are also potential benefits, especially for the city's young people.

"I would love for our children to be involved in such a beautiful and noble

project," she said, noting that there are many Hispanic and Latino children in Chelsea who love playing soccer who would love to have something like a professional soccer stadium in their backyard. "I'm excited for this project, I'm scared for the traffic, but I'm looking forward to having our children involved in it."

THE MOST PATHETIC GAME IN NFL HISTORY?

We don't mean to keep harping on our poor Patriots, but their contest this past Sunday with the Miami Dolphins has to rate as the most pathetic excuse for a professional football game we've ever seen in our lives -- and we've been Pats' fans since the 1960s, so we've witnessed quite a few sorry performances.

The Pats entered the game as the #31 offensive team in the NFL, exceeded in futility only by the Dolphins at #32 -- and the game lived up to the low expectations of both teams, featuring a variety of miscues that normally you might see once in an NFL game, not multiple times.

In the first half alone, the Dolphins missed a mid-range field goal that bounced off the goal post, dribbled a snap back to the holder on another field goal attempt, snapped a ball over their quarterback's head, and had a punt blocked.

The Patriots missed a short field goal, shanked a punt, allowed hapless veteran quarterback Jacoby Brissette to be hit countless times, and committed 12 penalties for 105 yards.

It was a performance by both teams not worthy of even a JV high school game -- and fans paid hundreds of dollars for a ticket for that sorry demonstration. From the perspective of long-time Pats' fans, we'd like to chalk it up to just a tough week, but it is clear that this will be a season that is only going to get worse.

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Firefighter honored for saving residents during Congress Avenue fire

By Adam Swift

Chelsea Firefighter Euclides Barahona was honored at Monday night's city council meeting for helping rescue three people from an apartment fire on Congress Avenue on Sept. 15.

The council presented Barahona with a commendation for his actions on that day.

While fire companies were battling heavy fire on the second floor of the building at 132 Congress Ave., occupants on the third floor were seen hanging out of the windows to escape the heat and smoke. Barahona immediately deployed Tower 1's aerial to the three trapped occupants and helped them onto the platform and down to the ground.

"I'd like to sincerely thank the city council and the city manager for recognizing Firefighter Barahona for his extraordinary actions during the most recent fire on Congress Avenue," said Fire Chief John Quatieri. "His actions saved three residents that day, and this recognition is a powerful reminder of the dedication and bravery of our firefighters, which they demonstrate every time they respond to a call."

Quatieri spoke of the danger and challenges Barahona faced as he rescued the three residents who were attempting to escape from the heavy smoke on the third floor.

Barahona had to position Tower 1's platform through primary and secondary power lines, the chief said.

"This is extremely dangerous, getting too close to a primary wire or primary power line could result in



Chelsea Firefighter Euclides Barahona with his fellow firefighters in the council chambers.

electrocution," said Quatieri. "Despite this extra hazard, Firefighter Barahona, without hesitation and with determination, managed to reach the victims and then bring them safely down from the third floor. This acknowledgement tonight not only honors Firefighter Barahona's individual achievement, but also serves as a tribute to the collective efforts of all of our firefighters who are committed to protecting the residents of the city each and every day."

"The incident serves as a reminder of the dangers our firefighters face on a daily basis."

Council President Norieliz De Jesus thanked Barahona for his sacrifices, as well as the sacrifices of his family.

"There are tremendous



Chelsea Firefighter Euclides Barahona with city councilors and family after receiving a council commendation Monday night for his actions during a September fire on Congress Avenue.

sacrifices that go with having heroes such as yourself, and we want to acknowledge that," she said.

District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate said that

she has known Barahona's family for many years.

"I was so happy to see that you were being recognized," she said. "When I talked to Firefighter Bar-

ahona's mother today, I heard a lovely story about his daughter wanting to come to Chelsea and drive by the building where Papa saved the people. I

think we should all drive by and see where you saved the people."

COUNCILOR LEO ROBINSON RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



COURTESY PHOTO

Chelsea City Councilor Leo Robinson was formally recognized by Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and received a Certificate of Recognition on Sept. 14 for his positive impact on Boston's cultural landscape. Mayor Wu recognized Robinson for his "exceptional leadership, steadfast support of the Honduras Diaspora, and selfless contributions to the Latino Community in the City of Boston." The certificate thanks Robinson for his unwavering leadership and commitment to help needy families and for fostering a deeper appreciation for Honduras's ethnicity and culture.

Council approves name change for historic Black community street

Special to the Record

The city council voted to approve City Manager Fidel Maltez's request to rename Arlington Street Extension back to its original name of Walnut Street on Monday night. The renaming celebrates the historically thriving black neighborhood in the Walnut Street area before it was transformed by the Great Fire of 1973 and urban renewal.

The City Manager's Office will work with the members of Chelsea Black Community, the city council, and various city departments to fulfill this request. Once complete, to commemorate the name change, the city will install a historical plaque in the area and host a Walnut Street Unveiling Ceremony at a date to be announced, according to Maltez.

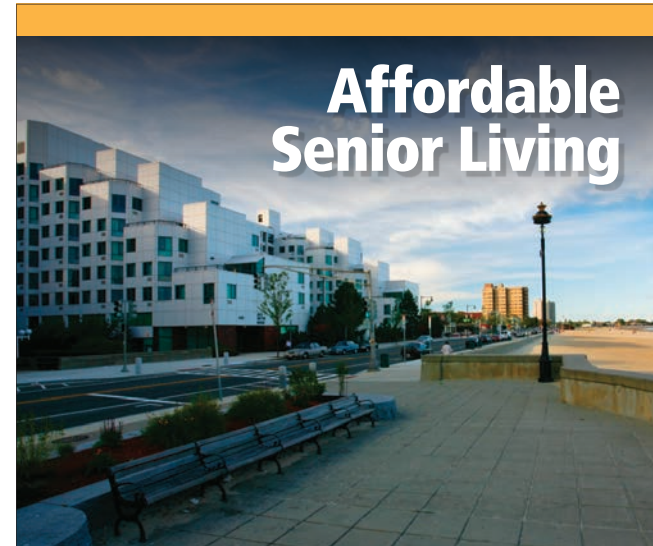
"The City of Chelsea is proud to celebrate the cultural and historical significance of our Walnut Street area by restoring its original name," said Maltez. "Our partner in these efforts, the Chelsea Black Community, has advocated for this renaming for quite some time, and my

office is honored to support all groups, past and present, impacted by the area's fire of 1973 and urban renewal. We are excited to celebrate this success and thank the City Council for their support."

Stacey Smith, a fifth-generation Chelsea resident and member of the Chelsea Black Community, helped organize and lead the efforts to change the name of the street back to Walnut Street.

"Reclaiming Walnut Street and recognizing the impact that the fires and urban renewal had on Chelsea's Black and other ethnic communities is vital to ensuring the stories of those who lived there are not forgotten," Smith said. "This name change also allows our community to reconnect with its roots, honor the memories of past generations,

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2024 ALS & MS WALK FOR LIVING

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Some 400 participants from the community, including the ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) and MS (multiple sclerosis) residents and staff of the Leonard Florence Center for Living, honoree, Jeffrey Siegal, his team at Geriatric Medical & Surgical Supply, and their families, stood in solidarity for the 16th Annual ALS & MS Walk for Living. The October 6 fundraiser on Admiral's Hill supported the facility's patient care and programs, and raised awareness about the neurological diseases.

"Your support means a tremendous amount to the residents here at the Leonard Florence Center for Living," began Betsy Mullen, Chief Operating Officer, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, which operates the Leonard Florence Center for Living. "Their lives here are different than any other nursing home in the state of Massachusetts. It is a very distinctive place."

Mullen proudly added that the Leonard Florence Center for Living is a deficiency-free space, caring for more individuals living with ALS than any other facility in the world.

"Our staff are our most valuable asset," Mullen acknowledged. "They work tirelessly each and every day, providing the best quality of care possible to the residents."

This year's Walk for Living honored Jeffrey Siegal, President and CEO of Geriatric Medical & Surgical Supply, and his employees. Geriatric Medical, New England's largest long-term care-focused distributor, has been committed to providing high-quality services and supplies to Chelsea Jewish Lifecare for generations.

Their connection with Chelsea Jewish Lifecare began over 40 years ago, when Siegal's grandfather and great uncle founded the company in the mid-1940s as Bo Beep Diaper Service. Trucks would collect soiled diapers, and return them clean.

"We've had the privilege of witnessing and participating in its tremendous growth through assisted living, memory care, home care, hospice, independent living, and the Leonard Florence Center for Living, the nation's first Green House skilled nursing facility," said Siegal. "This relationship has always been deeply personal."

Siegal emphasized that although he and his team and visited thousands of healthcare facilities across

the country, the Leonard Florence Center for Living is particularly unique because it is not simply a place to receive care, but a place to live with dignity.

"The mission here is palpable," described Siegal. "The culture is truly special. It's driven by compassion, respect, and innovation. What struck me the most about my last visit was just how much of a home this place is for its residents."

Siegal recalled meeting extraordinary residents, Mike and Dave, and observing how their care allows them to live independently. Mike welcomed him into his home and shared how he regulates the environment through technology that sensors head and eye movements, allowing even completely immobilized residents to control lights and turn on the TV. Dave also shared how he attended a Post Malone concert the night before.

Geriatric Medical has participated in the Walk for Living for 16 years; and this year, 80 employees and their families took part in the fundraiser.

"Every single person is part of something bigger than just a walk. They're part of a mission to ensure that every resident at the Leonard Florence Center for Living can live life to the fullest," Siegal asserted. "Together, we're helping to ensure the Leonard Florence Center for Living remains a place where life isn't just sustained, but truly lived and celebrated."

This year's Walk for Living emcee and walk ambassador, Maria Stephanos, news anchor for WCVB Channel 5, also shared her appreciation for the Leonard Florence Center for Living. She described her amazement of the facility, where her father-in-law had been a resident.

"I was blown away by the building, the people who worked in there, and the residents. I was gobsmacked," said Stephanos, who spotted a dragonfly hovering around her, and suggested that it was her father-in-law watching over them. "I could not believe what a special place this is - changing people's lives and embracing families. It's a center for living, and I saw that firsthand. I was so taken by this place and its mission. This is an incredible place with special people who do amazing things. It's life-changing for families and residents. That's why we walk."



Emcee and walk ambassador, Maria Stephanos, WCVB Channel 5 news anchor.



Honoree, Jeffrey Siegal, with his son, and Betsy Mullen, Chief Operating Officer, Chelsea Jewish Living.



Bella Mejia, Zach Balandan, Quinn Olbrot, and Ava Sasso, Malden Catholic High School seniors.



Ruth Gonzalez Scheduler, Wanda Mercado, and Gladys Perez, Leonard Florence Center for Living staff.



Councilor Leo Robinson and Ricky Velez, of Chelsea Cable TV.



Maureen McLaughlin, of Cambridge, walking for Pat.



Malden Catholic High School teachers, Brother Tom Puccio, Nick Hurley, Francis Stanton, and Rich Hickey.



Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez with his family, Maria Belen Power, Ana Victoria Power-Maltez, and Maya Power-Maltez.



Joyce Agri, Director of Admissions, Leonard Florence Center for Living, with her niece and resident, Shauna Taverna.



Glen, Karin, Gabby, and Paige Pedneault with Henry.



Dancers from Phunk Phenomenon, of Everett.

Sports

THE CHS RED DEVILS WIN 2-1 OVER SOMERVILLE

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

The Red Devils won their fourth straight game, a 2-1 victory over powerful Somerville, at Chelsea Stadium on Thursday, October 3. The win improved Chelsea's record to 4-3 headed into games against East Boston (October 7) and Everett (October 8).



Chelsea's Steven Gamez Gonzalez (29) listens for his teammate's cheers after putting the Red Devils ahead 1-0.



Somerville's goalie (on the ground) is out of position as Steven Gamez Gonzalez (29) gets a clear shot at the net to score Chelsea's first goal.



Chelsea's Jose Joj (10) tries to get around a Somerville defender.



Elexander Gonzalez-Urrutia (15) avoids a Somerville defender and chases a loose ball.



Goaltender Daylin Yanes Casco (1) makes a sprawling save as a Somerville attacker leaps over him.



Jose Joj (10) tries to play the ball and the man from the ground.



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Joao Pereira Nozar (57) braces for a collision with a Somerville defender.



Brayan Andrade (2) races for a loose ball.

CHS Roundup

CHS BOYS SOCCER TOPS SOMERVILLE

The Chelsea High boys soccer team earned its fourth straight victory with a 2-1 win over Greater Boston League rival Somerville last Thursday.

The Highlanders opened the contest with a fast style of play that put a lot of pressure on the Red Devils in the first 20 minutes. However, Chelsea weathered the early storm and soon began to establish a rhythm in the Red Devils' favor.

The shift in momentum eventually led to the first goal of the game by Red Devil Jose Joj. The go-ahead goal further boosted the Red Devils' energy level and coach Mick Milutinovic's squad continued to dominate possession. The Chelsea pressure culminated with a goal by Steven Gamez to give the Red and Black a 2-0 edge at the intermission.

Although Chelsea maintained the same high degree of intensity after the break, Somerville scored from a corner halfway through the second half. The Highlanders continued to put on the pressure in the CHS end for the rest of the game, but the Red

Devil defense was able to lock it down to preserve the victory.

However, the Red Devils' winning streak came to an end earlier this week with back-to-back losses by scores of 2-1 on Monday and Tuesday to East Boston and Everett.

In Monday's contest with non-league opponent East Boston, Chelsea conceded two goals in the first 15 minutes of the game. However, the Red Devils, who had been creating opportunities on counter-attacks, successfully produced a goal when Joj went one-on-one with the Eastie keeper and tapped the ball into the Jet net to make it 2-1.

However, that would prove to be as close as the Red Devils would get and a scoreless second half produced a 2-1 victory for Eastie.

This past Tuesday the Red Devils hosted archrival Everett at Chelsea Stadium. Although the teams began evenly to start the match, Everett broke the deadlock 15 minutes into the contest. The Crimson Tide added to their lead 10 minutes later to make it 2-0, which is where matters stood



Chelsea players celebrate their 2-1 victory over GBL rival Somerville Thursday, October 2 at Chelsea Stadium.

until midway through the second half when Esteban Calderon crossed the ball into the box where Joj found himself wide open and scored with a bicycle kick to the top right corner.

Jose's goal provided some spark for the Red Devils. Chelsea continued to press for the remainder of the game and had multiple opportunities, but the Devils were unable to notch the equalizer.

Milutinovic and his crew, who now stand at

5-5 on the season, are scheduled to travel to Lynn English this evening (Thursday), to Revere on Monday, and to Malden next Thursday.

CHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS TOP ENGLISH

The Chelsea High boys and girls cross country teams chalked up a pair of victories in their meets with a short-handed Lynn English squad.

Leading the way for the Red Devil boys was Kyle Leong, who took third place, and pacing the girls was Hazel Hatleburg, who finished in second spot.

Coach Cesar Hernandez and his crew were scheduled to host Medford yesterday (Wednesday) on Chelsea's home course at Admiral's Hill and will trek down Broadway to Revere next Wednesday for a match on the Patriots' home course at Belle Isle Marsh

CHS FOOTBALL TEAM EARNS FIRST VICTORY

The Chelsea High football team posted its first win of the season with an 18-8 victory over Roxbury Prep last Friday.

The Red Devils have an off-week this week, but will return to action next Friday (October 18) when they will host Malden under the lights at Chelsea Stadium for a 6:00 kickoff.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Apple season

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

One of the joys of this time of year is the ever-changing selection of apple varieties at the farmers' markets. Different apples have specific seasons. Some of the first apples we see at the markets are those that farmers have carefully tucked away, in optimum conditions, from their last harvest.

By August, the early apple-picking season has begun. These varieties are followed by what professionals call mid-season and late-season crops. If you're looking for a favorite apple, just ask the farmer. They're always happy to tell you when they expect to have that apple on the stand. Moreover, most farmers can suggest a current variety that fits the same taste, texture, and sweetness profile.

We love trying new varieties and often buy two apples to share during our afternoon apple snack sessions. It's fun to compare the qualities of each apple

and decide if a particular one belongs on our list of favorites. We admit that sometimes we buy an apple because it has a great name. Recently this led us to discover that we love "Molly Sheepnose" apples!

Apple Profiles

We highly recommend local author Amy Traverso's award-winning "The Apple Lover's Cookbook" to learn more about different varieties of apples. In addition to dependable recipes, this is an illustrated primer to 70 varieties of apples. Amy includes characteristics for each apple, including best use, origin, availability, season, taste, and texture.

When the farmers are busy, you might see us type an apple's name into a search engine to find what a few producers or websites say about it. We suggest you bookmark one or two apple rating websites that align with your taste.

Try a Crab Apple

It's been years since Penny was part of a gang of silly kids climbing a crab apple tree and eating the puckery fruit until they were queasy. Recently, while selecting apples from the Foppema's Farm display, she saw "Sweet & Crunchy" on the sign for chestnut crab apples. We were pleasantly surprised by their lovely, nutty flavor.

Most people who grow crab apples as a crop use them to make jelly, but originally, they may have been planted when home cooks made their own pectin. Crab apples are high in pectin and can be boiled down, strained, and canned to make a supply of pectin for next year's jams and jellies.

Pick-Your-Own

A visit to an apple orchard is a beautiful way to celebrate apple season. The Massachusetts Department of Agriculture



One of the joys of this time of year is the ever-changing selection of apple varieties at the farmers' markets.

maintains a Pick-Your-Own Farms page where you can click on apples and connect with a "Mass Grown" map of the farms offering this service. We highly recommend that you check for the latest information on the orchard's website since many factors can change the availability of this option.

Red Apple Farm, which has a stand at the Boston Public Market, offers a nice variety of apples

nearby. You can also check their website to see what they are picking. From experience, we recommend Russel's Orchard in Ipswich for a day of apple picking and lobster shacks.

By the way, some farmers' markets run well into autumn, with a few open until Thanksgiving week. These include Copley Square, Central Square, Davis Square, Dewey Square, Kendall Square, Roslindale Village, and

the Fish & Farm Market at Boston Fish Pier.

We encourage you to take time in your week to support these good people who bring fresh food to the city. It's not just about the apples; it's also about the community and the responsibility we all share in supporting local farmers.

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

McDonald's owner/operators across New England launch digital fundraiser for local sports

Local McDonald's owner/operators in Chelsea and across New England have joined forces to launch a digital fundraising initiative supporting local athletic programs this fall. On Thursday, October 10th from 3p.m. to 9p.m., participating McDonald's restaurants across the region will donate 20% of their app sales to bolster local middle and high school sports programming throughout New England, a first-of-its-kind collective effort in the area.

"We are a local brand at heart, and our commitment goes beyond providing great food to the communities we serve. All McDonald's in New England are locally owned and operated by families or business owners who take great pride in their communities," said Sara Amato, New England McDonald's Owner/Operator who also oversees the McDonald's app engagement for the region. "Sports play a pivotal role in youth development and teach life-long skills like teamwork, discipline and perseverance. We're so excited about this program as it allows us to rally together and make an impact

on the lives of young athletes in our neighborhoods where we live and operate in."

Spearheaded by local operators, this initiative is a natural extension of McDonald's long-standing and deep-rooted commitment to providing meaningful support to its people and communities. New England operators consistently contribute to numerous give-back programs, including Round-Up for Ronald McDonald House Charities1 and Archways to Opportunity2 for employee tuition assistance, contributing more than \$1,000,000 to RMHC and \$557,000 in tuition dollars for employees respectively year-to-date. In its inaugural year, the upcoming digital fundraiser is anticipated to provide a meaningful financial boost to local school sports programs, benefiting thousands of student-athletes across the region.

Participating Restaurants

- McDonalds 170 REVERE BEACH PKY, Chelsea, MA benefiting Chelsea High School

- 472 BROADWAY, Chelsea, MA 02150 benefiting Phoenix Charter Academy

Helena Yannetti

Her values of generosity and family first guided her through life

Helena (Iacoviello) Yannetti passed away peacefully on October 4 in Chelsea at age 104. Born in East Boston, during a blizzard, she was one of seven, and her family moved to Chelsea in 1927. She married her husband, George during the war, on November 7, 1942. They raised their family in Chelsea and were together for 40 years until she lost George to a sudden death in 1978.

Helena's values of generosity and family first guided her through her life. Her love of good food meant that there were always delicious, homemade dishes for every occasion. She was a beloved Auntie Lena to all her many nieces and nephews, and the door was always open to visitors and coffee was always on.

She was an active person and loved going out with her friends or family. She enjoyed bowling, playing and winning at Mah Jongg, going to the theater or shopping and she especially loved spending time with her family.

Helena was preceded in death by her husband, George, and all of her siblings, Louie, Frank, Angie, Felix, John and Millie. She was the last of her generation. Helena is survived by her daughters, Terri Yannetti and her part-



ner, Laura Militzer, Lisa Mitchell and her husband, Robert, sons, George Yannetti, Jr. and his wife, Ruth and Paul Yannetti; grandchildren: Kendal Mitchell, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Yannetti and her husband, Evan Freeman and great grandchildren, Sofia and Isabella Freeman.

On Friday October 11, relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea from 9 to 11 a.m. Funeral services will follow the visitation in the Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

For those who wish, donations in Helena's memory may be made to ALSA/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or on-line at stjude.org.

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

Pedro Juan Nunez Cadiz

Member of the Painters' Union, IUPAT District Council 78

Relatives and friends attended a visitation and funeral service for Pedro Nunez Cadiz at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Wednesday, October 9, and services concluded with interment at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield.

Pedro, at 45 years of age, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 2, after a short illness. Born in Boston, Pedro grew up in Chelsea where he attended local schools. He was married to Adriana M. Espitia Giancola and together they raised their two children. Pedro worked in the building trades and commercial painting fields, primarily for Walt Disney World in Florida. He was a member of the painters' union, IUPAT District Council 78. In his lifetime, Pedro enjoyed playing football and watching a good movie.



Pedro is lovingly survived by his beloved wife, Adriana M. Espitia Giancola, his devoted children Leyla Mane Núñez and Pedro Nathaniel Núñez Espitia, his loving parents and his dear siblings Nathaniel Nunez, Ana Nunez, and Rigoberto Ruiz. He is also survived by extended family members and friends, Carmen D. Cadiz y Pedro Núñez,

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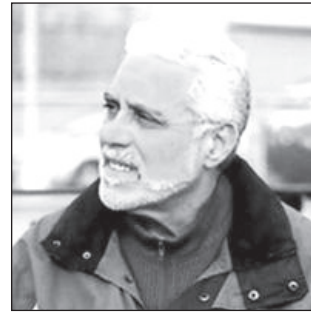
Abraham J. Almodovar

New York Government Contracting Agent responsible for cleaning Ground Zero after 9/11

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours and funeral services for Abraham J. Almodovar, 77, today, Thursday, October 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, with services immediately following at 12 P.M. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Mr. Almodovar passed away after a long illness on Friday, October 4th at Casa De Ramana Rehabilitation Center in Framingham, where he was recently receiving hospice care.

Born and raised in Guánica, Puerto Rico, Abe was one of seven children of the late Damaso Almodovar and Clara Erma Nazario. He was a long-time former resident of Long Island City, Queens, New York, and had been residing in Framingham for the past seven years. Abe was a former husband of Mayra Torres and was passionately devoted to home and family.

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New York, and had been residing in Framingham for the past seven years. Abe was a former husband of Mayra Torres and was passionately devoted to home and family.

He worked as a Government Contracting Agent for the New York Department of Environmental Protection and the New York Department of Design and Construction, where he was responsible for cleaning ground zero for 9/11. After completing his career of 36 years, he retired in 2017. In his lifetime, Abe enjoyed writing, painting, and politics.

He is lovingly survived by his three children, one granddaughter, and his siblings. He is also survived by extended family members and friends.

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and create a foundation for future generations to understand their history and heritage better. The Chelsea Black Community is grateful to our local leadership for its dedicated support of this project and for providing a sense of hope for successful outcomes, and proud that our long-standing presence in the Chelsea community continues to positively impact our city."

City Council President Norieliz De Jesus said

the council was pleased to support the renaming of the Arlington Street Extension back to Walnut Street.

"Up until 1973, the Walnut Street area was the center of Chelsea's black and other ethnic communities before its devastating transformation," De Jesus said. "The Council looks forward to continuing to make informed decisions and positively contribute to the well-being of our community members."



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Sumner Tunnel ends overnight weekend closure for repairs

Special to the Record

The Sumner Tunnel marked its final full weekend closure as part of the restoration project. The project is now considered substantially complete. The schedule allowed for an additional five weekend closures that would have continued into mid-November but no more will be required. Remaining work will be finished under normal off-peak operations.

In addition to weekend closures over the past two years, the project also included two extended summertime closures. The total rehabilitation effort included work on the tunnel ceiling, roadway, walls, wiring, drainage and additional improvements which will increase safety and climate resiliency. The project is a major investment in the state's transportation infrastructure and extends the tunnel's useful life by at least 75 years.

"The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project was a hugely important effort that ensures this vital piece of infrastructure is in the best possible condition going forward," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "We know this project created inconveniences for the public and particularly the people of East Boston. We thank them for their patience and cooperation."

"We are thrilled that we have been able to deliver this project ahead of schedule" said State Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "I want

to thank our contractor, JF White, who worked tirelessly with our team at MassDOT to find ways to accelerate this important work. I also want to thank the travelling public and residents for their patience and support during this important project."

During the extensive rehabilitation of the entire tunnel the pre-existing suspended ceiling was removed and over 700 precast concrete arches installed, new fireproof wallboard was installed throughout the length of the tunnel making a dramatic improvement in its fire safety. Over 500 new light fixtures were installed, and new conduit and cables were put in place. The existing asphalt was removed from the length of the roadway and the concrete below was rehabilitated. Granite curbing and drain inlet were replaced. The entire length of the roadway was repaved and relined. This weekend's closure was the 59th not dating back to 2022.

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

Sumner Project By The

A LOOK AT THE PROJECT DURING CONSTRUCTION...



...AND AFTER



Numbers:

- 59 weekend closures: Friday from 11:00 p.m. to Monday Morning 5:00 a.m.
- 2023 summer shutdown: July 5 to August 31, 2023 = 57 Days
- 2024 summer shut-

- down: July 5 to August 5, 2024 = 31 Days
- 13,516 square yards of concrete roadway was rehabilitated
- 4307 tons of asphalt paving was laid
- 420 linear feet of granite curbing was replaced

- 69 new drainage inlets were installed
- 165,000 square feet of fireboard was installed
- 3,800 dropped ceiling panels were removed
- 735 precast arch segments and 146 precast ceiling slabs were in-

- stalled, each weighing well over six tons
- 502 new light fixtures installed
- 42,800 linear feet of conductor installed
- 24,000 linear feet of fiber optic cable installed

Harry Potter: The Exhibition

By Marianne Salza

Indulge on a sweet glass of draft butterbeer and tangibly explore the rich world and castle in Harry Potter: The Exhibition, on display now in Boston at the CambridgeSide through January 5, 2025. Created and developed by Warner Bros. Discovery Global Entertainment, in partnership with Imagine Exhibitions and Eventim Live, the enchanting show celebrates the iconic characters, creatures, and scenes from the beloved books and films, dazzling millions of people around the world, from Brazil, to France, and Austria.

"I really like when you come in from page to screen into the castle. There is the Marauder's Map, and your name comes up. It's so fun," said Tom Zaller, Imagine Exhibitions CEO/President, who encourages guests to tour in costume. "I didn't realize how impactful it was for people. The whole idea is to personalize it, and also for the magic to be behind the scenes."

Featured are mesmerizing, immersive environments that offer interactive elements, and authentic wardrobes and props, such as the Sword of Gryffindor. Encased memorabilia includes a first edition of the 1998 novel, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," by JK Rowling -- protected in a Gringotts bank safe -- the leather, sorting hat, costumes, and a student trunk and luggage trolley from Platform 9 3/4.

The journey begins by receiving a Golden Snitch bracelet that can be tapped

to track progress and earned points for one's chosen Hogwarts house, be it Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff, or Ravenclaw. Guests select their wands and patronus for defense before embarking on their magical travels.

Visitors will be introduced to Harry, Hermione, and Ron, and view movie clips of their first meeting before heading to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where one can meander through the Grand Staircase and portraits.

Guests wander beneath the twinkling, levitating candles in the Great Hall, which, in the movies, boasts a ceiling of 70-feet-high, sometimes opening to the sky.

"On the drawing board, this was what I was most excited about. It's layered with projection screens. I love it," revealed Zaller, about the depth illusions. "It's hard to capture in pictures. It's better to be here."

Practice spell casting and follow an ingredients list to brew a potion. Visitors can also have their prophecies revealed while peering into a globe in Professor Trelawney's Divination Classroom.

"What makes our job fun and interesting is that we're three-dimensional, so when you walk through, it's not like you're watching a screen -- you're in it," emphasized Zaller, sitting at a table in the Great Hall while wearing a Gryffindor robe and t-shirt. "You have to be able to feel it."

Sit on a massive armchair in Hagrid's hut, or pot a crying Mandrake seedling in Professor

Sprout's herbology greenhouse.

"One of the things that we wanted to do is reconnect you to moments and remind you what happened 20 years ago," Zaller explained. "The Harry Potter stories are great, and you could relate to being there. The adaptations from page to screen are well done."

Zaller remembered becoming a fan of the series when he began reading the books and watching the movies with his oldest son, nearly two decades ago. He believes that Harry Potter is still cherished by fans today because of how relatable the characters are.

Fortunate to have been a part of the experience, Zaller has developed into an even greater fan since starting the project in 2020. He has been intensely involved in choosing the details for all of the elements throughout the exhibition; and now envisions himself in the role of Harry Potter: not always a rule-follower, less polished, but with a deep care and determination to do the right thing.

"I've created lots of different experiences. Potter was always the Holy Grail for me. It was a huge honor when Warner Bros. called," said Zaller, who would find it convenient to be able to use the "alohomora" spell to unlock doors and other objects in his day-to-day life. "I love it. People love it. You feel the energy when you're here."

Visit www.HarryPotterExhibition.com to learn more about Harry Potter: The Exhibition, located at 100 CambridgeSide Place,



The Great Hall offering the illusion of depth.



A family exploring the various Hogwarts houses.

Cambridge, in the former Best Buy space. Hours are Friday-Saturday 9am-7pm, Sunday-Thursday,

9am-5pm, and holidays, 9am-7pm. Browse the gift shop (no ticket necessary), which features exclusive

apparel, products, and treats such as chocolate frogs and butterbeer candies.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY HARRY POTTER: THE EXHIBITION

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, SS. SUPERIOR COURT Docket No. 2484CV02534 RE: Maria Colon and Justiliano Colon a/k/a Justiliano Colon v. Walter Begonis, Scott A. Gisetto, April McCauley, and the Unknown Heirs and Devises of Frank Belofsky
SUMMONS AND ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Unknown Heirs and Devises of Frank Belofsky
Whereas a civil action to clear the title as to certain property in the City of Chelsea, Suffolk County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, known and numbered as 124 Bloomingdale Street (the "Property"), wherein the Plaintiffs, Maria Colon and Justiliano Colon a/k/a Justiliano Colon, are seeking a Judgment quieting title to the Property, free and clear of any and all claims by the heirs and devisees of Frank Belofsky, and anyone claiming by, through, or under them. We hereby **COMMAND YOU**, if you intend to make any defense, that on or before December 1, 2024 (the "Return Date"), you cause your written answer or other pleading to be filed with the Clerk of this Court, at Suffolk Superior Court, Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108, with a copy sent to the Plaintiffs' attorney, Thomas M. Looney, Hackett Feinberg, P.C., 155 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110, and further that you defend against said suit according to law. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief sought by the Plaintiffs in the Complaint.
It appearing to this Court that actual service of the Complaint on the Defendants identified herein above cannot be or has not been made, and after diligent search, the Plaintiffs can find no such persons upon whom they can lawfully make service, it is **ORDERED** that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing this Summons and Order of Notice by Publication in the Chelsea Record, in Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, once a week for three consecutive weeks, with said publication to be completed at least 20 days before the Return Date set forth above. Dated at Boston, Massachusetts this 27th day of September, 2024.
Rosemary Connolly, J. Superior Court Justice
10/10/24, 10/17/24, 10/24/24

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE G.L. c. 190B, ss 3-306
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU24P1920EA
Estate of: Marilyn F. Lewin
Date of Death: February 22, 2024
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner. Robert G. Lewin of Chelsea, MA, and Petitioner Kevin F. Lewin of Saugus. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Robert G. Lewin of Chelsea, MA and Kevin F. Lewin of Saugus, MA have 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 of 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.
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at their expense, a minimum of \$1,000,000 general liability insurance against claims made for damages, personal injury, or property damage by reason of anything done or not done by the contractor, its employees, or agents in connection with this work.
3. The contractor is responsible for removing and properly disposing of all job-related debris at the end of each day. At the conclusion of the job, the contractor shall leave the site in a broom clean condition.
4. The contractor is responsible for always maintaining safe condition during the workday and after hours, until the work is complete.
5. Must be OSHA certified.
6. Prevailing wage applies
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Maintenance Department
51 Exeter Street, Chelsea, MA 02150
24 Hour Service Number 617-884-5775
Contact Wayne Brooks wbrooks@chelseaha.com
Jim Krasco jkrasco@chelseaha.com
October 16, 2024
INVITATION TO BID
Roof Rehabilitation SCOPE OF WORK
The Project consists of but not limited to:
Roof rehabilitation and coating preparation.
Roof walkways.
Roof access ladders
Application of coating on modified bituminous membrane roofing.
Repair/Replace any damaged portion of roof.
Repair/Correct any low spots on roof.
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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
Invitation for Bids
Rebid-Chelsea Police Station Duct Cleaning and Sealing
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Rebid-Chelsea Police Station Duct Cleaning and Sealing".
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after October 10, 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 "Rebid-Chelsea Police Station Duct Cleaning and Sealing" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, October 31, 2024.
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This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer
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Renovation
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Assessor's Offices Renovation".
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after October 10, 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 "Assessor's Offices Renovation" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts.
General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement.
GENERAL BIDS will be received no later than 11:00 AM on November 07, 2024 and publicly opened.
Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.
SUBTRADES will be received no later than on October 29, 2024 and publicly opened.
• Subtrades: Electrical and HVAC
Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."
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METRO CREDIT UNION SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
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To transact any and all business that may legally come before the meeting. To request to join the Special Meeting, please submit an email to [HYPERLINK "mailto:specialmeeting@metrocu.org"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:specialmeeting@metrocu.org) specialmeeting@metrocu.org with your name, address, email address, and phone number no later than Friday, October 25, 2024. All attendees must be members of Metro Credit Union.
Respectfully submitted,
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ANNUAL CHELSEA OVERDOSE VIGIL HELD IN CHELSEA SQUARE

Last Thursday evening Chelsea Square was filled with residents and many locals that are in recovery from addiction gathered at Chelsea's City Square to remember those friends

and family members lost to substance abuse. Chelsea City manager Fidel Maltez was one of the many guest speakers, Maltez thanked the Chelsea Police Department

for their endeavor to keep Chelsea drug free and fighting the import of deadly drugs into the community. There was a candle lighting ceremony completing the memorial.



In recovery Mari Santos spoke on his near death encounters, and his fight to stay clean, and function in the community.



Gladys Valentin Agneta welcomed everyone to the service.



City Manager Fidel Maltez with his remarks.



Speaker and in recovery Jen Flora (center) lights candles during the ceremony.



City Manager Fidel Maltez and Dan Cortez. Dan Cortez was the closing speaker at the memorial service.



Keisha brown from CAPIC adds candles to the memorial in Chelsea Square.



Bay Cove was represented by Theresa DiPietro, Carrie Rainwater and Deanna Sierra.



Opening Prayer by Pastor Elaine Mendez.



From the Chelsea Police Department, and on hand at the memorial service last week, Sgt. Star Chung, and Officer Jamie Robles.



Cellist Alan Toda-Ambara performed throughout the memorial.



The Chelsea Police Station draped in purple for in memory of Chelsea residents lost to substance abuse.



Present at the Overdose memorial in Chelsea Square, Richelle Cromwell Executive Director of CAPIC, Grace McKinnon, Councillor of Dist. 5 Lisa Santigate, and Stacey Smith.

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