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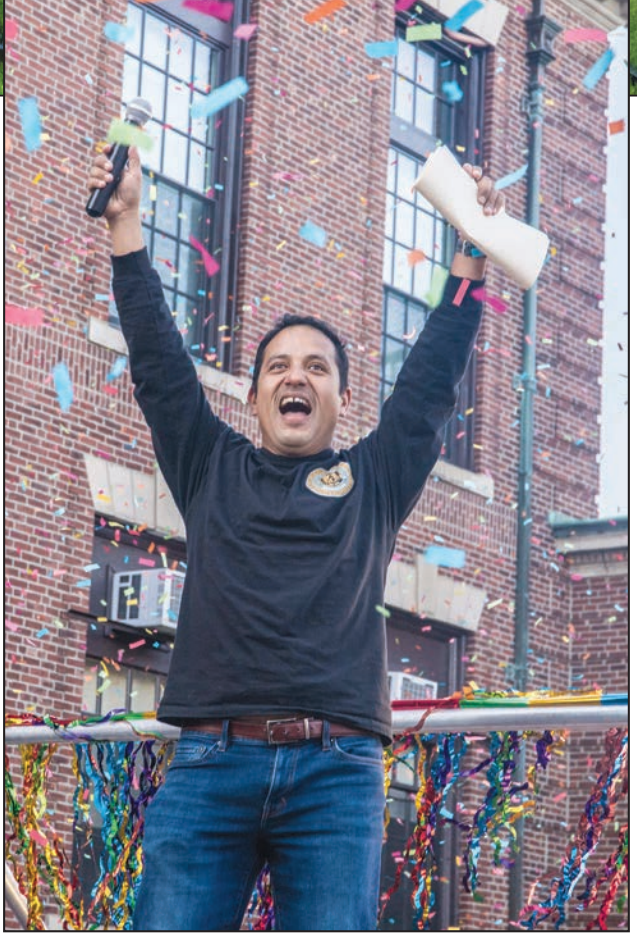
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Above, the Chelsea High School Orchestra performs.

Right, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez is filled with jubilation. See Pages 5 and 6 for more photos.



## CHELSEA HOLDS LATIN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The City Of Chelsea finished its Hispanic Heritage Month which ran from September 15 to October 15, with a Latin Heritage Festival held in front of City Hall. Music, food, entertainment, dancing, and more brought residents together to celebrate. 12 individuals were each lauded with an official Certificate of Recognition from the City Council for their efforts in enriching the Latino community in Chelsea. This is all a part of the City of Chelsea's celebration of its 400th Anniversary.

## School committee ratifies contract with administrators' union

By Adam Swift

The school committee approved a new, one-year contract with the district's administrators' union at its meeting last week.

The agreement with the Chelsea Administrators' Association (CAA) runs through June 30 of next year.

"The CAA is our second union to successfully settle a contract in a short

period of time," said district HR director Christine Lee. "The first would be our AFSCME unit, which comprises our custodial, food service workers, and security guards. We are grateful for their continued collaboration and commitment to our staff, students, and family."

"Their partnership has been invaluable in ensuring the success of our dis-

trict."

The one-year contract includes a three percent salary adjustment for the 2024-25 school year, Lee said.

Lee said the district is hopeful that after the ratification of the contract, the salary adjustment will be reflected within the next several pay periods.

"Another part of the agreement is the depu-

ty principal position at Chelsea High School," said Lee. "Because Chelsea High School is a large high school with over 1,600 students, there was a need to have this new position, which is also 220 days instead of 215 days."

The district is continuing negotiations with the Chelsea Teachers' Union, which has been without a contract since June 30.

## School committee honors educators and school

By Adam Swift

Four educators and one school were given special recognition during last week's school committee meeting.

The four educators were given Name, Strength, and Story awards by superintendent of schools Dr. Almi Abeyta.

"This was created to really call out and shout

out our amazing educators who are really answering the call of knowing our students by name, strength, and story," said Abeyta.

Abeyta praised Chelsea High School teacher Miguel Hernando for his sense of urgency and concern for his students and speaking up for them when they are in need.

One of Chelsea High counselor Carlos Cora's colleagues wrote to Abeyta to praise Cora for his efforts to help a student who was having difficulty getting to class.

"Mr. Cora lives across the street from the student who was not coming to school this year," Abeyta said. "Mr. Cora has begun meeting the student in

the morning and going to get something to eat and walking to school together. It was so nice to hear of a colleague going above and beyond to help out one of our students."

A former Berkowitz School student wrote in to praise math teacher Samuel Vega after seeing Vega on a morning news program.

"I hope you could convey to him how grateful I am to have had him as my teacher," wrote Christian DeJesus Franco. "Mr. Vega taught me so much and he is one of those teachers who will always stand out in my memory."

Despite being a special education student, Mr. Vega always treated us with equality, just like other students."

As a result of the efforts of teachers like Vega, DeJesus Franco said he's now a supervisor at Eastern Bank as well as a member of the planning board.

Abeyta recognized Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy Principal Meg Maccini for going above and beyond when it comes to helping students past and present.

"She makes sure stu-

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## CTU, school committee continue with new contract negotiations

By Adam Swift

Members of the Chelsea Teachers' Union spoke in favor of a new contract that provides liveable wages, a cap on class sizes, and paid family leave during last week's school committee meeting.

The union has been negotiating with the district on a new contract since February, and has been without a contract since the end of June.

The school committee was scheduled to hold a special meeting in executive session to discuss ne-

gotiations on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

"Members have gathered here tonight to show support of the Chelsea Teachers' Union's (CTU) proposals as we continue to negotiate our contracts," said Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado.

In addition to the testimony in front of the school committee, Mendoza-Mercado said the CTU were presenting a petition with hundreds of signatures in support of the union proposals.

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## Market Basket proposes liquor store next to grocery store

By Adam Swift

Market Basket wants to build a 20,000-square-foot liquor store in the plaza next to its grocery store at 170 Everett Avenue.

The project was before the zoning board of appeals for an initial public hearing last week. It will still need to go before the planning board for a recommendation later this month before coming back to the ZBA for a vote on a special permit in November.

In addition, Market Basket has signed a memorandum of agreement with the city to conduct a master plan for the future

use of its Everett Avenue property. It's a move that the city council, especially Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, has been pushing for for several years.

Carmine Tomas of LT Development, representing Market Basket, said there are several elements to the MB Spirits liquor store project in addition to the construction of the 19,978-square-foot liquor store.

"Right now, in that section of the site, there is an area where buses, cabs, and (rideshares) go," said Tomas. "What Market

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## Neighborhood Developers name DiDomenico 2024 honoree

Special to the Independent

Recently, Senator Sal DiDomenico was named one of The Neighborhood Developers' 2024 honorees and received his award at their Raise the Roof celebration in Chelsea. DiDomenico was joined by Fatou Drammeh, a Community School Director, as the two 2024 honorees who were recognized for supporting those in need and for their work to increase affordable housing in our area. Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll introduced Senator DiDomenico at the event and presented him with his

award.

"It was humbling to be one of The Neighborhood Developers' 2024 honorees at their Raise the Roof event," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "It was a fantastic night celebrating this great organization with friends from my district and I look forward to continue supporting The Neighborhood Developers in their efforts to empower residents throughout our community to achieve housing and economic security. I want to thank the organization for this award and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll for her kind words."



Shown (left to right) are Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, Senator Sal DiDomenico, TND Staff Member Rafael Mares, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

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# FKO creates Massachusetts' first-ever registered apprenticeship for the out-of-school time workforce

Special to the Record

For Kids Only After-school (FKO) is proud to have created Massachusetts' first-ever registered apprenticeship program for the Out-of-School Time (OST) workforce. A historic launch event held earlier this month at Spinelli's in Lynnfield brought together key partners and supporters to celebrate this significant achievement in workforce development.

The launch event was attended by distinguished guests, including Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care (EEC) Commissioner Amy Kershaw, members of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD), State Senator Sal DiDomenico, and State Representative Joe McGonagle. Together, they joined FKO in celebrating this groundbreaking initiative aimed at transforming the OST workforce through training, mentorship, and career growth.

"We know that apprenticeship models like FKO's are a key to building and sustaining a robust early education and care workforce through supporting educators to earn while they learn. This program stands out as the first-of-its-kind in the nation dedicated to fostering career growth and professional development in out of school time programs," said Early Education and Care Commissioner Amy Kershaw. "I congratulate FKO on the launch of this program and thank them

for their leadership in this important area of our work".

Transforming the OST Workforce: This registered apprenticeship program will support 25 OST educators, including those in Chelsea, Kamy-la Acetty, Laura Baptista, Jesenia Bey, Elida Flores, Gennecis Romero, and Jhamal Simon, providing them with full-time employment, a livable wage, and benefits. Participants will complete 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning, 150 hours of formalized training, and receive 1:1 mentorship to guide them through their professional journey. The program is designed to ensure OST educators can build a lasting career in a field that plays a critical role in child development.

A Proven Model for Success: The new apprenticeship builds on FKO's Full-Time OST Educator Initiative, a two-year pilot program that has already achieved a 76% retention rate for full-time group leaders—a 40% increase over part-time staff. With support from both public and private supporters, such as EEC's Commonwealth Cares for Children's C3 grant, EOLWD Expanded Apprenticeship funding, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's ASOST-Rebound and 21st Century Community Learning Centers grants, the Amelia Peabody Foundation, Liberty Mutual Foundation and United Way of Massachusetts Bay, FKO's initiative sets

a precedent for sustainable workforce models in the OST field.

"This program not only provides career stability for educators but also benefits the children we serve by creating a high-quality, stable environment," said Deborah Kneeland Keegan, Co-Founder and Executive Director of FKO. "We're incredibly proud to bring this opportunity to Massachusetts, and we believe it's just the beginning of a larger movement to elevate the OST workforce nationwide."

FKO's apprenticeship program is supported by coursework developed in partnership with the Institute for Education and Professional Development (IEPD), ensuring that participants gain critical skills to thrive in their roles. Regular competency checks and ongoing mentorship will further enhance their professional growth, while fostering stronger relationships within the team and broader community.

To learn more about FKO's registered apprenticeship program and how it is shaping the future of the OST workforce, visit: <https://fkoafterschool.org/ost-apprenticeship-program/>.

For Kids Only After-school (FKO) is a leading provider of high-quality afterschool north of Boston. With nearly forty years of experience, FKO programs offer safe and nurturing environments where children can learn, grow, and thrive beyond regular school hours.



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## ZBA approves Broadway apartment project

By Adam Swift

A scaled-down apartment project at 318-330 Broadway was approved by the zoning board of appeals last week.

Initially, the developer proposed adding a fourth floor to the three-floor building at 318 Broadway and then adding four floors to the single floor building behind it at 330 Broadway, increasing the unit count for the two buildings from its current 18 to 48.

At last week's meeting, project attorney Anthony Rossi said the revised plans cut the unit count down to 40 total units, with six being affordable, and does away with add-

ing the additional floor to 318 Broadway.

There will be a new elevator that will connect and service both addresses.

"I spoke to (land use and permitting director) John (DePriest) recently and there were some concerns that maybe there were too many units, so we reduced the number of units to 40," said Rossi.

Rossi said that everything being built will be on the existing footprint of the building.

Overall, the development will have 13 two-bedroom apartments and 27 one-bedroom units, with six of the 22 new units meeting the city's inclusionary zoning guidelines.

"I appreciate bringing

it down, I thought it was a little too much," said ZBA Chair Janice Tatarka. "It's a balance between making sure there is housing out there and recognizing the impacts on people who live here now."

Local realtor Madeline Garcia spoke in favor of the project, noting it would create more affordable housing in the city while also not changing the historical look of the building at 318 Broadway. She added that the vast majority of people looking for apartments in Chelsea already live in the city.

"They are not coming from other communities, they are our family, friends, and community members who are in need of housing," said Garcia.

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"What we are asking for is affordable and necessary to keep good people in the district working with our students and being members of our community," Mendoza-Mercado said. "About 20 percent of CTU members are residents of Chelsea, including myself, and I work in this district because I love my community. When we are negotiating with leaders who insist that living wages, and class size caps aren't possible in Chelsea, I worry about the beliefs that we hold."

Mendoza-Mercado said the union has laid out a clear plan about what the district and the members can do to improve conditions for educators and students in Chelsea.

Several educators spoke about the hardships they have faced trying to start or raise a family without paid family leave, many noting that they have to save sick days up for years at the expense of their own health in order to be paid for their leave after a child is born.

"Every year, teachers teach through pesky things like concussions, damaged eyesight, and neck braces because you have made the ability to have a family contingent on our willingness to ignore basic health concerns," said Brittany Fitzgibbon.

Fitzgibbon said that last year, she tried working through what she thought was a cold, only to end up in the emergency room on New Year's Eve with what was likely a respiratory infection. She said her and her partner, also a Chelsea teacher, had to take a week of sick time to deal with the issues, cutting into the time she was saving for when her child was born.

Elias Carver, a history teacher at the high school, talked about the large class sizes he faces this year in his AP US history courses.

"I was extremely excited, it was one of the classes I've always dreamed of teaching," Carver said. "I knew that taking the class would be a challenge and a lot of work; we spend a lot of time working on writing, which means grading a lot of writing. When I saw that my two sections of AP US history were 40 students and 38 students, my stomach dropped."

While the large class sizes affect the teachers, Carver said they have a bigger impact on the students, who do not get the kind of attention and focus they need from teachers in challenging classes.

"The CTU is fighting to put in language that limits class size ... and that is an absolute necessity not just to prevent burnout for the teachers, but to be able to provide good instruction and quality instruction that our students deserve," said Carver.

CTU President Kathryn Anderson said the union has been bargaining in good faith with management since February, with its first round of proposals being presented in March.

"Our schools are facing a crisis, turnover and burnout is high and student achievement is less than the students deserve," said Anderson. "While our staff is dedicated and hardworking, it is clear that our current conditions are getting in the way of our children's success."

Anderson said the measures being proposed by the CTU are common-sense solutions that will address the crisis in the schools.

"At the negotiating table, we have heard that we can't afford competitive living wages, that we can't afford reasonable ratios, and that we can't afford humane leave policies," said Anderson. "However, the school committee approved single-year raises for the central office pay tier of up to seven percent. We have more than doubled the number of district-wide administrators from 20 to 42, just district-wide, not building-based, and after six months of negotiations, we're still asking for things like living wages and humane leave."

The school committee has posted several updates on the district website outlining tentative agreements that have been reached as well as what the school committee has offered in response to CTU proposals (including proposals about parental leave and salary/wages).

The most recent update was posted on Oct. 1.

The Chelsea School Committee announced that it reached tentative agreements in response to CTU proposals on the following:

- A step advancement for CPS alumni for all units
- Paraprofessional lead stipend will be expanded to all schools
- Paid after school prep time for paraprofessionals and supervising educators
- Commencement leave added for all units
- Clerks granted access to extended day child care slots, as available
- Personal days available to paraprofessionals will be increased to three days to match the other units
- Language about paid

overnight trips clarified for educators

- Increased coverage for funeral leave for all units
- Compensation for lost time due to assault extended to paraprofessionals
- Paid snow days added for clerks

Additionally, the school committee offered the following in response to CTU proposals:

- 15 days of additional parental leave for all CTU staff, which can be used in addition to one's current accrued sick time
- An annual multilingual stipend of \$1,000 made available for all units
- Annual advanced degree stipends for Clerks increased by \$300
- \$1,500 annual stipend for Paraprofessionals working in sub-separate classrooms
- Increasing tuition reimbursement cap for Paras and aligning Clerk tuition reimbursement structure to Teachers and Paras
- Salary/Wages over three years: 12% increase for All Units plus \$3000 market adjustment for Paras and new steps for Clerks

"The School Committee and our administrative staff deeply value the work of our exceptional educators and all other staff in our school community," committee chair Ana Hernandez stated in the October update. "We are pleased that we have thus far been able to reach the tentative agreements outlined above. We remain committed to work constructively towards new contracts for our educators, paraprofessionals and clerks."

"We will provide the community with additional updates as we proceed."

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Basket has done is to take the opportunity to rethink and improve, enhance and redesign the multimodal piece."

Tomas said Market Basket is working with the MBTA to provide an area where three T buses can park while other traffic can safely move around them. In addition, he said there will be 16 dedicated parking spaces for taxis and rideshares.

The liquor store and transportation improvements will be the first phase of the master plan process for the site, Tomas said.

"As for the liquor store, this is something Market Basket has heard from many of its customers in the area looking for what is called an MB Spirits component to the project," said Tomas.

The Chelsea location would be the sixth in the state, joining other locations in Danvers, Waltham, Hanover, Tewksbury, and Shrewsbury.

"It will be consistent

with the Market Basket name and way they do things, it will be low cost but very high quality," said Tomas. "There will be a strong emphasis on state-of-the-art facial recognition for IDs and extensive training for employees to make sure they are being responsible."

Tomas said there will likely not be a huge increase in traffic, since many of the customers will be shoppers who are already going to the grocery store.

DePriest requested more details on the traffic, utilities, landscaping, and lighting plans before the project goes before the planning board and back to the ZBA.

"I'm here to support Carmine and the group," said Robinson. "It took us two years to negotiate and be able to get to the point where they do a master plan."

Robinson said the city is committed to working with Market Basket to ensure the best development for the property.

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# ZBA okays approvals for battery storage facility

By Adam Swift

The zoning board of appeals approved a special permit and variance for the Flatiron Energy Energizer Storage battery storage facility proposed for 284 Eastern Ave. at its regular meeting last week.

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 already agreed to a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with the city, and Poor said Flatiron is working on the final details of a host community agreement for the project with the city.

Flatiron 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 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.

Since initially coming before the planning and zoning boards in the spring, Poor said a consultant for the city has completed a peer review of the project including the de-

sign, emergency response plan, and hazard mitigation analysis.

"We are satisfied with the review, and it did not find anything of real substance," said John DePriest, the city's land use and permitting director.

Poor said the project will be going before the conservation commission in November, and added that Flatiron is working with the city to complete a sewer inspection along the property.

"We will be continuing to progress our project design, landscaping, and other applicable plans throughout the fall and going from preliminary 30 percent design up to 90 percent design," said Poor. "Another key milestone is that we have the option to purchase the property from the current landowner at 284 Eastern Ave., and that needs to be completed by December."

Representatives from several local trades unions also spoke in favor of the project before the ZBA gave its approval.

# CAROLYN BOUMILA-VEGA INSTALLED AS KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENT

Longtime community leader Carolyn Boumila-Vega was installed as the new president of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club during an event Oct. 8 night at El Potro Restaurant.

Boumila-Vega succeeds Elaine Monge as president of the community service organization.

Boumila-Vega is a clinician at North Suffolk Community Services. She has been a member of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club for three years. The club has 20 active members and a proud history of helping the Chelsea community through its philanthropic endeavors and projects.



City Councilor Calvin T. Brown congratulates Carolyn Boumila-Vega on taking office as the new president of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club at El Potro Restaurant.

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



The officers and members of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, pictured at the Installation of Officers Dinner. Front row, (from left) are Mernaysa Rivera-Bujosa, Lt. Gov. District 10 and new President Carolyn Boumila-Vega. Middle row (from left) are Elaine Monge, Director, Renee Caso, Veronica Dyer-Medina, Recording Secretary, Cassandra Thompson, Vice-President, Noel Velez, Tricia Williams, and David Haesy. Back row (from left) are Rich Cuthie, Reporting Secretary, Michael Mason, Joe Carreiro Jr., Treasurer, and Roy Avellaneda.

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dents not only go to college, but that they succeed and finish, and I am so grateful for all that (she) does," said Abeyta.

Abeyta also recognized the Berkowitz School for being deemed a school of recognition by the state's

department of elementary and secondary education. She noted that the school's English scores increased by 7 percent and its math scores increased by 23 percent in math over the past year.

"We know it starts at the

top with leadership, but we also know that it's a whole team, it's everyone at the Berkowitz working together," said Abeyta. "I am so proud of the work the Berkowitz as an entire school is doing."

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Pictured at the Chelsea Kiwanis Club Installation of Officers Dinner are the officers (from left), Mernaysa Rivera-Bujosa, Lt. Gov. of District 10 Kiwanis, Rich Cuthie, Reporting Secretary, Carolyn Boumila-Vega, President, Joe Carreiro Jr., Treasurer; Veronica Dyer-Medina, Recording Secretary; and Cassandra Thompson, Vice President.

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# Forum

## OBAMACARE IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL AMERICANS

The revelation that family members of Republican vice-presidential candidate J.D. Vance used the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to obtain private health insurance is a cautionary tale for all Americans, especially those for whom the ACA is their only refuge for obtaining health insurance.

Vance's mother had been on Medicaid in Ohio, but when she earned too much money to remain on Medicaid, she was able to access affordable health insurance through the ACA.

Thanks to the ACA, a record 21 million Americans presently are able to obtain private health insurance. The provisions of the ACA also have expanded coverage for an additional 24 million low-income Americans for Medicaid.

But the ACA -- which also is known as Obamacare -- is a big deal for every American, even for those who are not on an ACA plan, for a number of reasons:

-- The ACA requires that ALL health insurance plans in the U.S. must provide coverage for the children of policyholders up to the age of 26, which, as any parent knows, is a huge benefit for their children who either are still in college or who have started a job that may not offer health insurance or does so at a high cost;

-- The ACA also requires that ALL health insurance plans in the U.S. must provide free or low-cost birth control to their policyholders, which is a huge benefit for women of all ages and their families;

-- Most significantly for individuals, the ACA forbids ALL health insurance plans from either denying coverage, kicking somebody off their plan, or raising the rates for persons with a pre-existing medical condition such as heart disease or cancer. This is especially important for individuals who may try to change their jobs, but who have a health issue, and who would be unable to obtain health insurance without the protections of the ACA.

-- In addition, by providing health insurance for all Americans, the ACA helps make America a healthier one, which not only benefits the health of every American both directly and indirectly, but also saves our nation money in the long run.

One of the first things Donald Trump tried to do in his first term in office was to repeal the major provisions of the ACA when the Republicans controlled both the House and Senate after the 2016 election. Fortunately, then-Arizona Senator John McCain, a Republican, gave his famous "thumbs down" on the roll-call, leaving the repeal one vote short by a vote of 51-49 (a deadlocked Senate would have left then-vice president Mike Pence in the position of breaking the tie and killing the ACA).

During his recent debate with Kamala Harris, when Trump was asked about his plans to "replace Obamacare," Trump said he has the "concept of a plan" (which, as we all know by now, means that he has no plan). However, there is no doubt that if Trump is elected with a GOP-controlled House and Senate, Trump will try once again to kill the ACA.

The fate of the ACA is just one of the things at stake in this election, representing a clear choice between the Democratic and Republican candidates -- which is why getting out to vote is more important than ever.

## HAS FLORIDA BECOME UNLIVABLE?

The damage caused by Hurricane Milton, the latest major hurricane to strike Florida, raises a very basic question: Is Florida no longer safe or affordable for human habitation? That may sound a bit extreme, but the reality is that extreme weather has moved from the realm of a rare occurrence to the norm in Florida.

Significant hurricanes have been a way of life in Florida forever, but the intensity, severity, and frequency of these catastrophic weather events have been increasing over the past few years thanks to the startling rise in both ocean and air temperatures because of climate change. Warm water is the jet fuel for hurricane development and Milton was a perfect example of that interaction. Milton originated in the Gulf of Mexico, just off the Yucatan peninsula, and intensified from a Category 1 hurricane to a Category 5 within 24 hours, the fastest-ever hurricane to do so.

Not only did Milton spawn tornadoes across Florida even before it made landfall that resulted in death and destruction far from where it came ashore, but it also caused record flooding in the middle of the state which still has yet to fully recede. There are areas in Florida where those who bought their homes only a few years ago are unable to sell them, even at steep discounts, in the aftermath of the hurricanes of the past few years.

Even for those whose homes have been relatively untouched by the catastrophic weather, the cost of home insurance has skyrocketed. The Wall St. Journal reports that home insurance rates in Florida are twice the national average and auto insurance is more than 50% above the national average. There is no doubt that as hurricanes continue to pound the peninsula, these costs will continue to rise exponentially, effectively making living there unaffordable for many Floridians, especially for senior citizens who are on fixed incomes.

The possibility of losing everything -- your home, your cars, and all of your belongings -- has made many question whether Florida is a desirable place to live, especially in one's so-called golden years. You may escape the worst effects of a hurricane for five or 10 years, but all it takes is one occurrence to lose everything you have.

We have written previously that there is no place on the planet where we are safe from climate change -- the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene in serene western North Carolina, hundreds of miles from the ocean, being the most recent example -- but Florida has become the proverbial canary in the coal mine, the forewarning of much-worse times to come.

The trifecta of wind damage, flooding, and the high cost of living have turned the Sunshine State into the State of Danger & Despair -- and with climate change bringing ever-higher ocean and air temperatures with no end in sight, the future promises to be truly apocalyptic.

Living in Florida these days is like playing Russian Roulette, with Mother Nature in the role of the house.

And as we all know, the house always wins.

## GRAND REOPENING CEREMONY FOR BOSSON PARK

City officials and residents attended a grand reopening ceremony for Bosson Park, a well-known and longtime playground located between Bellingham and Grove Streets.

Following is a summary of the remarks by speakers during the program:

### City Manager Fidel Maltez

"This park has undergone a remarkable transformation, thanks to a \$2 million investment in its renovations, partly funded by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation Services.

We replaced old, outdated play equipment with new and enhanced play structures. We've upgraded the park's half basketball court and improved its splash pad to create a more welcoming and accessible environment for everyone who visits. The changes

reflect our city's commitment to fostering a healthy and equitable community, providing safe and enjoyable spaces for families and individuals."

### City Council President Norieliz DeJesus

"This is truly amazing. It is a beautiful project for this city that has gone through so much. I see this as an advancement in our city's creation of greenspace and cultivating more of that space and protecting that space as we redevelop."

### District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate

"As I was walking up Grove Street, I could hear the sound of children laughing. One of the boys looked through the fence and said, 'Have you seen our new park?'"

"That alone was worth the one year that we have been here watching and waiting. I'm so excited that we're here again. The space is absolutely beautiful and I wanted to thank everyone, city and state officials, and all the city departments for helping."

### Teen Action Project Member Kimberly Ramirez

"Today, we are here to celebrate the reopening of Bosson Park, but also the incredible power and potential of Chelsea's Youth to shape the future. I've lived in Chelsea for 11 years, and I remember when this park wasn't a safe place. It was a place that too often reminded us of the challenges our community faced. But standing here today, I feel proud of how far we've come."



City Councilor Giovanni Recupero, Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, Police Lt. Joseph Fern, Lt. Paul Marchese, Capt. Jason Farden, Capt. Thomas McLain, City Manager Fidel Maltez, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, and City Councilor Todd Taylor, pictured at the grand reopening ceremony at Bosson Park.



City Manager Fidel Maltez joins Teen Action Project Youth members Cathy Matute (right) and Kimberly Ramirez (left) and city officials in cutting the ribbon at the reopening ceremony for Bosson Park Tuesday night.



Representing the DPW, Marcus Queen, Chris Barrett, Bladimir Hernandez, Mike Sandoval, and Loida Moore, pictured with City Councilor Lisa Santagate.

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# CHELSEA HOLDS LATIN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

DEREK KOUYOUNJIAN PHOTOS

The City Of Chelsea finished its Hispanic Heritage Month which ran from September 15 to October 15, with a Latin Heritage Festival held in front of City Hall. Music, food, entertainment, dancing, and more brought residents together to celebrate. 12 individuals were each lauded with an official Certificate of Recognition from the City Council for their efforts in enriching the Latino community in Chelsea. This is all a part of the City of Chelsea's celebration of its 400th Anniversary.



Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez with Cheryl Fisher, Chair of the Chelsea 400th Committee.



Anais and Evelina Carballo.



Diego Silva of Mariachi Boston on trumpet.



Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez welcomes everyone to the festival.



Dennis Reyes with his dad, Jose.



Adelaida and Haydee Hurtado.



Award recipient John Montes and Karlee Thalacker.



Anthony Martinez of One Music sings while the other half of his band, Ernesto Borjas, (not in picture) performs on guitar.



Chelsea City Council President Norieliz DeJesus.



Chelsea City Councilors: Lisa Santagate, Todd Taylor, Melinda Vega, Giovanni Recupero, Norieliz DeJesus, Tanairi Garcia, and Kelly Garcia.



Mayra Romero is given a Certificate of Recognition for her contribution to the Latino community in Chelsea from City Council President Norieliz DeJesus and City Manager Fidel Maltez.



Mariachi Boston performs. Diego Silva on trumpet, Paula Wilson, Daniel Ventura on accordion.



Avery, Diana, Dee, and Alicia.



Paula Wilson of Mariachi Boston performs.



The festival drew in many spectators to the Chelsea City Hall grounds.

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Chelsea city employee Elsa Quesada with her son Lucas and their furry friend Rocky.



Giselle Suado is given a Certificate of Recognition for her contribution to the Latino community in Chelsea from City Councilor Lisa Santagate.



Jasmine Gararra is given a Certificate of Recognition for her contribution to the Latino community in Chelsea from City Councilor Roberto Jimenez Rivera.



Jasmine Garmendia is given a Certificate of Recognition for her contribution to the Latino community in Chelsea from City Councilor Melinda Vega.



Dylan, Emanuel, and Joel.



Myra and Amelia.



Chelsea City Councilor Giovanni Recupero is given a Certificate of Recognition from his sister Minnie.



Nova and Toni Mae Corona celebrate after performing with their dad Max Corona, rapper extraordinaire.



Maria Iraola is given a Certificate of Recognition for her contribution to the Latino community in Chelsea from City Council President Norieliz DeJesus.



Max Corona, performed his brand of hip-hop rapping with his daughters Nova and Toni.



Nazario Hurtado.



Rosalee and Bettsaly and Ezekiel Gomez



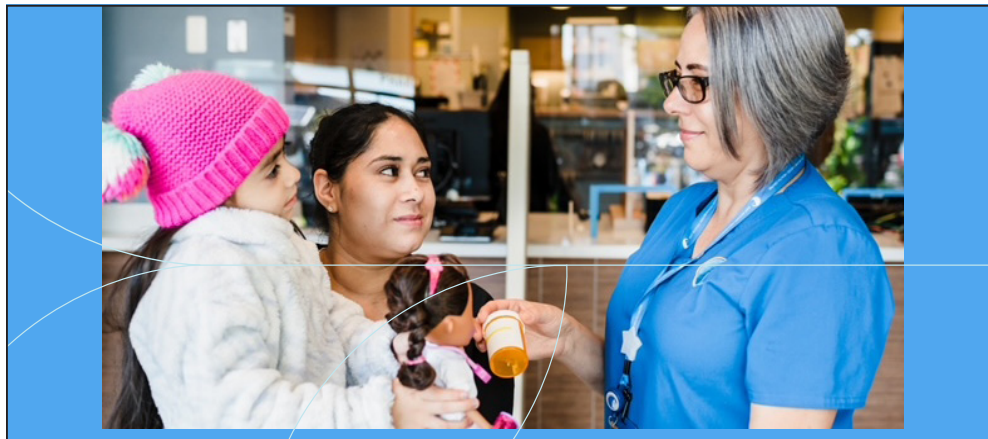
Kids play on the Spanish American War Memorial.



John Montes is given a Certificate of Recognition for his contribution to the Latino community in Chelsea from City Councilor Tanairi Garcia.



Matt Frank, Krystina and Penelope Sunsins (far right), and Katrina Mojica.



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The Chelsea High School Cantana Group performs.

# Sports

## **BRUINS Beat** by Bob Morello

### Bruins wrap with comments

This 2024-25 season for the Bruins, will mark the 50th consecutive year that I have been honored to report on the Boston Bruins for the Chelsea Record. I thank all the Record staff who have been there to support me over the years, and especially the readers of BRUINS BEAT. Thank you!

#### **BRUINS REFLECT ON THEIR PLAY**

As the Bruins hit the road and prepared to take on the Colorado Avalanche yesterday (Wednesday) at press time, the Avalanche are winless in their first three games. I'm sure there have been some reflections on their effort by the Bruins players, and how the season has begun with a record of 2-2 to start the season. The downside, a couple of tough losses to the dreaded Florida Panthers, the upside, the solid play of Boston's fourth line - Mark Kastelic, Johnny Beecher and Cole Koepke. The fourth line has provided the majority of the energy boost this team needed. Proof of that is in the points totals: Kastelic was tied with Elias Lindholm with 5 points to lead the team, Beecher and Koepke, each had 4 points. As a trio, each of the fourth liners is in the top five scorers on the team. Some concern has to be the lack of a power play...despite having 18 opportunities with the extra man, they've only been able to put two pucks in the net - while allowing a

pair of shorthanded scores (both to Florida's Sam Reinhart). Highly noticeable is the lack of scoring from Boston's top two lines, especially when playing 5-on-5, Charlie Coyle centering the second line in the middle of Brad Marchand and Morgan Geekie, and pointless to date. According to coach Jim Montgomery, there is no need for concern at this time. This current 3-game road trip has the Bruins leaving TD Garden for Colorado to face the Avalanche. Following the fame the locals take on the newest team in the NHL, the Utah Hockey Club on Saturday at 9pm. Utah has proved to be no slouch, coming out of the gate with wins in their first three games, followed by a loss. Next up will be the Nashville Predators, also winless at press time, on Tuesday at 8:45pm, ending the brief road trip. Thursday the Bruins will host the Dallas Stars, presently winners of their first four games, at 7pm on TD Garden ice.

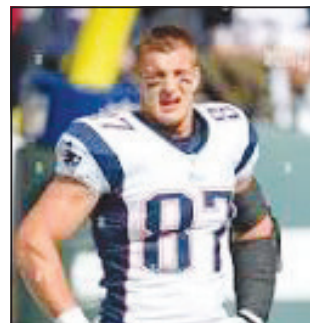
#### **Bruin Brad Park to be honored at The Tradition Nov. 20, 2024**

Sports aficionados, time to fasten the seat belts and join The Sports Museum on Wednesday, November 20 at TD Garden for The Tradition, the annual celebration of sports in Boston. The exciting 23rd annual fundraising gala starts with a cocktail reception on the TD Garden arena floor where guests



Shown above, Boston athletes set to be honored at The Tradition this year at TD Garden.

mix and mingle with one another while enjoying an open bar and great food. Following the cocktail reception, there will be a talk-show-style program where all honorees (with their presenters) will share personal stories about their careers that you will not hear anywhere else. The Tradition honorees for this year's event (the 23rd annual) include: Hockey Legacy Award to Brad Park, former Boston Bruin, and Hockey Hall of Fame inductee (presented by former Bruin Gerry Cheevers) - Football Legacy Award to former Patriot Rob Gronkowski (presented by former N.E. Patriot,



Rob Ninkovich) - Baseball Legacy Award to Terry Francona, former Red Sox manager (presented by former Red Sox player Kevin Cash) - Swimming Legacy Award to Dara Torres, a 12-time Olympic medalist (presented by sportscaster, sportswriter, and television personality Lesley Visser) - Figure Skating Legacy Award to Scott Hamilton, Olympic Gold medalist, and winner of four World Championships (presented by Dr. Tenley Albright) - and Basketball Legacy Award to Dee Brown, former Boston Celtic (presented by former Celtic Cedric Maxwell).

## **CHS Roundup**

### **CHS BOYS SOCCER LOOKS TO REBOUND**

It was a tough week for the Chelsea High boys soccer team, which dropped both of its contests this past week.

Last Thursday, coach Mick Milutinovic's squad came up short by a score of 2-1 to Lynn English. Jorge Perez scored the Chelsea goal on a header off a corner kick.

This past Tuesday the Red Devils fell at first-place Revere, which is undefeated with a 10-0-2 record, by a score of 8-2.

Esteban Calderon notched the first Chelsea goal when he beat the Revere keeper and deposited the ball into the open net. Erick Herrera reached the back of the Patriot net for the second Chelsea goal with a superb strike from outside the box.

The Red Devils, who have now dropped four straight matches after a four-game winning streak and stand at 5-7 on the season, will seek to get back on the winning track at Malden today (Thursday). They will entertain Medford next Tuesday and Lynn Classical next Thursday, with both of those matches set to kick off on the Chelsea Stadium turf at 5:45.

### **CHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL QUALIFIES FOR TOURNEY**

The Chelsea High girls volleyball team punched its ticket for a Journey to the Tourney with a 3-1 victory at New Mission last Friday. The triumph marked the third victory in a row for coach Gloria Rodriguez's squad, improv-

ing their record to 10-6 on the season and assuring them of the .500 record needed to qualify for the post-season in Division 2.

The Lady Red Devils played at Medford this past Monday and hosted Lynn Classical yesterday (Wednesday). They will trek to Lynn English next Monday and will entertain Swampscott in the regular season finale next Tuesday.

### **CHS FOOTBALL HOSTS MALDEN FRIDAY NIGHT**

The Chelsea High football team will host Malden for a Friday Night Lights contest tomorrow (Friday) evening on the turf at Chelsea Stadium. The opening kickoff is set for 6:00.

The Red Devils will make the short trek westward down the Parkway to Hormel Stadium next Thursday to meet Medford for a 6:00 kickoff.

### **PR TIMES FOR CHS RUNNERS**

Although the Chelsea High boys and girls cross country teams came up short in their meet last Wednesday with Medford on the Red Devils' home course at Admiral's Hill, there were some notable performances by members of the team.

For the girls, Hazel Hatleberg set a personal record (PR) when she broke 23 minutes in a 5K for the first time with a clocking of 22:48, which gave Hazel a third-place finish in the meet. Teammates Angely Mejia came across in sixth place with a time of 26:40 and Aly Perez took ninth spot with a clocking

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## Markey maps need for climate action and highlights federal investments

Special to the Record

Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) was joined in Boston by local officials and advocates to call for increased federal investment to bolster the climate resilience of regions at risk of sea level rise - exacerbated by devastation from climate change-fueled storms, as well as highlight ongoing resiliency projects in Massachusetts, following two devastating hurricanes in the southeastern United States that are expected to cost \$300 billion and have resulted in more than 250 deaths. Senator Markey announced that over the past two years, Boston, Chelsea, and Revere have already secured more

than \$75 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act for resiliency projects that include building resilient transportation corridors in Roxbury, greening the Chelsea Creek waterfront, and making the MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority) Blue Line more flood resistant.

In total, Massachusetts has secured approximately \$200 million for climate resiliency projects from those two laws so far. Senator Markey was joined by Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer for the City of Boston; Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata; Roseann Bongiovanni, Noemy Rodriguez, and John Walkey

from GreenRoots; and Dwaigh Tyndal, Executive Director of Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE).

"If we don't drive down our emissions as a country, we could see more than six feet of sea level rise by the end of the century. That's sunny-day flooding in neighborhoods from East Boston to Back Bay. TD Garden wouldn't be flooded with a sea of fans—it would be flooded by the sea itself. Back Bay will go back to the bay," said Senator Markey. "Our task is twofold. One, cut climate pollution by ushering in a clean energy revolution unlike any we've seen before, dismantling our dependence on fossil fuels. And

two, prepare for the future by investing in resilient buildings and strong communities. Thanks in part to the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we are well on our way to meet that second goal. In Massachusetts, we don't wait, we create."

"Chelsea and East Boston, the two communities that we serve at GreenRoots, are front-line environmental justice communities that are disproportionately impacted by environmental assault. On a daily basis, environmental justice communities throughout the United States and in the Global

South face increased frequency of severe storms, storm surge, sea level rise, drought, heat island impacts, wildfires and much more. We need federal leadership like that of Senator Markey's to prioritize policies and investments in climate resilience and climate justice, an end to fossil fuel use, and implementing greater renewable, resilient energy," said Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director of GreenRoots.

"Many of the people here have immigrated as a result of natural disasters in their home countries, and with climate change, we know that natural di-

sasters are only going to be increasing in number. When this happens, we need to ask the questions, 'Where are we going to go? What is going to happen to us?' These are the questions and worries that many of us have, not just for East Boston, but all over the country. We are the first generation feeling the effects of climate change and we may be the last generation that can do something about it," said Noemy Rodriguez, Waterfront Initiative Organizer at GreenRoots.

"We know that when climate change happens,

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Senator Markey joined by City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata; Brian Swett, Boston's Chief Climate Officer; Dwaigh Tyndal, Executive Director of Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE); and John Walkey, Noemy Rodriguez, and Roseann Bongiovanni from GreenRoots.

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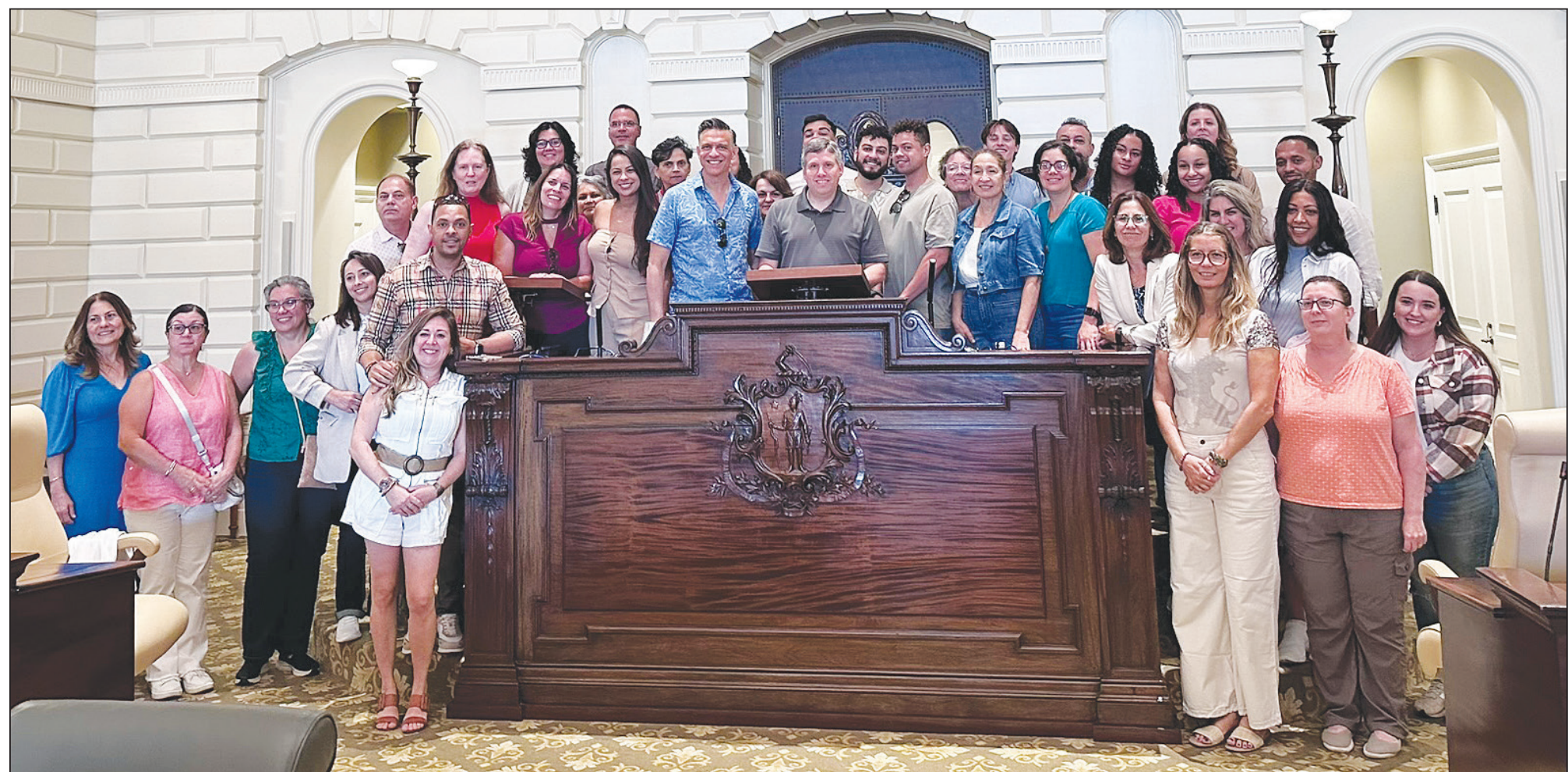
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Senator DiDomenico and the MAPS organization in the Senate Chamber.

### SENATOR DIDOMENICO HOSTS PORTUGUESE SPEAKERS ALLIANCE AT THE STATE HOUSE

Last month, Senator Sal DiDomenico welcomed the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers to the State House and gave them a tour of the Senate Chamber and other parts of the building.

DiDomenico said, "It was great to talk about how government and this great organization can continue to work together to support Portuguese speakers across my district and throughout the Common-

wealth. It is always great seeing my friend and the MAPS CEO, Paulo Pinto, and I want to thank him for bringing his whole organization to see the legislature."



Senator DiDomenico sharing information and facts about the Senate Chamber with the MAPS members.



Senator DiDomenico and the MAPS members on the Grand Staircase in the State House

### SENATOR DIDOMENICO CELEBRATES FUNDING FOR LOCAL EARLY EDUCATION FACILITIES

DiDomenico's 2013 legislation started the fund that made this investment possible

This September, Senator Sal DiDomenico visited the East Boston Social Centers to celebrate new funding they received from the Healey-Driscoll Administration that focuses on improving early education and out-of-school time facilities throughout the Commonwealth. In 2013 DiDomenico's legislation was included in the

Housing Bill to start this fund to ensure that there will be resources available to improve and repair early education facilities in Massachusetts.

In his remarks Senator DiDomenico said, "This organization provides critical early education services to families throughout my district, and I couldn't be prouder to have played a part in ensuring they get the financial support they need."

DiDomenico was joined

by Early Education & Care (EEC) Commissioner Amy Kershaw, Secretary of Education, Patrick Tutwiler, State Representative Adrian Madaro, and leaders and staff from the East Boston Social Centers (EBSC). EBSC was one of 20 organizations across the state that received capital funding to renovate early education and out-of-school time program facilities that serve primarily low-income families.



Senator DiDomenico with Early Education & Care (EEC) Commissioner Amy Kershaw, Secretary of Education, Patrick Tutwiler, State Representative Adrian Madaro, and leaders from the East Boston Social Centers (EBSC).

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of 28:01.

On the boys' side, Sherwin Kim set a PR with a clocking of 19:23, which was good for sixth place. He was followed by teammates Ivan Irias Padilla in seventh in 19:33; Kyle Leong in ninth in 19:42; Eric Anderson in 10th in

20:30; and Sebastian Molina in 15th in 21:16.

Other Red Devils who competed in the meet were Bryan Amaya (21:59), Carlos Perez (22:10), Gamliel Artica (22:24), Alex Chang (25:34), Royal Tun (26:19), and Jose Vega (28:59).

Coach Cesar Hernandez and his crew concluded their dual meet season yesterday (Wednesday) at Revere and will compete in the annual Greater Boston League Meet next Wednesday at Macdonald Park in Medford.



# Lead awareness seminar for Chelsea family child care and child care center staff

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection - Drinking Water Program (Mass-DEP-DWP) hosted another seminar to raise awareness about lead exposure joining efforts with City of Chelsea officials and nonprofit organizations such as Early Childhood Initiative, Green Roots, Clean Water Action as well as key players in childcare systems such as Nurtury, Clarendon, Child Development and Education Family-Based Child Care Networks and a local lead awareness activist.

The two-hour seminar aimed at local family child care educators and staff from child care centers took place on Septem-

ber 24th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Williams Jr. High School, 180 Walnut St and a total of 54 participants attended.

The program covered a range of topics, including lead exposure in drinking water, the free lead testing Water-Smart Program, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, the Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education Program, the Service Line Inventory, and the Lead Service Replacement Program at Chelsea.

To ensure accessibility for Spanish-speaking attendees, our collaborators, GreenRoots and the City of Chelsea, provided translation equipment (headphones and mi-

crophones) along with a trained interpreter. Participants received training materials and a certificate of attendance from the Drinking Water Program, which can be applied toward the annual training requirement for childcare providers set by the Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC).

Following this Chelsea seminar, the Water-Smart Program will continue collaborating with Chelsea partners to encourage all childcare facilities in the city to participate in lead testing. The goal is to ensure that any facilities with lead concentrations above the laboratory analytical testing limit of 1 part per billion (ppb or

µg/L) take the necessary remediation actions based on program recommendations.

So far, 30% (11) of the family child care programs in Chelsea have agreed to participate in the program, and 19% have already completed the testing. Additionally, to engage and educate parents and the Chelsea community, Clean Water Action, in collaboration with the City of Chelsea, will host a free information session on October 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Chelsea Public Library. To register contact Kiera at kalventosa@cleanwater.org.



Shown (left to right) first row Gufran Bulbul (MassDEP), Parker Honey (DPH), Jessica Burkhamer (DPH), Alex Smith-Lin (UMass), Marcela Rojas (UMass), Brandy Litt (DPH), Ana Rodriguez (Cozy Cave childcare owner), Xochitl Perez (MassDEP), Flor Amaya (City of Chelsea), Marian Berkowitz (UMass), Barbara Espinosa (GreenRoots), Jessica Sibirski (MassDEP), Tania Perez (Nurtury), Mayra Rosado (Nurtury), Jorman Mota (City of Chelsea), Amy Izen (Early Childhood Initiative), Monica Elias-Orellana (GreenRoots), Shedlove Joseph (translator). Second row Right to left: Fran Roznowski (Local Lead Awareness Activist), Nishaila Porter (MassDEP), Vanessa Guardado (MAPC), Kiera Alventosa (Clean Water Action), Bernabe Rodriguez (City of Chelsea), Isaac Smith (City of Chelsea), and Michael Celona (MassDEP).

## OBITUARIES

### Dennis J. "Denny" Bryson Retiree of Peter Condakes Co. at the N.E. Produce Center

Relatives and friends attended calling hours and services for Dennis J. "Denny" Bryson in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Tuesday, October 15. At 70 years of age, Dennis passed away unexpectedly in his home on Friday, October 4.

Born in Everett, he was raised in Chelsea, attended local schools and was a graduate of Everett Trade-High School. He was a beloved son of the late John Wm. and Ellen (Rogers) Bryson. He married Diane (Iwanicki) Bryson in 1980 and was widowed 30 years later in 2010. Together they were passionately devoted to home and family raising three daughters.

For those who knew him, he was a man of his word. He said what he said and he meant it. Dennis was a hardworking and motivated man who tried to provide the best life for the ones he loved.

A lifelong resident of Chelsea, Dennis worked for over 30 years in the N.E. Produce Center for Peter Condakes Co. as dock and warehouseman. He retired in 2017.

In his lifetime, Dennis avidly enjoyed fishing, Sluice Pond in Lynn was one of his favorite spots and it is where he enjoyed taking his children and grandchildren to join him fishing.

In addition to his beloved wife Diane, he was predeceased by his siblings, John, Pamela and Richard Bryson. He is lovingly survived by his three loving and caring daughters, Diana Bryson, Sandra Bryson and Meghan Bryson, all of Chelsea; his four cherished grandchildren: Amanda Bryson of Holden, James Bryson, Mercedes Bryson and Aiden Bryson-Gomez, all



of Chelsea and his adoring great grandchildren, Bryce and Hayley Fortin-Smith of Holden. He is survived by his sister, Sandra Thistle of Lynn and brother, Charles Bryson of Chelsea. Denny was predeceased by his best buddy, his Golden Retriever, Chance, but he leaves behind his three loving dogs, Lacy, Daisey and Haze. He is also survived by extended family members and friends.

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And in the Winter, when I stand at my window to watch the blizzard whirl snow around my grief and loneliness then, too, I think of you and I remember... I remember.

Love ~ Mom  
Linda Sudanowicz

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the least among us are the first affected and the worst affected. We frequently say that people are a paycheck away from disaster. According to FEMA, just an inch of floodwater in a home causes roughly about \$25,000 in damages. There are over 400,000 Massachusetts residents living in the hundred-year flood zone which means more than a one in four chance of having a flood during a 30-year mortgage period. If home ownership is the route to generational wealth that we would leave to the next generation, we need to be planning and prepared for this," said John Walkey, Director of Climate Justice & Waterfront Initiatives.

"Boston is deeply grateful for Senator Markey's unwavering leadership in securing critical federal funds that are bolstering our city's climate resilience. Thanks to our partners in the federal government, Boston has secured over \$60 million in grants for coastal resilience projects helping us protect our neighborhoods from rising sea levels and extreme storms. However, with the increasing frequency of extreme weather, much more work remains, and additional funding is essential to fully safeguard our city and its most vulnerable communities," said Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer for the City of Boston.

"We have a moral obligation to move quickly to identify all strategies and tools that are at our disposal to ensure that Boston's forty-seven-mile coastline is resilient and to protect these residents. I want to thank Senator Markey for his leadership in the Senate, and President Biden's leadership in securing these necessary federal funds that Boston is now being awarded, which will help protect our communities. This is our next big challenge. We need the resources, capital, and col-

laboration to adequately protect Boston. We need the vital investments coming down the pike from the federal government in both green and gray infrastructure to protect our future. I am hopeful, with the level of partnership and leadership on display here across all levels of government, advocacy groups and philanthropy, and I know that we will continue to lean in and get it done," said Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata.

"This is a reminder, a call to arms, a warning and a reality check. We may have more resources than imagination to deal with this issue. We have all the policy, the information, and the possible solutions.

The struggle now is to push beyond our imagination to do what we need to get this done. This is not going to be a part of the political cycle, or fundraising cycles, but part of the continual struggle and persistence that many of us are here today are taking part in," said Dwaigh Tyndal, Executive Director of Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE).

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# Chelsea leaders attend the First Annual MANAHRO Gala and awards dinner

Housing leaders from across Massachusetts were joined by Lt Governor Kim Driscoll, Secretary of EOHLC Ed Augustus and other dignitaries for the First Annual MANAHRO Gala and awards dinner in Norwood on Wednesday October 9th. The highlight of the evening was the award for Development Partner of the year, which was awarded to Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA) development partner Joseph J. Corcoran Company (JCC) for their innovative and groundbreaking DUO project with CHA at the former Innes site on Central Ave. With many development projects happening at housing authority sites across the state the competition was very competitive but the JCC and CHA team were pushed over the top for their groundbreaking attention to detail and coordination that includes working with the Innes Resident Council to ensure residents have a true voice in the process and ensuring they will continue to do so moving into the future.



Matt Frank Director of Operations at CHA, Sean McReynolds President of JCC, Leo Robinson of the Chelsea City Council, Joe Corcoran CEO of JCC, Al Ewing former/retired Executive Director at CHA, Paul Nowicki Executive Director at CHA, Jennifer Corcoran Vice President of JCC and Venessa Rivera Regional project Manager for Housing Opportunities Unlimited

DUO is a partnership between the Joseph J. Corcoran Company (JCC), John M. Corcoran Company (JMC), the Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA), the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), the City of Chelsea, and the Innes Resident Association and was the first of its kind in Massachusetts. On the new name

of the site CHA Executive Director Paul Nowicki states "The new name of the development Duo is reflective of the tremendous team work it took to make this dream a reality. On behalf of the CHA residents and staff we are grateful for our partnership with the Joseph J. Corcoran company as we collaborated and made a 1951 dilapidated housing

development into a state-of-the-art complex that is the envy of the entire state." The project consists of a transformation of a 96-unit Chapter 200 state public housing development built in the 1950s into a mixed-income, fully amenitized community including all 96 state public housing units alongside 194 market rate units and 40 middle income/work-

force units. This innovative and forward thinking project is currently under construction and is a \$150+ million redevelopment, landmark public-private partnership with investment from EOHLC, Marcus Partners, Cambridge Savings Bank and participant banks Eastern Bank and Harbor One Bank. This project was made possible with the award of a planning grant from EOHLC under the Public Housing Innovations Demonstration Program (PHIDP) program. In addition to the grant, the project will also receive over \$30M in public subsidies for capital improvements, as well as being financed with private capital. Sean McReynolds, President of JCC says "The Innes-Duo project is proof that public-private partnerships are the way of the future, and when working in true and transparent partnership, we can conquer any obstacle. With the shared goal of delivering quality housing to residents who need it, the entire team—the CHA, JMC, the

City of Chelsea, the state, and most importantly, the Innes residents—stayed focused for many years to get to this point." Paul Nowicki highlights the human side of the project "The CHA staff is so excited for our families as we continue to be creative to offer them all opportunities to not only stabilize their lives, but improve them with new housing as well as supportive services and self-sufficiency programs to enrich their lives." Joe Corcoran, CEO of JCC summarizes "Getting to see the public housing residents that we have worked with for years move in to brand new, top-of-the-line housing next month would be reward enough, but it's truly an honor to be recognized for our participation in the public-private partnership with the Chelsea Housing Authority that made those moves possible." Excitement is building all around as residents will start moving into the new buildings over the next few months in phases.

## CHS CLASS OF 1989 HOSTS 35TH REUNION AT POLISH POLITICAL CLUB IN CHELSEA

Last Friday evening the CHA Class of 1989 met at the PPC on Broadway Chelsea for their 35th class reunion. Carolyn Vega and John Montes organized this informal event, allowing their classmates to get together and enjoy quality catch-up time, food and music.



The Classmates of CHS 1989 gathered at the Chelsea PPC on Broadway last Friday evening for their 35th class reunion.



Showing Class of 89 pride, Peter Quigley and Carolyn Vega.



Sandy and Ivetter Mojica with John Montes.



Event organizers Carolyn Vega and John Montes with classmate John Saunders (center).



Enjoying some delicious food from the buffet, Sophoan Young and Chanvatey Samon.

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Maria Vega with Ray and Sue Cross.



Early arrivals John Triolo and Heidi Williams.

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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 October 7, 2024, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that, in accordance with Section 24-4 "Street names; building numbering" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea, a Public Hearing having been held on October 7, 2024, the Chelsea City Council formally renames Arlington Street Extension as Walnut Street. 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 10/17/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2024-22
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Christopher Friend and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a rear deck which fails to meet the minimum requirements for rear yard setback, side yard setback, and combined yard setback at the premises known as: 29 Central Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 10/17/24, 10/24/24 C

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 C

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON Docket No. SU96P1068
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114 In the interests of: Huynh Pham Of: Chelsea, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian of the respondent. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 10/24/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 10, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 10/17/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Section 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID MGL c.149 Over \$150K
The CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Roll-in Showers in Accessible Units- Margolis Apartments at Margolis (16-4) in Chelsea, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by ARCHITECTURAL SOLUTIONS INC.. The Project consists of but not limited to: Roll-in Showers in Accessible Units at Margolis Apartments, Chelsea, MA. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum Davis-Bacon minimum wage rates. The construction will be administered using BidDocs' construction software paid for by the Awarding Authority or Prime Designer. The work is estimated to cost \$200,000.00. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at www.biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, General Building Construction, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement. General Bids will be received until 20 November 2024 at 1:00PM EST and publicly opened online, forthwith. Filed Sub-bids for the

The CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the HVAC System in Community Rooms - Margolis & Buckley Apartments at Buckley (667-2) 14 Bloomingdale Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 Margolis (16-4) 260 Clark Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150 in accordance with the documents prepared by ARCHITECTURAL SOLUTIONS INC. The Project consists of but not limited to: HVAC System in Community Rooms at Buckley & Margolis Apartments, Chelsea, MA. 10/17/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU24CO123CA
In the matter of: Jonathan Perez A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jonathan Perez of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Valentina Perez Novoa IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/11/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 10, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 10/17/2024 C

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trades listed below will be received until 06 November 2024 at 1:00PM EST and publicly opened online, forthwith. 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. TRADES Plumbing General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates), and made payable to the CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at www.biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost). PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled Date and Time: 10/16/2024 at 9:00AM EDT Address: 260 Clark Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150 Instructions: For any questions call James Krasco at 617-828-0561 or email at jkrasco@chelseaha.com for more information. The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167 10/17/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court

24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU24CO490CA
In the matter of: Marienelis Aliah Rodriguez A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Marienelis Aliah Rodriguez of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Socorro Del Carmen Rodriguez Perez IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/07/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 08, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 10/17/2024 C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE
Electronic Bids submitted in the format furnished by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) and clearly identified as a bid will be received through DCAMM's E-Bid Room at www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/home no later than the

date and time specified and will forthwith be publicly opened remotely by DCAMM Bid Room personnel and read aloud over a conference call line. Persons interested in accessing the remote bid opening can do so by using the following phone number: Audio Conferencing Dial-In Number (617)-315-0704, Meeting Number 2333 916 4237#. If prompted for attendee ID, please press #. Mass. State Project No. CHE2301 Power Plant Decommissioning Study for Chelsea Veterans Home Domiciliary Redevelopment, Chelsea, MA The following Filed Sub-Bids: Plumbing; HVAC Sub-Bids at 12:00 Noon: November 6, 2024 General Bids at 2:00 PM: November 18, 2024 Every Filed Sub-Bidder must be certified by DCAMM in the category for which they bid. Every General Bidder must be certified by DCAMM for the category of work listed below and for no less than the bid price plus all add alternates of this project, if applicable. Category of Work: General Building Construction E.C.C: \$1,156,296 This project is scheduled for 106 calendar days to substantial completion. Scope: Demolition of the incinerator building and relocation of all electrical, mechanical, and fire protection equipment within the space. A Pre-Bid/Site Visit will be held on October 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Chelsea Veterans Home, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea, MA. Meet in the Lobby. Minimum rates of wages to be paid on the project have been determined by the Commissioner of

the Department of Labor Standards. These rates are incorporated into the bid documents. Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through DCAMM's E-Bid Room https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/home. A hard copy set can be made available for viewing in DCAMM's Bid Room located at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA during normal business hours by appointment only by contacting DCAMM's Bid Room. In order to access bid documents and submit bids through DCAMM's E-Bid Room potential bidders must first be verified by DCAMM's Bid Room and then register with the E-Bid Room vendor. Instructions on the processes can be found on DCAMM's website www.mass.gov/dcammm/bids or contact DCAMM's Bid Room at bidroom.dcammm@mass.gov or (617) 727-4003. Adam Baacke COMMISSIONER 10/17/24 C

Galvez Garcia of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Sandra Beatriz Garcia De Galvez IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/24/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 24, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 10/17/2024 C

tively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Karla Patricia Romero Santiago 350 Washington Ave. Apt. 1, Chelsea, MA 02150, your answer, if any, or before 11/27/2024. 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: October 3, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 10/17/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU24D1724DR
Karla Patricia Romero Santiago Plaintiff vs. Dennis Santiago Saquic Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would nega-

LEGAL 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 October 1, 2024, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations: To permanently remove on-street parking on the corners of Carter and Fourth Street and 'No Overnight Parking' signage directly across 128 Carter Street. To designate two (2) on-street parking spaces at 170 Cottage Street for the duration of the project. To install a 'Stop' sign on Crescent Avenue, at Tudor Street. Jeannette Cintron White Parking Clerk 10/17/24 C

Chelsea's Professional Service Directory

Advertisement for Chelsea's Professional Service Directory featuring various service categories: ELECTRICIAN (Kevin Mooney, 781-799-1862), LANDSCAPING (Jim Costello, 617-962-5621), PAINTING (Nick D'Agostino, 617-270-3178; John J. Recca, 781-241-2454), POOLS (Cosmo Pools, 781-589-0505), REAL ESTATE (Gina S Soldano, 857-272-4270), and PLUMBING (Patriot Sewer & Drain Plumbing Services, LLC, 781-656-4884). Each category includes a logo, contact information, and a brief description of services offered.

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# FRIENDS OF MARY O'MALLEY PARK HOLDS ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

Friends of Mary O'Malley Park held its annual kite festival, Let's Go Fly a Kite, sponsored by the Chelsea Cultural Council, on October 5. Families enjoyed balloon animals and snacks before running through an open field on Admiral's Hill, cheering as their kites took flight.



A girl running through Mary O'Malley Park with her flag during the October 5 Kite Festival.



Roda Lopez, Janit Cruz, Jady Cruz, Sofia Martinez, and Irma Cruz.



Jack, Sandra, Hago, 12, Sarkis, 10, and Aneesa Grigorian.



Paul and Leidy Galdamez.



William and Angela Sema Aravjo.



Emily Van Heukelom with her son, Henry Giso, and his friend, Marshawn Pitt.



Cruz, Melanie, and Aaron Reyes.



Roger Bolduc, Joan Donahue, Councilor Leo Robinson, Suzanne Perry, Representative Judith Garcí, Marlene Jennings, Peter Trow, and Mike Nappo.