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AREA GROUPS JOIN TO DONATE TO 800 CHELSEA FAMILIES



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Shown (above and below) Price Rite has teamed up with Feed the Children, the Salvation Army of Chelsea, the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea, Kellogg's, and United Foods to donate food, essentials, and age-appropriate books to 800 Chelsea families in need.

Special to the Record

Price Rite Marketplace and Feed the Children have partnered with The Salvation Army Chelsea Corps, the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea, Kellogg's and United Foods to provide food and essentials to families experiencing food insecurity in the Chelsea area. Nearly 800 local families will receive a 25-lb box of food, a 15-lb box of hygiene essentials, children's books, Price Rite Marketplace gift cards and more. The families were pre-identified by The Salvation Army Chelsea Corps and the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea. Additional wrap-around services will be provided by local partners, including the Chelsea Fire Department and The Salvation Army Kids' Club.

Fighting hunger is at the heart of Price Rite Marketplace's charitable giving and paired with Feed the Children's vision to create a world where no child goes to bed hungry, they created the Feeding Minds & Bodies initiative. This year marks a decade of Price Rite Marketplace and Feed the Children teaming up to tackle child-

hood hunger and promote healthy childhood development by providing food, personal care items, books and school supplies to families in need. To celebrate this milestone, together, they will host 10 events throughout 2024, beginning in May and running through the fall.

With one in five children in the U.S. experiencing food insecurity, hunger remains a significant issue, especially during summer months. Since the two organizations first

began working together in 2015, more than 40,000 families have received the fresh fruit, vegetables and groceries they need to nourish their families.



32 LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS TO GRADUATE FROM STATE FIRE ACADEMY NEXT WEEK

Special to the Record

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy leadership presented certificates of completion to 32 graduating recruits, including Ryan Motta, Kevin Rosado, and Ivan Soto Heyer from Chelsea, on October 17, at the Department of Fire Services' main campus in Stow.

Graduates represented 16 Fire Departments. The recruits of MFA



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Chelsea Firefighters Ryan Motta, Kevin Rosado, and Ivan Soto Heyer.

Career Recruit Firefighter Training Class #324 represent the fire departments of Auburn, Bedford, Burlington, Chelsea, Devens, Easton, Haver-

hill, Hopedale, Hull, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maynard, Medford, Natick, Southborough, and Swampscott. The MFA provides recruit and in-service train-

ing at three separate campuses for Massachusetts firefighters and has graduated about 14,000 firefighters in more than 450 classes.

Fast and Reliable

MBTA begins bus lane work for new Route 104 bus service through Everett and Chelsea

Special to the Record

The MBTA and officials in Everett and Chelsea recently announced that work has begun to create new dedicated bidirectional bus lanes to prepare for the new Frequent Route 104 bus service as part of Bus Network Redesign Phase 1.

The work and the new route is part of the MBTA's overall Transit Priority Strategy.

Approximately one mile of bus lanes are being added to 2nd Street in Everett and Chelsea to support the new route of Frequent Bus Route 104 and to help ensure the service remains fast and reliable. The lane will stretch between Spruce Street in Chelsea to Revere Beach Parkway in Everett in the

westbound direction, and there will be an eastbound segment in Chelsea from the Everett City line at Market Street ending just shy of Spruce Street.

Installation of the bus lanes began on Sunday, Oct. 20, and is anticipated to last approximately three weeks (weather permitting), according to MBTA officials. Existing lanes will remain for traffic in each direction. No parking spaces will be removed for the bus lanes.

The December 15 launch of new Frequent Route bus service will include changes to six bus routes: 86, 104, 109, 110, 116, and 117, serving the communities of Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Malden, East Boston, Somerville,

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DiDomenico updates council on new soccer stadium bill

By Adam Swift

State Senator Sal DiDomenico gave the city council an update on an economic development bill that could pave the way for the Kraft family to build a new professional soccer stadium in Everett near the Encore Casino.

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson had previously requested a subcommittee meeting with state legislators on the potential mitigation of impacts from a stadium.

"What is happening right now with the legislation is that it is in a broader bill, it is in the economic development bill which is working its way through the process," said DiDomenico.

The stadium piece of the larger bill seeks to do away with the Designated Port Area language that limits the former power plant site in Everett to

maritime uses.

While the last legislative session ended in June without action on the broader bill, DiDomenico said the bill is still working its way through the legislature.

"Hopefully, the bill itself will come to the floor for a vote in the very near future," he said.

That vote could take place within the next several weeks, the state senator said.

"Until the bill is finally resolved, we won't even know the full breadth of the language itself until it reaches the floor of the senate and house for a vote on a compromise bill before the two bodies," said DiDomenico.

The current language in the bill only seeks to lift the DPA designation, it does not include language

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City Manager provides update on public safety

Special to the Record

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

Hello Residents of Chelsea. Welcome to Our Community. My name is Fidel Maltez, and it is my honor to serve as your City Manager.

Today, I want to focus on an important aspect of our community: public safety. Chelsea has seen a decline in crime rates over the past year. This achievement is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated law enforcement officers, community members, and city staff, who

prioritize the safety and well-being of our residents.

While we have had some isolated incidents of violence recently, I want to assure you that these

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CEO of Embrace Boston Dr. Imari Paris Jeffries named keynote speaker for City of Chelsea's Veterans Day Ceremonies Nov. 11

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea Department of Veteran Affairs is pleased to announce that Army Veteran and CEO of Embrace Boston, Imari Paris Jeffries, Ph.D., will be the keynote speaker for the City's Veterans Day Ceremonies on November 11, 2024. As CEO of Embrace Boston, Dr. Jeffries is leading a Boston-wide racial equity transformation through The Embrace monument, the Embrace Center, and ongoing community organizing efforts.

"Holidays are our living monuments," said Dr. Imari Paris Jeffries. "As a veteran, I am especially humbled to be asked to connect with our wonder-

ful community of veterans on a day that memorializes the commitment we have to our country."

The Chelsea community is invited to attend the ceremonies, which will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Clark Avenue School located at 8 Clark Avenue in Chelsea. This free event will celebrate the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our nation.

The ceremony will feature coffee, live music, a buffet lunch, and an array of activities and heartfelt tributes from local leaders including Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez; Chelsea City Council President Norieliz De Jesus; Chelsea's Director of Veterans Services Fran-



Imari K. Paris Jeffries, Ph.D., an Army veteran who served from 1991-1996, is leading a Boston-wide racial equity transformation through The Embrace monument, the Embrace Center, and ongoing community organizing efforts.

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Garcia, Massachusetts Senator Sal DiDomenico; La Luz de Cristo Pastor Keila Velez; and Superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools Dr. Almudena Abeyta.

"We're honored to have Dr. Imari Paris Jeffries as our keynote speaker for Chelsea's Veterans Day Ceremonies," said City Manager Maltez. "His unique perspective as an Army veteran and profound commitment to racial equity will inspire us as we come together to honor those who bravely served our nation. I invite every resident to join us in this heartfelt tribute as we celebrate the courage and sacrifices of our heroes."

Dr. Jeffries has dedicated his career to racial

equity and community engagement, leveraging his extensive experience in nonprofit management and social justice to foster change in Boston. His insights on honor and service will resonate with all attendees.

For more information, please visit www.chelseama.gov or contact Chelsea Veterans Services at (617) 466-4250 or Veterans Services Director Francisco Toro at ftoro@chelseama.gov.

About Imari K. Paris Jeffries, Ph.D.

Imari K. Paris Jeffries, Ph.D., is the President and CEO of Embrace Boston, where he is leading a citywide racial equity transformation through The Embrace monument,

the Embrace Center, and ongoing community organizing efforts. Imari brings a wealth of experience from the nonprofit management, racial equity, community activism, education reform, and social justice sectors and has served in executive roles at Parenting Journey, Jumpstart, Boston Rising and Friends of The Children. He currently serves as a Trustee of the UMass System, UMass Global,

Mass Humanities, Boston Ballet, the Huntington Theatre and former Governor Baker's Black Advisory Commission. To learn more about Dr. Jeffries, visit www.embrace-boston.org/our-team.

Council okays funding for Chelsea 400 and beyond events

By Adam Swift

The celebrations in Chelsea will continue beyond this year's Chelsea 400 events.

Monday night, the city council voted to approve a \$100,000 appropriation from the city's general stabilization fund to help pay for a new special events fund for the Chelsea 400 and Beyond campaign.

City Manager Fidel Maltez requested the funding, stating that it could be used for Fourth of July fireworks on Admirals Hill as well as other special historic and cultural celebrations in the coming year.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor pointed to the Chelsea 400 events and the recent Hispanic Heritage celebration as occasions that have helped bring the city together.

"A lot of the time, I think that with our city being di-

verse, we need these types of things to bring people out into the public space so that we can be actually physically together and celebrate the things that we think are important," said Taylor. "I think that this is the type of social glue that will really benefit our city and lessen the tensions in a world that is growing a little too tense. I am the most conservative member of this council, so I understand watching money, but I think that this is good money spent to try to help bring people together."

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero said he agreed that the money would be well spent, and added that he hoped some of the money could be used to bring the Veterans' Day parade back to the city.

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown cast the

lone event against the funding. He praised the events of Chelsea 400, but said there are many funding needs in the city.

Brown said he would like to see a committee explore how the celebration funds would be spent before voting for the appropriation.

"I was a part of the 400 committee, and I want to thank them for the outstanding job that they did putting all these events together," said Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson. "I shouldn't have to go to other communities to enjoy the kinds of things the 400 committee was able to pull off."

Council President Norieliz De Jesus said there are a number of important issues that need to be addressed in the city, but that there also should be avenues for residents to gather and celebrate.

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events are not random. They are targeted. All suspects are in custody, and our police department is actively investigating them. Our crime analyst has reported that the overall trend shows that Chelsea is becoming safer for all. Your safety is our top priority, and we are committed to ensuring that our streets remain secure for every resident.

Our public safety efforts extend beyond just response. The Chelsea Police Department has invested in robust community policing initiatives that foster trust and communication between officers and residents. These programs include, but are not limited to:

- Our Community Services Division
- Downtown Broadway Task Force
- Our Chelsea Youth Academy
- Our Coffee with a Cop Initiative
- Annual National Night Out events
- And our Faith & Blue community event series with local faith-based organizations

Our Community Division, for example, works closely with the city's schools, residents, businesses, and community outreach organizations to set the police department's priorities. The division oversees several operations, including the School Resource Officer Initiative and the Resident Officer Program.

The Downtown Taskforce is a community policing initiative in which officers are exclusively focused on the needs of the Downtown and work to build relationships with business owners, property owners, and residents to address persistent concerns in the area.

Our resident-driven Community Action Teams meet monthly in conjunction with police officers typically assigned to their neighborhoods to build trusting relationships and to create a friendly atmosphere where concerns and ideas can be shared.

Chelsea's Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, and Faith & Blue events are wonderful opportunities for community-building that strength-

en relationships between the police and residents, fostering safer neighborhoods.

This month, I invite you to join us at one of our Faith & Blue events! We're hosting several this October at different houses of worship, featuring music, dancing, food, and prayer. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with Chelsea Police Officers through your faith-based communities.

These events exemplify the power of community collaboration. By connecting our residents with law enforcement through the shared values of faith, we build trust and foster a safer, more inclusive Chelsea. I encourage everyone to participate in these events and strengthen our community bonds. Our kickoff Faith & Blue event was on October 4 at Iglesia de Cruz, and have hosted at Temple Emmanuel on October 11, St Luke's Church on October 13, and Revival Church on October 17. We look forward to adding more!

Through these programs, the City's collaborative and holistic approach to community policing allows us to address concerns proactively and build a stronger, more connected community.

Additionally, the City has made significant investments in mental health, substance use resources, and youth programs. We strive to create an environment where all Chelsea residents feel safe and supported by addressing underlying issues. Our partnerships with local organizations have been instrumental in providing outreach and educational programs aimed at crime prevention.

Through our partnership with the North Suffolk Mental Health Association for example, the Chelsea Police Department is able to staff a full-time clinician who helps the team provide an immediate response to a person in crisis, and, in partnership with North Suffolk Mental Health Association, supervises two recovery coaches. These recovery coaches, who are themselves in recovery, are knowledgeable about treatment options and oth-

er services available for individuals facing addiction, mental health challenges, or homelessness.

If you ever feel unsafe, need mental health or substance use support, or have concerns, I urge you to reach out. Our police department is here to listen and assist you. We also encourage residents to explore the resources listed above and on the Police Department's website, www.chelseapolice.com, to learn more about neighborhood watch programs, safety initiatives, and the latest Chelsea Police Department news.

Remember, public safety is a shared responsibility. By looking out for one another and reporting suspicious activities, we make Chelsea a safer place for all.

As we celebrate our achievements, we remain vigilant and committed to continuous improvement. I am excited to watch our community continue to thrive—not just in safety and unity, but also in civic engagement.

One of the most significant ways to engage civically in Chelsea is by exercising your right to vote in the upcoming Presidential election on November 7. Chelsea, your votes matter. Your voice matters. I urge you to check your voter registration status and ensure you are registered to vote before the voter registration deadline October 26.

You can check your voter status online by visiting the secretary of state's website, in person at the Chelsea Clerks' Office located at City Hall on 500 Broadway, or by calling the Clerks' Office at (617) 466-4050.

Lastly, you can visit the Clerks' department page anytime at chelseama.gov, where you can find all the election information you need, including Chelsea's Early Voting schedule which kicks off on October 19.

Let's come together to make our voices heard and ensure that Chelsea remains a vibrant city for everyone. See you next time on Our Community. Thank you and May God bless the City of Chelsea.

City seeking steering committee members for comprehensive planning process

Special to the Record

City Manager Fidel Maltez is accepting applications from community members interested in serving on the Chelsea Pa'Lante Steering Committee, a group of individuals that will advise the City as it develops the Comprehensive Plan, Chelsea Pa'Lante, Chelsea Onward. The plan will shape Chelsea's future by setting a strategic vision and direction for the community's growth and development.

The Chelsea Pa'Lante Steering Committee will play an instrumental role in guiding the city through its comprehensive planning process, ensuring that the voices of residents, businesses, and all other stakeholders are heard. The Comprehensive Plan, which will address key topics such as housing, transportation, economic

development, environmental sustainability, and social equity, is designed to reflect the aspirations and needs of Chelsea's diverse community.

"We are committed to creating an inclusive and equitable process that draws on the experiences and perspectives of all Chelsea residents," said Maltez. "The Steering Committee will help ensure that our Comprehensive Plan represents the unique spirit of our city and sets a course for a vibrant, resilient, and thriving future."

The Steering Committee will work closely with city staff, the broader community, and Utile, the city's comprehensive plan consultant, to develop the plan's recommendations. Committee members will engage with the public, review research and data, and provide input on draft materials.

Interested applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to the Chelsea community and a desire to actively participate in shaping its future. The city welcomes applications from all who live or work in Chelsea, with a particular focus on including underrepresented groups, such as young people, people of color, low-income residents, and non-English speakers.

Applications are available on the City's website or can be picked up in person at City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. The deadline for applications is Friday, Nov. 15. For more information about the application process or the Steering Committee, please contact Devon Fields, Deputy City Manager of Operations, at dfields@chelseama.gov or (617) 466-4104.

Chelsea Pa'Lante is a community-driven initiative designed to enhance the quality of life in Chelsea through a comprehensive, collaborative planning process. Pa'Lante, meaning "forward" in Spanish, reflects the city's commitment to progress, inclusion, and equity as it plans for the future. This is the first comprehensive master plan for the city since 1970 and is intended to serve as a road map for the community over the next 10-15 years.

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Chelsea Water & Sewer Division Reps. Continue Door-to-Door Canvassing

The City of Chelsea Water & Sewer Division will continue to canvas Chelsea residences during the week of Oct. 29 through Nov. 1 to identify homes that may be connected to lead service lines.

The canvassing outreach is part of the City's Lead Service Replacement Program, which was recently strengthened with support from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Get the Lead Out Initiative (GLO).

In September, Chelsea was selected to receive support through the EPA's GLO Initiative to accelerate the City's efforts to identify and replace lead pipes used for delivering drinking water to Chelsea residents. Lead exposure is dangerous, particularly for children, who may suffer from permanent intellectual disabilities and behavioral disorders due to severe lead poisoning.

Under the GLO Initiative, the EPA will assist Chelsea in identifying lead pipes through historical record reviews and field verifications, including door-to-door service line identification. Approximately 1,500 homes in Chelsea have not yet been identified as having lead or non-lead service lines.

Residents can schedule

appointments for service line identification and water tests with Water and Sewer Division representatives during the canvassing and anytime by calling Chelsea 311 at (617) 466-4209 during City Hall business hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and

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

The city has been replacing lead service lines at no cost to residents or owners since 2018.

Through its partnership with the EPA, Chelsea will also develop a comprehensive lead service line replacement plan, enhance community outreach and education, and apply for funding. Community engagement will include creating educational materials like door hangers and bill inserts, supporting public events, and offering translation services.

For more information about the Lead Service Replacement Program, water tests, residents can contact the Water & Sewer Division directly at (617) 466-4310.

For more information about the health impacts of being exposed to lead, contact the Chelsea Public Health Department at (617) 466-4080.

Councilor seeks more details from boards and commissions

By Adam Swift

The city council is looking to improve how it gets information from other city boards and commissions.

At Tuesday night's meeting, District 7 Councilor Manuel Teshe introduced a motion asking that when the council receives emails from boards and commissions about decisions that they have made that the emails include the rationale for those decisions.

The council debated the best way to get that information from the boards and commissions and how much of a burden it would place on board members.

City Manager Fidel Maltez noted that while some boards have professional staff to take care of communications, other boards are strictly volunteer.

Maltez added that the city is also taking steps to increase access to more board and commission meetings through Zoom and video streaming.

Several councilors also noted that the minutes for all public meetings are available online.

While Teshe said the council gets emails about the issues and decisions from the various boards

and commissions, there often do not include the reasoning for those decisions.

"I think I speak for everyone here that we all have a busy schedule, and we might have time to show up for a couple of meetings, but maybe not all of them," said Teshe. "It would be very helpful for all of us if we had reasonings behind all the decisions being made. I'm not asking for paragraphs ... I'm just asking for a short statement explaining why the decision was made."

Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera said he agreed with Teshe's intent with the motion, but added that it can be hard to determine what the reasoning for a decision might be given the various input from individual board members.

Teshe's motion failed by a 6-3 vote, with Councilors Calvin Brown and Giovanni Recupero supporting the motion.

Council President Norieliz De Jesus said that while the motion was defeated, the conversation on the topic will likely continue.

"This is something all councilors find important to discuss," she said.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Costumes and accessories for children, adults and even pets. Buy a costume or swap and walk away with a different one! Free to swappers. Costumes \$5 and Accessories \$3. Saturday, October 26 from 10am-3pm. Chelsea Recreation, Williams Building, 180 Walnut St. All proceeds go to Chelsea Community Connections.

CHELSEA TO CELEBRATE 4TH ANNUAL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS AT WASHINGTON PARK

Chelsea's annual Día de los Muertos celebration returns for its fourth year, bringing together the community in a vibrant, multicultural event on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Washington Park. This year's celebration will offer an unforgettable experience with a blend of music, art, culture, and a communal altar to honor loved ones.

Since its inception three years ago, Chelsea's Día de los Muertos has grown from a small altar installation in Chelsea Square to a full-scale cultural event, complete with mariachi bands, traditional dancers, and now, a special performance by Crocodile River Music, whose African rhythms and sounds will inspire and captivate the audience.

"We're excited to see how the celebration has evolved, and this year's event will be our most diverse and dynamic yet," said event curator Eduardo Chacón of Jukebox Event. "Día de los Muertos is an ancient tradition, and this year, we're deepening our understanding of its significance by recognizing the ways it resonates across cultures, reminding us of the ties that unite us beyond borders."

As part of the celebration, a community altar will be installed in the days leading up to the event.

Community members are encouraged to place photos or flowers on the altars to honor their loved ones, creating a space for reflection and remembrance.

For more information, contact Eduardo Chacon at echacon@jukebox-event.com or (617) 396-7929.

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to build a stadium. But, if the DPA is lifted, then the permitting process could begin for the development.

DiDomenico said he would keep the city updated on any movement, as well as on the environmental permitting process once it gets underway.

"You can be sure that as long as I am at the table, Chelsea will be at the table," he said. "We will make sure that your concerns are heard."

The potential stadium site is where the decommissioned power plant building sits today.

"It is a very dirty site, it has been polluting the water, the air, and the land for decades," DiDomenico said. "There are cancer clusters in that area as a result, and it's an eyesore on top of that."

If the legislation does come to fruition, the plan would be to demolish the power plant, remediate the

Día de los Muertos celebration is funded & supported by the City of Chelsea.

CITY SEEKING INPUT ON SKATE PARK DEVELOPMENT

The City of Chelsea is seeking input from residents about its plans to develop a skate park at Mystic Overlook Park and invites residents to an open discussion at the Chelsea Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Residents of all ages are encouraged to attend the meeting. All feedback will be used to help shape the skate park and the future of Chelsea recreation.

The Mystic Overlook Park, which was last renovated in 2013, offers walking paths under the Tobin Bridge and views of the Mystic River and Boston skyline. The park is also equipped with bodyweight exercise equipment, and the city is eager to learn if community members wish to retain these in a renovation.

In 2023, the City opened the Creekside Commons Skate Park, located on the corner of Gillooly Road and Cabot Street.

Anyone with questions about the meeting should contact Sara Han, Planner & Project Manager for the Department of Housing and Community Development, at shan@chelseama.gov.

CITY RESCHEDULES OCTOBER 26 FLU CLINIC TO OCTOBER 29 AT CITY HALL

The City of Chelsea has rescheduled its Oct. 26 flu clinic to Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 4-6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located on the third floor of Chelsea City Hall. The clinic is free to all community members and requires no appointment. No insurance is required, but for those who have insurance, the city asks them to bring their insurance card.

Registered voters can cast their ballot early in the City Clerk's Office located on the second floor of City Hall and then head up to the Chambers to get vaccinated.

City Hall is located at 500 Broadway in Chelsea. Questions about the flu clinic can be directed to Chelsea 311: (617) 466-7929.

site, and build a 25,000-seat soccer stadium on the property. DiDomenico said the Kraft family would use private funds for the remediation, which he said could cost as much as \$80 million, as well as for the stadium itself, which could cost as much as \$600 million.

"The investment that the Kraft family wants to put into this community ... if you add all the numbers together, I'm not sure you would be able to find anyone else to do this kind of work on that site and clean up a piece of property that has been dirty for decades," DiDomenico said.

Council President Norieliz De Jesus thanked the senator for his leadership and communication on the issue and asked to be notified when it would be a good time to hold a subcommittee meeting on potential mitigation efforts.

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20TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION FOR AGES 3-10

Join us for our annual Halloween Celebration for Children, Sunday, October 27, from 4:00 - 6:00pm inside the Williams School Building, 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea Dress up in your favorite costume and dive into a world of ghoulish games and spooky activities. This year's festivities will feature a variety of exciting new games including Magnet Monster Fishing, Haunted House Penny Pitch and much more.

A \$5.00 fee includes an afternoon of Halloween activities, a trick-or-treat bag filled with candy, and free entry for parents, infants and toddlers, and older siblings. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume and to pre-register, either in person Mon. - Fri. 4-8:30pm and Sat. 9-4:30pm or online at recreation.chelseama.gov. Walk-ins are welcome, but spots will fill quickly. For more information call (617) 466-5233 or e-mail recreation@chelseama.gov.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FALL AND WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Chelsea Recreation invites residents of all ages to sign up for a wide array of affordable fall/winter programs for youth and adults in fitness, arts, sports, enrichment, and technology that are led by highly qualified instructors.

The Chelsea Recreation Fall/Winter 2024-25 Program Guide can be found online at recreation.chelseama.gov. In addition, residents can pick up a hard copy of the guide at the Chelsea City Hall main desk and Chelsea Public Library.

Residents can secure their spots by registering

online at recreation.chelseama.gov or by visiting the Williams Building at 180 Walnut Street. Registration hours are Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information email recreation@chelseama.gov, or call (617) 466.5233.

BOSTON-AREA LANDLORD ARRAIGNED ON PANDEMIC RELIEF FRAUD CHARGES

A landlord with properties in East Boston, Chelsea and Revere was arraigned on charges related to fraudulent applications for pandemic-era housing relief in Suffolk Superior Court on October 17, 2024.

Steven Stoico is charged with 3 counts of Larceny Over \$1,200, 4 counts of Attempt to Commit Larceny Over \$1,200, and 1 count of Solicitation to Commit Larceny Over \$1,200 for allegedly filing seven false applications for rental assistance during the pandemic. Three of the seven fraudulent applications were granted allegedly resulting in payments of \$95,400 to Stoico. The remaining four applications that sought \$136,200 in rental assistance were denied.

"I want to thank Attorney General Campbell's team and the OIG investigative team for pursuing this case," Inspector General Jeffrey S. Shapiro said. "Given the high cost of housing, misuse of rental assistance, as alleged in this case, is egregious. Therefore, it is imperative that people who abuse these government resources are held accountable."

The Office of the Inspector General investigated the case and the Attorney General's Office is prosecuting the case.

The charges are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.



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IT'S HALLOWEEN SEASON -- ENJOY IT SAFELY!

With the Halloween season reaching its peak of festivities this weekend through Halloween Night next Thursday, we urge all of our readers to celebrate the season in a safe and responsible manner.

Halloween has become big business in recent decades (Americans will spend \$11.6 billion celebrating the holiday this year, up from \$3.3 billion in 2005) not only for children, but for adults as well. The holiday has come a long way since we carried those little cardboard UNICEF donation boxes for starving children while trick-or-treating in our neighborhood, which we then would turn in the next day to the sisters at our parochial school. Halloween today has become as much a party season for adults as for kids.

There are two things that are absolute musts for every adult who will be partaking in the festivities. First and foremost, no one should be driving under the influence. Arrests for drunk driving typically spike during the Halloween season. If you plan on drinking, either go with a designated driver or use an Uber or Lyft. Moreover, those who are hosting Halloween parties should make sure that their guests are okay to drive -- friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Second, as for Halloween Night itself, every person operating an automobile should take care to drive with extreme caution and care and to be on the look-out for little trick-or-treaters. Every motorist should be sure to drive slowly, well below the speed limit.

We also would add that parents of teenagers have a big responsibility to ensure that their children -- and yes, teens are children -- are home early and are not drinking. Parents should set an early curfew for their children (after all, Halloween is a school night this year) to make sure their teens stay out of trouble.

All of us need to do our part to make sure that neither ourselves nor our loved ones are added to the grim statistics of the Halloween season.

A RECORD-HIGH TEMP THAT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT

We've been aware that the temperatures have been unseasonably warm for this time of year, but we were surprised to hear that Boston set a record-high temperature on Monday when the thermometer hit 83 degrees, breaking a mark that had stood for 104 years.

In addition to enjoying the great weather, which was incredibly perfect for this past weekend's Head of the Charles Rowing Regatta, the good news about the unseasonable warmth is that we have not had to turn on our furnaces, which not only helps keep down our heating bills, but also reduces our use of fossil fuels to heat our homes.

But the advantages of the record-setting warm weather belie the simple reality that our planet is undergoing climate change at an ever-increasing rate. Every month since June 2023 has been hotter than the one preceding it, resulting in a global average temperature from July 2023 to June 2024 that has been 1.64 C (about 3 F) above what it was before the start of the Industrial Revolution, when humankind started burning the fossil fuels that release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Climate experts for years have told us that 1.50 C above the pre-Industrial Revolution temperature is the threshold for catastrophic and irreversible damage to our environment -- and now we are at 1.64.

We have written many times that there is no place on our planet that is safe from the effects of climate change. Hurricane Helene wrought devastation in western sections of No. Carolina, wiping entire communities off the map with epic flooding, even though those places are hundreds of miles from the coastline and were far away from where Helene made landfall in Florida.

So yes, the great weather in October has been wonderful. But none of us should be lulled into thinking that this is a good thing.

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Celebrating Literacy

19th Annual 'Chelsea Reads' set for Saturday, Nov. 2 at CPL

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea Reads, an event celebrating literacy and all-things reading-oriented, was one of the most anticipated events on the local calendar throughout the previous decade (2010s).

But in the years after COVID-19 hit the city hard, attendance decreased.

Library Director Lisa Mucciarone and Librarian Amanda Arsenault have been working hard to restore the excitement associated with the Chelsea Reads event that will be held inside one of Chelsea's greatest treasures, the Chelsea Public Library.

A backpack of books for all guests

With all attendees set to receive complimentary, beautiful red backpacks, a selection of free books, and fancy cupcakes from Orlando's Fully Baked, owned by Orlando Velazco, there are multiple reasons to enjoy the 19th Annual "Chelsea Reads," scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is held in coordination with National Literacy Month.

"All ages are invited,



Chelsea Public Library Director Lisa Mucciarone and Librarian Amanda Arsenault will welcome Chelsea students and families to Chelsea Reads on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the library.

but of course, youths are the focal point," said Arsenault.

"We hear that an adult book club plans to attend, so it's open to everyone," added Mucciarone.

Supt. Dr. Almi Abeyta will be a celebrity reader

Chelsea Reads is receiving the strong support of the School Department, with Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta set to appear as a celebrity reader,

leading a group of Chelsea students in the enjoyment of one of her personally selected books.

City Councilor Lisa Santagate is also on the list of celebrity readers while newly installed Chief of Health and Human Resources Tracy Nowicki is also volunteering as a celebrity reader.

"We're working on adding some other celebrities as well," said Mucciarone. Meanwhile, the mas-

cot, Taco Dragon, from the book, "Dragons Love Tacos," will be interacting with guests.

For art enthusiasts, Sury Chavez of Galeria de Chuwí, who currently has an exhibit at City Hall, will be coordinating a wooden canvases' mural project with the children, who will be painting a sketch for the mural.

Mucciarone and Arsenault are hopeful that a large turnout of children and families will attend Chelsea Reads.

"Hopefully this year we'll get back to those pre-pandemic numbers," said Arsenault.

"Our trustees and members of the community have expressed interest in making this event bigger again," said Mucciarone, who is celebrating her first anniversary as library director. "So that's what we're trying to do for this year."

"The library is here, and we do lots of cool stuff," concluded Arsenault.

And Chelsea Reads is one of its coolest things, and the belief is that Chelsea's energetic superintendent of schools and her administrative team will get the word out that the CPL will be the place to be on Saturday, Nov. 2.

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Cambridge, Allston, and Brighton. Service on these routes will increase by 60% overall compared to today's service, according to the MBTA.

"The 2nd Street bus lane is another step in prioritizing public transit in Chelsea. The Route 104 bus route will connect Chelsea to East Boston, Everett, and Malden and will be a meaningful addition in providing safe, reliable transportation for our workforce and community members," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

Route 104 will become a Frequent Bus Route, with service every 15 minutes or better all day, every day during operating hours 5 AM to 1 AM (Sundays may start as late as 6 AM). The revised route will create a new connection from Malden and Everett to Chelsea and East Boston by redirecting the current route south of Everett Square to serve Mystic Mall Plaza, Bellingham Square and Airport Station. This will also double the existing service on Route 104. The new 104 route will help people get to and from key employment and shopping areas, including Chelsea's Market Basket and Logan Airport. It will offer new connections to the Orange and Blue lines. This important new east-west connection targets long-standing inequities in transportation access, food access, and job access in historically marginalized communities north of the Mystic River. The new Frequent Bus Route 109 will replace service between Everett Square and Sullivan Square, also with service running every 15 minutes or better all day during MBTA service hours.

"Transportation systems

must work if we want our communities to thrive and the new route for Route 104 buses, which will run at least every 15 minutes, is well planned and efficient," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. "The MBTA's Bus Network Redesign initiatives like the new Route 104 route take into account where people want to go in today's world and in a world decades into the future. The strategic plans for bus service which we are implementing will strengthen the state's economy, provide access to employment and housing, and improve the quality of life for our residents."

The 2nd Street Bus Lane being installed in Everett and Chelsea this week means riders on our new 104 bus route can expect improved travel times that dedicated lanes offer after the 104 starts operating on December 15, said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng.

"As a Frequent Bus Route, the 104 will operate every 15 minutes or better all day long, creating new connections for our Everett Square riders to Chelsea and the Airport," said Eng. "I want to thank the MBTA Transit Priority Group for their diligent work on improving our network as we deploy the first phase of Bus Network Redesign. I also want to thank Everett Mayor DeMaria and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez for being such excellent partners in prioritizing the installation of bus lanes in their community -- it's through collaborations like these with our City partners that we're able to make these kinds of quick and cost-effective improvements for bus riders."

Everett has long been

a leader in transit innovation, including the addition of bus lanes to offer residents faster, more frequent, and reliable commutes, said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

"We're excited to partner with the MBTA to bring transit priority to 2nd Street, improving accessibility for Everett residents commuting to East Boston and Logan Airport," said the mayor. "This initiative will not only ease commutes but also support the redevelopment of Everett's industrial district, reducing traffic as the area transforms into a vibrant residential and commercial hub."

The MBTA worked closely with City officials and the Chelsea and Everett communities to design and implement bus lanes to protect this new bus service from traffic, according to MBTA officials. Outreach took place with businesses along 2nd and Spruce Streets and included health and human services entities, education, consumer service and retail, restaurants and

cafes, and community and nonprofit groups. An Open House was held adjacent to the corridor in partnership with the community nonprofit GreenRoots to gather community feedback. A survey of bus riders conducted at stops in Everett and Chelsea showed that most respondents believe bus-only lanes speed up their typical trips. Additionally, many indicated they would be more likely to use the bus if it were faster and more reliable, which is a holistic goal of the Bus Network Redesign.

For more information on how bus service will change, visit mbta.com/BNRPhase1. An overview of the changes coming in December and detailed information about service changes on Routes 86, 104, 109, 110, 116, and 117 is available. New bus schedules and timetables will be available later this fall, providing more details on service changes. The page will be regularly updated with new information as the projects roll out.

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LACOLABORATIVA AND MASS GENERAL BRIGHAM ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF "PUENTE DE SALUD" SURVIVAL CENTER

Chelsea's LaColaborativa and Mass General Brigham official opened the newest part of their program to assist Chelsea residents. The Survival Clinic located at 63 Sixth Street will be opened to those in need of medi-

cal assistance, wellness check-ups, finances and cooking skills. Job training is also available, follow-up medical appointments, and counselling for stress has all be related to making a healthier community.



Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez with Senator Sal DiDomenico.



President and CEO of LaColaborativa Gladys Vega and staff from the Mass General Brigham Clinic and invited guest's officially open the Survival Center at 63 Sixth Street. Bringing medical to the Chelsea community.



Dr. Priya Sarin Gupta, MD & MPH with COO Alex Train addressed the many invited guests at the grand opening luncheon.



Joining in the celebration of the Survival Center, Anthony Quiles, CPD Roseie Medina, Councillor Lisa Santagate, Ex. VP of LaColaborativa Dinanyili Paulino, President & CEO Gladys Vega, Senator Sal DiDomenico, COO Alex Train, Councillors Norieliz DeJesus, Tanairi Gracia and Todd Taylor.



President & CEO Gladys Vega welcomes everyone to the grand opening and luncheon of the Survival Center, the latest addition to serving the Chelsea community at LaColaborativa.



Checking in the invited guests to the grand opening of the Survival Center, Auais Roa, Deysi Gutierrez, and Chelsea Pace.



Senator Sal DiDomenico has been a strong supporter of LaColaborativa and congratulated all on the big step forward.



Chief Community Health Officer from Mass General Brigham, Elsie Tavares, MD, MPH. Explained the new methods of treatment, for healthier members of the community. Creating less stress, with counselling, including follow up medical check-ups and medicines.

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LEAD AWARENESS SEMINAR FOR CHELSEA FAMILY CHILD CARE AND CHILD CARE CENTER STAFF

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection - Drinking Water Program (MassDEP-DWP) hosted another seminar to raise awareness about lead exposure joining efforts with City of Chelsea officials and non-profit 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 September 24th from 6 - 8 p.m. 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 microphones) 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



Claudia Vega (Chelsea) and Ana Rodriguez (Revere), family child care educators, sharing their experiences participating in the Water-Smart Program.

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.



Barbara Espinosa and Monica Elias-Orellana from Green Roots providing translation equipment to Spanish-speaking participants.

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 communi-

ty, 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.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Two pots of Bolognese!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

This is the time of year when we think about the perfect dishes to have on hand for the holiday season. Demands on the cook's time, entertaining large groups, potluck meals, and the need to accommodate different dietary limitations call for flexible menus. This year, we recommend that you make two pots of bolognese! One will be more traditional; the other will be vegetarian or vegan.

What Is Bolognese?

Traditional Italian ragù alla bolognese is a slow-cooked meat-based sauce. Nearly all versions include a finely chopped soffritto of carrots, onions, and celery slowly cooked in olive oil or butter. It is not a tomato sauce but a meat sauce. Some versions don't add tomato, and most add just a little.

It can be a cholesterol nightmare, a fat-heavy dish. We might order this bolognese in a traditional Italian restaurant as a treat, but we would not make it at home.

However, we recommend Kenji Lopez-Alt's book *The Food Lab* if you want to make the ultimate bolognese sauce. It contains not only step-by-step instructions but also a discussion of why each step is essential and what it will do for your finished dish.



Our healthier bolognese has the amount of meat cut by adding mushrooms and lentils.

Healthier Bolognese

Today's culinary and nutritionally aware food writers have developed lighter, healthier versions of this classic. We first tried Jamie Oliver's bolognese with mushrooms and lentils and never looked back. As we eat less and less meat, we find it harder and harder to digest.

Oliver introduced this recipe as a budget-friendly option. We've shared it with friends who are mushroom lovers, on a budget, or on a cholesterol-control diet. They all loved it!

Vegetarian or Vegan?

Recently, a reader of his column in *The Guardian* asked Yotam Ottolenghi, "What's the best thing to use in a meat-free bolognese?" He replied, "If you're after something that tastes as close to bolognese as you can get without using meat, mush-

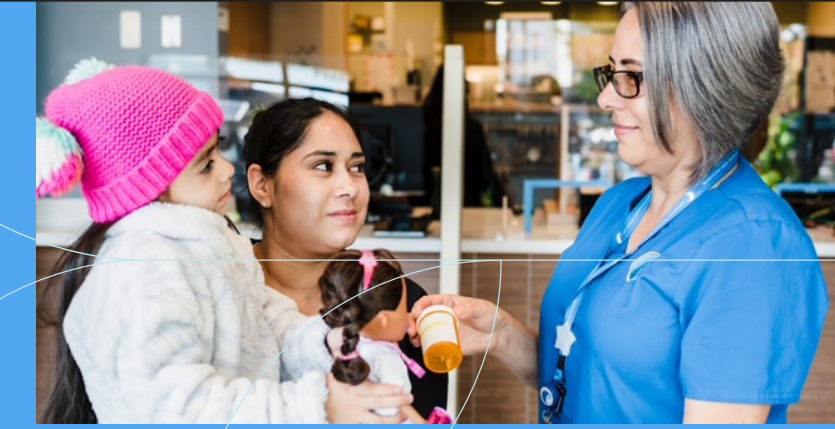
rooms are your friend here, especially when they're supported by other big-hitting ingredients such as miso or Marmite, soy sauce and red wine."

He emphasized the importance of cooking down the soffritto and simmering the sauce long and slow, tasting and adjusting as you go. Furthermore, in typical Ottolenghi style, he had great ideas for additions and substitutions.

Cook Two Pots at Once

If you plan to make both versions of bolognese, you can do it in one cooking session. Chop the vegetables for both simultaneously and put some in each pot to sauté. We like to finely chop our mushrooms to look like bits of ground meat and cook them the way Julia Child taught us to make mush-

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Sports

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL RED DEVILS IN FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST MALDEN

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

The Red Devils fell behind early and could not recover as they lost 47-12 to Malden Friday night at Chelsea High Stadium.



Quarterback Yostin Romero leaps into the end zone to score Chelsea's second touchdown, but it was too little too late as Chelsea fell 47-12 against Malden.



Jhostin Salmeron (4) eyes a Malden tackler.



Dericks Hernandez (13) stretches to try and break the goal-line during a two-point conversion attempt after Chelsea's second touchdown.



Quarterback Yostin Romero (11) feels the incoming pressure of Malden's Zach Johnson (10).



Bradley Castro (18) misses an attempt to bring down Malden's Josiah Gomes.

CHS Roundup

TWO WINS FOR CHS BOYS SOCCER; RANKED 30TH IN D-2

The Chelsea High boys soccer team posted a pair of clean sheets in victories over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Malden and Medford this past week.

After a scoreless first

half in last Thursday's contest with Malden, Red Devil Jose Joj took advantage of an opportunity when the Golden Tornado goalkeeper failed to secure the ball in his hands. Jose was able to pounce on the loose ball and tapped it into the open net.

Shortly thereafter, a Chelsea player crossed the ball into the box. Though

the pass failed to find a Red Devil, the Malden defenders were unable to clear it -- and Joao Pereira happened to be in the right place at the right time amidst the chaos to toe-poke the ball in the back of the Malden net.

Joj then sealed the 3-0 CHS victory with his second goal of the game.

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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL RED DEVILS IN FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST MALDEN

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



Angel Mejia (8) puts a hard hit on Malden's Johnson Huyhn (4).



Joshua Ramirez (10) leaves a would-be tackler behind and races up the sidelines on a 60-yard run that set up Chelsea's second touchdown.



Leandro Castro (25) tries to get around a pair of Malden defenders.

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In Tuesday's contest with Medford, a team that ranks among the top squads in the GBL, a first-half corner by Chelsea did not find a waiting Red Devil, but poor clearance by the Medford defense allowed the ball to fall to Alexander Gonzalez, who bent the ball around the Mustang keeper for a 1-0 lead.

The rest of the game proved to be a grueling match between two teams that equally wanted to win. Both the Red Devils and the Mustangs seemed to be on the verge of scoring, with both teams having multiple chances, but Gonzalez's goal held up for the 1-0 Chelsea victory.

"Both games had an impressive showing from our back line, made up of Brayan Andrade, Jorge Perez, Stiven Osegura, and Josafath 'Gallo' Gonzalez, as well as Emerson Merino, who stepped in for Gonzalez who had to be subbed off after a rough tackle," said CHS assistant coach William Estrada. "Defenders don't often get the credit that they deserve, but we would've not been able to secure these back-to-back wins without them."

Head coach Mick Milutinovic and his crew, who broke a four-game losing skein with the two victories, now stand at 7-7 on the season with three matches left on their schedule. They are scheduled to host Lynn Classical tomorrow (Friday) at Chelsea Stadium at 5:45

and will journey to Somerville next Tuesday. They will entertain Boston International next Wednesday at 5:45.

The Red Devils are ranked 30th in the Division 2 Power Rankings, a position that would earn them a spot in the post-season state tourney. Chelsea also can qualify for the tourney by attaining a .500 record, which would require them to earn three points in their final three matches.

CHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AWAITS TOURNAMENT FOE

The Chelsea High girls volleyball team, who propelled themselves into the state tourney with a four-match winning streak over the past two weeks, now await the announcement of their final seeding and first round opponent in the Division 2 state tourney.

Coach Gloria Rodriguez's squad punched their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney with a gutsy and clutch string of four straight wins -- three of which were decided in a fifth set -- over Malden, Revere, New Mission, and Medford that boosted the Lady Red Devils' record from 7-6 to 11-6, thus assuring them of the .500 record needed to qualify for the tourney.

The announcement from the MIAA of the tourney schedule is expected at the start of next week.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY DEFEATS REVERE

The Chelsea High boys cross country team earned a 20-43 victory at Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere last week.

Leading the way for the Red Devils was Kyle Leong, who came across the line in second place with a time of 18:18 over the 2.89 course at Belle Isle. Teammate Sherwin Kim was next with a clocking of 18:47, followed by Ivan Irias-Padilla in fourth in 19:04, Eric Anderson in fifth in 19:16, and Bryan Amaya in sixth in 19:23.

Carlos Perez ran a strong race, finishing seventh in 19:24. Gamliel Artica (20:18) and Sebastian Molina (20:26) also turned in fine efforts. Jose Vega (24:18) and Royal Tun (24:50) rounded out the Chelsea team.

For the CHS girls, Hazel Hatleberg took second place with a fine time of 20:58.

Coach Cesar Hernandez and his crew were scheduled to compete yesterday (Wednesday) in the GBL Meet at Medford's Torbert Macdonald Park along the banks of the Mystic River.

CHS FOOTBALL AT MEDFORD TONIGHT

The Chelsea High football team will make the short trek westward on the Parkway to Hormel Stadium to take on Medford this evening (Thursday). The opening kickoff is set for 6:00.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins question marks

The Bruins are back to TD Garden ice, following the recent road trip, which saw them post a mediocre record of 1-1-1. Their most recent loss, a 4-0 shutout to the Nashville Predators on Tuesday, came against a winless team who was riding a five-game losing streak to start the season. Obviously unhappy with his team's play, coach Jim Montgomery tried to stay positive following the 4-0 loss to Nashville. His advice, "Just to keep working, we cannot beat ourselves. It's a long season. We've got to keep grinding. We've got to get better and better every day." Goaltender Jeremy Swayman did his best to give Boston a chance to win the game, saving 38 of the 41 shots he faced. The locals earned a total of 17 minutes in the game, making it difficult to get into any kind of rhythm throughout the game. Montgomery's decision prior to game time was to shuffle the lineup and reunite the top line of Brad Marchand, Elias Lindholm, and David Pastrnak. The line had some



chances but unfortunately they were unable to reap any rewards. Discipline has been a main factor in the ability of the team to create much chemistry, especially for defenseman Nikita Zadorov, who managed to extend his penalty streak to seven games. Zadorov explained following the loss, "You've got to look at the positives, obviously there's a lot to work on, but I thought we had a good start. I thought the guys were battling hard. It's hard to win in this league. We played a really desperate team today, they came out, and they played hard. They generated goals on their chances, and we didn't. That was the difference in the game!" Over the first seven games of the season, the Bruins have now been assessed 100-minutes in penalties. Certainly not a recipe for success, especially when the Bruins are

not filling the opposition's net with goals, managing a mere single goal for their last two games. The lack of scoring showed up on the stat sheet with the top five Bruins point leaders being: Cole Koepke (3-3-6), Pastrnak (4-1-5), Elias Lindholm (2-3-5), Mark Kastelic (2-3-5) and John Beecher (2-3-5)...the name noticeably absent from that list being Marchand who has yet to score a goal in the first seven games of the season. Seven games in, the above is all history, as the Bruins return to TD Garden ice tonight (Thursday 10/24, 7:00pm), versus the Dallas Stars, to begin a three-game homestand, followed by a game with Atlantic Division rivals, the Toronto Maple Leafs on Saturday (10/26, 7:00pm) and the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday (10/29, 7:00pm), to close out the Boston homestand. The Carolina Hurricanes (Thursday, 10/31 at 7:00pm) will be the Bruins' opponent to start Boston's upcoming two-game road trip that will end the month of October..

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room duxelles.

Add your meat to the omnivore pan and the mushrooms and lentils to the vegetarian version. From there, make the additions your recipe calls for and any options you want to make it your own. Finally, as Kenji says, "Reduce, reduce, reduce!"

The great news is that

you can freeze portions of either bolognese and use it over the next few months. You can serve the sauce on any pasta, but the usual choice is a flat version like tagliatelli or pappardelle. Ed loves to eat it with slices of good artisan bread. Mix it with rice to stuff peppers or eggplant, or serve it on rolls as an

upscale sloppy joe! You could turn it into an exciting version of a shepherd's pie. (We stole this idea from one of our favorite Irish pubs, The Bebo.)

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Robinson, Maltez reach out to Hasbro company officials

By Cary Shuman

In a bold move that would greatly enhance Chelsea's economy and create jobs, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, in collaboration with City Manager Fidel Maltez, has reached out to Hasbro officials to discuss the relocation of the company's headquarters to this city.

Hasbro is a leading, international toy and game

company located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. One of its most famous games is Monopoly.

In a letter to Chris Cocks, CEO of Hasbro Inc., Robinson and Maltez invited the company leader to "discover Chelsea and see what is has to offer for your corporation's headquarters."

The two Chelsea leaders, in a concise and brilliantly composed correspondence, went on to

state that "This Livable Community is home to Kayem Foods, the State MITC Building, and the Boston offices of the FBI."

In concluding the letter, Robinson and Maltez invited Mr. Cocks for a tour of our city.

Both Robinson and Maltez are receiving plaudits for their efforts in seeking to bring an internationally known and respected company to the city.

With autumn in the air, State Fire Marshal offers home heating reminder

With crisp autumn temperatures settling in across Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents that home heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide and the second-leading cause of residential fires.

"Having your heating system serviced each year will help reduce the risk of a fire or carbon monoxide incident that puts you and your loved ones in danger," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "It will also save you money by helping you heat your home more efficiently."

Massachusetts fire departments reported nearly 6,000 fires related to home heating equipment in the past five years. These fires claimed eight lives, caused 139 injuries to residents and firefighters, and contributed to more than \$42 million in property losses. Fires that began with solid fuel heating equipment such as fireplaces, wood stoves, and their chimneys represent about half the total, while gas, oil, and electric appliances made up the other half.

Carbon monoxide is a hazard all year long, but especially in the winter as heating equipment returns to regular use. Firefighters encountered carbon monoxide hazards at more than 24,000 calls over the past five years, most of which took place in the colder months.

State Fire Marshal Davine offered these tips to protect yourself and your loved ones:

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Every household should have working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms installed on every level of the home. Test them every month to be sure they're working properly and replace alkaline batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years and CO alarms should be replaced after 5, 7, or 10 years depending on the make and model.

Fireplaces, Wood Stoves, and Pellet Stoves

Solid fuel heating appliances such as fireplaces and wood stoves have accounted for a rising share of home heating fires in recent years. Most chimney fires occur because of a build-up of creosote, a tarry byproduct of burning wood: using only dry, seasoned wood and having your chimney and flue professionally inspected and cleaned each year can reduce this risk. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away on all sides, and use a fireplace screen or keep the wood stove door closed to prevent sparks and embers

from escaping. When the fire is out, shovel ashes into a metal bucket with a lid and place it outside on the ground away from the building – not in the trash.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner with a pilot light, keep a three-foot "circle of safety" around it, clear of anything that could catch fire. Don't store gasoline, painting supplies, or other flammable solvents in the home: their vapors can be ignited by a pilot light. These heating systems should also be checked and serviced annually by a licensed professional. If you smell gas, don't use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

Space Heaters

Keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn. Plug them directly into a wall socket, not an extension cord or a power strip, and always turn the heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep. When purchasing a space heater, select one that's been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Newer space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Never use portable propane or kerosene heaters indoors – the fire and CO hazards are simply too high.

Heating Assistance

Residents struggling to pay for heating bills or maintenance may be eligible for assistance through the Massachusetts home energy assistance program (LIHEAP). No matter what type of heating equipment you use, LIHEAP may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills or maintain your heating system so it runs more safely and efficiently. All Massachusetts residents are encouraged to explore eligibility for this free program and apply for assistance.

More Home Heating Safety Tips

The Department of Fire Services offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the "Keep Warm, Keep Safe" tool kit for local fire departments, caregivers, and service providers, at www.mass.gov/keepwarmkeep-safe.

Gail Dorothy Mauch

Her love and kindness will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Gail Dorothy Mauch, on Tuesday, October 29th from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Her funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Wednesday, October 30th at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Gail being placed to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Gail Dorothy (Robinson) Mauch, born on July 5, 1956, passed away peacefully at home on October 20, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born and raised in Chelsea, she was a beloved daughter of the late Walter E., Jr. and Lucy M. (Lee) Robinson. She lived in Chelsea until 1973, when Gail and her family relocated to Everett following the great fire. She graduated from Malden High School and later graduated from Pine Manor College, laying the groundwork for a fulfilling career. Eventually, Gail found her way back to Chelsea as an adult and kept close ties here even after settling in Saugus some years ago.

Throughout her professional journey, Gail worked with dedication at the Everett Police Department, Pilgrim Parking, Thomas Strahan Paper and Chelsea Clock, where she cherished the opportunity to work alongside her beloved husband of 40 years, Bruce Mauch. Gail had a passion for helping others and an eye for fashion, which she expressed through her active involvement in her community. She took joy in supporting Chelsea Pop Warner Cheer and Phunk Phenomenon, leaving a positive impact on many.

An avid sports fan, Gail was always ready to cheer for Boston's teams, as well as her daughter Nickolette's and her nieces' and nephews' endeavors. She found happiness at the Chelsea Yacht Club, where she enjoyed relaxing with friends and family, and at the casino, where she loved pulling slots.



Gail always looked forward to her cherished dinners with "The Divas" and the special gatherings with her first cousins, moments that brought her great joy and laughter.

In addition to her parents, Gail was preceded in death by her siblings, Walter E. Robinson, III, and Karen Nunally and nephews, Daniel Jr., and Jordan Robinson.

She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Bruce Mauch, her daughter, Nickolette Mauch, and her siblings: Ronald Robinson, Leo Robinson and his wife, Linda, Danny Robinson and his wife, Judy, Arlene Robinson and Jody Robinson. Gail's spirit lives on through her niece and Goddaughter, Lucia Robinson-Griggs, and her husband Michael, as well as her nephews: Justin Robinson, Adam Nunally, Keisha Robinson, Natasha Durst, and Vanessa Halfant, her dearest friend, Ellie Murphy and countless other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, all of whom held a special place in her heart.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations honoring Gail's legacy of generosity and community spirit be made to the American Cancer Society or the Rotary Club of Chelsea Charitable Fund.

Gail will be deeply missed by all who knew her, but her love and kindness will forever remain in our hearts.

To send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welshfh.com.



John LaFauci

The world is not as bright without him in it

Relatives and friends attended calling hours and services for John J. LaFauci on Tuesday, October 22nd in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea and services concluded in the Funeral Home.

At 68 years of age, John passed away on Tuesday, October 15th while at the Sunrise of Burlington Living Center following a recent cancer diagnosis.

The beloved husband of the late John Dumas, he was the devoted son of Valerie B. (Dalton) LaFauci and the late Albert J. LaFauci; dear brother of Diana Ligocki of Chelsea and her late husband, Henry and Albert V. LaFauci and his wife, Arlene of Ossipee NH; cherished uncle of Henry Ligocki, Matthew Ligocki and his wife, Carrie, Albert J. LaFauci, Christina and her husband, James Zalaket, Anthony LaFauci and Ryan LaFauci; adored great uncle of Viviana and Isaac Ligocki and Dominic Zalaket.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School. John continued his education at Wentworth Institute in Boston and received his master's degree in computer sciences. A former resident of Chelsea, he was residing in Arlington the past 30 years. He worked as a computer software engineer in the computer support and sciences field and retired several years ago.

Thirty years ago, John met the love of his life, John Dumas, and they enjoyed many happy years together before marrying



in 1981 in Provincetown, one of their favorite vacation spots. So many good times were had doing the things they loved to do together: dining out, going to concerts, traveling to the cape, as well as to national parks in Arizona and California and Mediterranean cruises.

John played the guitar and was a self-taught pianist. He enjoyed playing classical piano music and he also enjoyed 70's rock music favoring Led Zepplin, attending many of their concerts.

Sadly, the next phase wasn't meant to be, but John lived every day to the fullest and had so many incredible experiences. His life was too short, but so well lived and he was so well loved. The world is not as bright without him in it and he will be missed incredibly by his mother, his brother and his sister, his nieces, nephews and many friends. May he rest in sweet peace.

Should friends desire, contributions in John's name may be made to the New England Home for the Deaf, 154 Water St., Danvers, MA 01923

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CLOSING CELEBRATION HELD FOR PEOPLE OF CHELSEA PROJECT

Residents joined award-winning professional photographer Darlene DeVita and accomplished writer Sarah Putnam at the closing celebration for their People of Chelsea Project.

It was one of the most inspiring and well-orchestrated events in Chelsea's 400th anniversary year, as residents packed the Spencer Lofts Gallery to show their appreciation to DeVita for her extraordinary photos of Chelsea people from all walks of life and Putnam for her brilliantly composed biographies of the photo subjects.

Non-profit leader, advo-

cate, and artist Jake Small, a rising talent, led a panel discussion that consisted of Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell, community leader and advocate Michelle Mirthes, long-time Chelsea resident and union carpenter Deb Cronin, and Kliq Streetwear CEO Javier Villeda.

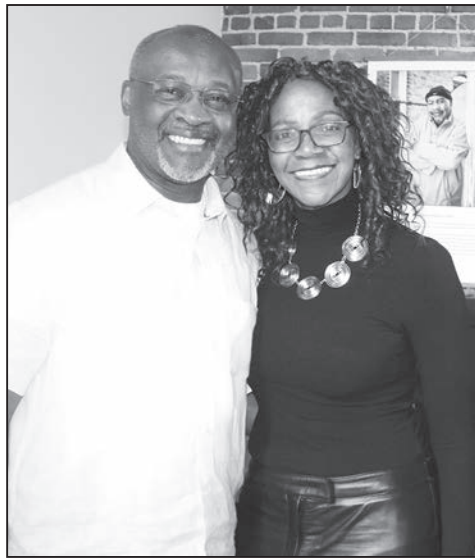
The panelists illuminated on their life experiences in Chelsea and how the duo of DeVita and Putnam were able to perfectly capture the essence of their lifelong contributions to Chelsea in the photos and personal histories.



Chelsea's First Couple of Photography, Darlene DeVita and her husband, Ron Pownall, pictured outside the Spencer Lofts Gallery where a capacity crowd enjoyed the closing celebration for Ms. DeVita's People of Chelsea project.



Moderator Jake Small and panelists Michelle Mirthes and Deb Cronin stand adjacently to some of the photos in the exhibit. Interestingly, in her remarks, Cronin recalled how she was a former cheerleading coach for Mirthes, a Pop Warner and CHS cheerleader.



Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell (whose organization collaborated with Darlene DeVita, on the People Of Chelsea photo exhibit), pictured with her husband, Kenneth Umemba, at the closing celebration.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson and Luke Salisbury enjoying the closing celebration for the People Of Chelsea photography exhibit.



Ashton Bird, exhibit photographer Darlene DeVita, writer Sarah Putnam, and City Councilor Lisa Santagate.



Barbara Salisbury, Ron Pownall, Chelsea Community Cable Television Technical Director Ricky Velez, and author Luke Salisbury.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, with daughters Juliana Hassell (second from left) and Jaylen Hassell (far right), and Javier Villeda (second from right), founder and CEO of the Kliq Brand streetwear company.



One of Darlene DeVita's photographs portrays Richard Katz, owner of the legendary Katz Bakery, a landmark local establishment known for its delicious bagels and pizza bagels.




Jennifer Hassell and event producer Devra Zabot.




Moderator Jake Small, with panelists, Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell, community lead and advocate Michelle Mirthes, longtime Chelsea resident and union carpenter Deb Cronin, and Kliq Brand CEO Javier Villeda.

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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, November 12, 2024 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room.

Cate Fox Lent Commissioner 10/24/24, 10/31/24

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 For Special Permit 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

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU24P1598GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

Of:Chelsea, MA Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 08/05/2024 by Rosa A. Rodriguez Rodriguez of Chelsea, MA will be held 11/25/2024 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing.

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 002768 ORDER OF NOTICE To: Humberto A. Solo Chavarria and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Freedom Mortgage Corporation, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 16 Franklin Avenue, given by Humberto A. Solo Chavarria to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Nationwide Mortgage Company, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated August 21, 2018, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 60062, Page 119, as affected

by a Loan Modification dated February 28, 2023, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 68757, Page 151, as affected by a Loan Modification dated December 11, 2023, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 69786, Page 34, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before November 25, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on October 10, 2024.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 24-006934 10/24/24

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, SS. SUPERIOR COURT Docket No. 2484CV02534

RE: Maria Colon and Justillano Colon a/k/a Justiliano Colon v. Walter Begonis, Scott A. Gisetto, April McCauley, and the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Frank Belofsky SUMMONS AND ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION TO:Unknown Heirs and Devisees 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 Justillano 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, though, 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 Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P2126EA Estate of: Edward Abrahante Also known as: Edward Abrahante Cruz Date of Death 04/25/2020 To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy

and/or Appointment has been filed by Carmina A. Escobar Sanchez of Chelsea, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Carmina A. Escobar Sanchez of Chelsea, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s), of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/19/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of

administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 13, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 10/24/24

LEGAL NOTICE



Re El Kiosco Corporation d/b/a El Kiooco

212 Broadway, Chelsea MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, November 14, 2024 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for a Change of Manager and Issuance / Transfer of Stock/Stockholder for an All Alcohol Beverages (on Premise) License application for El Kiosco Corporation d/b/a El Kiosco at 212 Broadway, Chelsea MA. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 10/24/24, 10/31/24

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT Docket No. SU21PO421PM In the matter of:

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 07, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 10/24/24

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on October 21, 2024, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$100,000 from the General Stabilization Account, Fund #7020 to the FY25 DPW Streets and Sidewalks - Professional & Technical Account 0142252-530000. Ordered, that pursuant to Section 4-3(l) of the Chelsea City Charter, the Chelsea City Council approves the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 93 (representing Police Patrol Officers) memorialized in the Memorandum of Agreement for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 dated August

30, 2024. Ordered, that to fund the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 93 for Fiscal Year 2025, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$330,000.00 from the FY2025 Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2025 Police Department - Regular Salaries Account #0121051-510200 to fund the FY2025 Contract Wage Increases.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$100,000 from the General Stabilization Account, Fund #7020, to a NEW City Special Events Fund for the Chelsea 400 and Beyond Campaign.

Ordered, That, by this vote, the Chelsea City Council endorses this project for the receipt of PARC grant funds; appropriates \$500,000, representing the full project cost, from General Stabilization Fund #7020; designates Polonia Park as open space parkland in perpetuity, in accordance with Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution and M.G.L., c. 45, s. 3; authorizes the City Manager to utilize any surplus funds for any other PARC funded improvements for open space within the City of Chelsea; certifies the City Manager's authority to enter into an agreement for the receipt of these funds; and directs the City Manager to take any and all necessary action to accomplish the project. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Gintron White City Clerk

Chelsea's Professional Service Directory

Advertisement for Chelsea's Professional Service Directory featuring services for Electrician (Kevin Mooney), Landscaping (Jim Costello), Painting (Nick D'Agostino, John J. Recca), and Plumbing (Master Plumber Edward DiLorenzo, Patriot Sewer & Drain Plumbing Services, LLC).

Advertisement for Chelsea 400th Merch featuring t-shirts and tote bags. Items include Chelsea 400th t-shirts for \$20 and \$25, and Chelsea tote bags for \$20. Also includes a 'Now in Black!' section with t-shirts for \$25.

Advertisement for COSMO POOLS featuring new liners, installation, and pool openings. Contact John at 781-589-0505.

Advertisement for REAL ESTATE featuring Gina S Soldano, REALTOR. Contact at (857) 272-4270 or gsoldanorealtor.com.

Advertisement for PATRIOT Sewer & Drain Plumbing Services, LLC. Features 24 HR. SERVICE and contact at 781-656-4884.

Advertisement for PLUMBING featuring a Master Plumber and contact at 781-853-9108 for drain cleaning.

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GARCIA AMONG CHELSEA RESIDENTS HONORED AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S ALX100

City Councilor Kelly Garcia was one of six Chelsea residents honored as part of this year's ALX100 list from Amplify LatinX.

The ALX100 recognizes exceptional Latino leaders who have demon-

strated excellence and made significant contributions in their respective fields and communities.

This year's celebration honoring the recipients took place on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Museum of Science in Boston.



Kelly Garcia with her father, Roberto Garcia, Josianne Martinez, and Springfield State Rep. Carlos Gonzales.



Garcia with fellow ALX100 honorees including Fidel Maltez, Norieliz De Jesus, Marta Rosa, Peter Barros, John Valinch, and Juan Vega.



Senator Ed Markey with Kelly Garcia and John Valinch at the ALX100 celebration at the Museum of Science in Boston.

Atlantic Works Gallery announces two mixed media exhibitions for November

Atlantic Works Gallery announced that its November exhibition will consist of side-by-side solo shows by two member artists, one who uses mixed media to investigate the natural world and the other who uses it to comment on American society. Together, their complementary artwork delivers a visual collision that is intended to ask visitors to reflect on and question their beliefs.

Both shows will open on Saturday, November 2, with an opening reception on Sunday, November 3 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be a second reception on Thursday, November 14 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. when the artists will talk about their work. The exhibition closes at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30.

John Greiner-Ferris is an artist who borrows from, and combines, multiple disciplines to create artwork. For November 2024, he uses mixed media to fluidly address the perils inflicted on individuals by modern society. The intentionally lo-tech nature of his artwork is in response to what he believes is too much of an emphasis in the art world



The title of Dom's image is: It's The Bees' Knees (detail) 2024; acrylic, oil, varnish, lichen, spray foam, imagery, hives, branchin, silicone caulking on canvas

on commercialism and salability at the expense of originality and truth, and challenges viewers to question their notion of art.

"My artwork has always been about, and will continue to be about, the individual's struggle to maintain individuality and dignity in the face societal pressures—both real and imagined," he said.

The materials and resulting artwork of Takis, a former construction worker, reflect his deep love of nature, the outdoors,

and art. He uses everything from found organic and inorganic materials to construction material to investigate the natural world to make what he calls "collage/paintings" whose textural, sculptural surfaces invite the viewer's eye to linger in their complexity. "I want people to really get into the surface of my paintings," he said.

For Pollination, Takis, who had been finding bee and wasp nests for years, contemplates and compares the role of bees and



The title of John's is: You vs. The Bear (detail); mixed media, 2024

artists in their respective societies. "The artist's job is to feed the soul, through art, music, and literature," he said. Takis will be exhibiting nine pieces, and cites influences as disparate as the writings of Hermann Hesse, the paintings of Cezanne and El Greco, and the music of Brian Eno and Nick Cave.

Greiner-Ferris will be showing a series of six 4' x 3' pieces he began in January 2024 and continued working on right up to October 2024. "They are my response to some of the events and issues

that currently are prevalent in the United States, such as economic disparity, divisiveness, school and mass shootings, and our species' ability to destroy itself," he said. "The goal of this exhibition is to use text and images to have a conversation with the viewer. Just as an actor breaks the fourth wall on a stage and talks directly to the audience, I use text and a visual language to break the picture plane to speak directly to the viewer." Because the outcome of the November presidential election will still

be unknown at the opening, Greiner-Ferris offers hope and encouragement with the final piece.

Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, Boston, MA 02128, now in its twenty-first year, is an artist-run collaborative space for art and ideas located in East Boston. The gallery is open to the public every Friday and Saturday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. For private viewing, contact contact@atlanticworks.org. For more information, visit https://atlanticworks.org/.

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Chamber of Commerce honors Gail Mauch with memorial tribute

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce was set to honor Gail Mauch with a moment of silence at its Pot-O-Gold Dinner Wednesday night at Anthony's, Malden.

Gail (Robinson) Mauch died Sunday, Oct. 20 following a courageous battle against cancer.

Gail was a great sup-

porter of the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations in the city. Gail and her husband, D. Bruce Mauch, particularly enjoyed the Pot-O-Gold Dinner where they would always be attired in eye-catching and matching costumes, having been perennial contenders for the night's best costume

award. Leo Robinson, dean of Chelsea city government, sat proudly with his sister, Gail, and brother-in-law D. Bruce Mauch at the Robinson/Mauch table at Chamber of Commerce dinners.

She was also a special guest at many events hosted by the Chelsea Rotary Club, where her husband, Bruce, was an esteemed leader and holder of a four-decade perfect attendance record at meetings.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell said Wednesday, "We intend to pay tribute to this outstanding person and longtime supporter of our organization. Gail is a member of a legendary Chelsea family that goes back generations. She was a very fashionable, classy woman. She's a Chelsea icon. Her passion for our city, her passion for Boston, and her passion for fashion are definitely going to be missed."

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