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Shown are the honorees at the Latino Excellence Awards Ceremony at the State House on Oct. 25.

Polls open for Election Day on Tuesday

By Adam Swift

Polls are open in Chelsea from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The presidential election tops the ballot, with Democratic nominee and Vice President Kamala Harris facing off against former President Donald Trump.

In addition, there are several contested races for state and local office, as well as five state ballot questions.

Democratic incumbent state Representative Judith Garcia and Democratic incumbent state Senator Sal DiDomenico are both running unopposed for re-

election this year.

Democratic incumbent Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley is also running unopposed in this year's election.

In other contested races on the ballot, Incumbent Democratic U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren is being challenged by Republican John Deaton.

There is a race to fill a vacant Register of Probate position between Democrat Stephanie Everett and Independent Mohamed Bah.

The state ballot questions include giving the state auditor the ability to audit the legislature, elim-

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City Manager Maltez and Chamber Director Hassell recognized at Latino Excellence Awards Ceremony

Special to the Record

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell were recognized as Latino leaders and trailblazers making significant contributions to the Chelsea community during the Massachusetts

Black and Latino Legislative Caucus' (MBLLC) 2024 Latino Excellence Awards Ceremony at the Massachusetts State House on Friday, Oct. 25.

Maltez, born in Managua, Nicaragua, was nominated by Massachusetts Senator Sal DiDomenico, while Executive Director Hassell, the first Lati-

na to serve as Executive Director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, received her nomination from State Representative Judith Garcia.

"Fidel is a thoughtful and effective leader and I am proud to have nominated him for the Latino Excellence Award," said DiDomenico. "He man-

ages the city of Chelsea with great vision and humility and works collaboratively with state leaders to ensure all our residents get the resources they need and deserve. I look forward to continuing our work together and seeing

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MB Spirits proposal comes before planning board

By Adam Swift

The planning board has some questions about the traffic, design, and lighting plan for the liquor store being proposed by Market Basket next to its existing grocery store on Everett Avenue.

At last week's meeting, the planning board did recommend zoning board approval for a special permit to allow a liquor store to operate at the location.

The proposal for the 20,000-square-foot MB Spirits store will be back before the planning board on Nov. 19 for a potential vote on the major site plan approval.

In addition to the construction of the new liquor store, Market Basket is proposing several transportation improvements on the site, including improved MBTA bus access

and 16 dedicated parking spaces for taxis and other rideshare vehicles.

"Additionally, Market Basket and the city of Chelsea entered into a memorandum of agreement this summer," said Carmine Tomas of LT Development, the development manager for Market Basket.

As part of that memorandum of agreement, Market Basket will conduct a master plan of its entire Everett Avenue site looking at potential future development, Tomas said. The retail shopping plaza is slightly under 30 acres.

"Market Basket bought a liquor license about three years ago and that got approved by the license commission to have a liquor store in that space," said Tomas.

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Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez (left) with State Senator Sal DiDomenico, who nominated him for the Latino Excellence Award.



Shown (left to right) are State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Executive Director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Jennifer Hassell, and State Representative Judith Garcia at the Latino Excellence Awards Ceremony at the State House on Oct. 25.

La Colaborativa unveils new housing and environmental justice pilot project

Special to the Record

With record breaking summer heat and extreme storms, the intensifying severity of climate change is negatively affecting public health, especially for vulnerable residents in aging housing stock. La Colaborativa recently announced that it has secured a \$50,000 grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) Empower Massachusetts Program (EmPower) to launch the Healthy Living

in Chelsea Initiative, in partnership with the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC). With grant funds, La Colaborativa will design and pilot an innovative housing initiative to support low- and moderate-income residents with underlying health conditions that are magnified by our changing climate.

"With mounting displacement pressures, La Colaborativa is committed to fostering healthy, livable neighborhoods, where all residents can

flourish," said Gladys Vega, La Colaborativa President. "We're grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration and MassCEC for this significant investment."

Dinanyili Paulino, La Colaborativa Executive Vice President said housing is a key anchor of the community's health, well-being, and stability.

"We're thrilled to deepen our partnership with MassCEC to realize a future of health equity and clean energy for our community," Paulino said.

Decades of environmental injustice have excluded Latinx and immigrant communities from affordable, resilient housing. Recognizing these structural barriers, La Co-

laborativa is embarking on the Healthy Living in Chelsea Initiative to lessen utility costs, reduce emissions, and alleviate substandard housing conditions linked to health and wellbeing.

"Over recent years, less than a third of energy efficiency projects benefitted low- and moderate-income EJ communities, leaving thousands of residents behind," stated Alex Train, AICP, Chief Operating Officer of La Colaborativa. "The Healthy Living in Chelsea Initiative will directly uplift residents that have borne the brunt of climate impacts and air pollution."

Through robust neighborhood outreach, La Co-

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THE CHELSEA SOLDIERS HOME HOSTS HALLOWEEN PARTY



Wonder Woman Sarai Mendez with Maria Alberta and Kathleen Mendez at the The Chelsea Soldiers Home's Halloween Costume Party. See page 6 for more photos.

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CHELSEA'S 4TH ANNUAL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS THIS SATURDAY



COURTESY PHOTO

Shown is a scene from the previous year's Dia de los Muertos events in Chelsea. This year's event is on Saturday at Washington Park.

Chelsea's 4th Annual Día de los Muertos takes place this Saturday, Nov. 2, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Washington Park.

The event will include:
-Community Altars: Bring photos or flowers to honor your loved ones

and create a space for reflection and remembrance. Local artists Max Pro and Kyle Brown have been working on the altar and offerings.

-Live Performances: Enjoy special performances by Crocodile River Mu-

sic, mariachi, and folkloric ballet.

-Local Vendors: Explore a market featuring local artisans and vendors.

-Family-Friendly: A welcoming atmosphere for all ages!

GreenRoots receives transportation impact award

Special to the Record

GreenRoots, a leading voice in the work to improve transportation access and equity across Chelsea and East Boston, was recently awarded a \$50,000 Impact Grant by Transportation for Massachusetts. These are the first round of grants from this statewide coalition tackling transportation justice, equity, and affordability issues across the Commonwealth. \$500,000 in grants were awarded to 13 groundbreaking transportation justice initiatives.

GreenRoots will hire new staff for multilingual outreach and lead the Chelsea Public Transit Task Force, addressing transit needs in car-limited communities such as Chelsea and East Boston. "It's an honor to receive the Transportation for Massachusetts' Impact Grant. The generosity of T4MA enables us to expand our services and make an even greater impact in the community," said Roseann Bongiovanni, GreenRoots Executive Director.

Reggie Ramos, Executive Director of T4MA, said they are committed to partnering with communities and leaders, to finding common solutions that are truly inclusive, and to building an equitable system that works for all.

"As a coalition, we be-

lieve that the work our members do in the areas of environmental justice, housing, public health, food security, climate, community-building, youth and immigrant services, are underpinned and impacted by transportation," said Ramos.

Other awardees and projects include:

ACT Lawrence will enhance financial education and counseling for youth and adults, promoting financial independence.

Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE) will support the youth-led T Riders Union in advocating for improved MBTA service in Greater Boston.

Coalition for Social Justice will organize riders around transit justice, affordable housing, and voter engagement, focusing on initiatives like Bus Riders United and the Zero Fare Coalition.

Food Bank of Western MA will invest in an annual transportation forum to secure funding and develop innovative solutions for rural transportation challenges.

Groundwork Lawrence will support the Pa'lante task force in climate change education and the development of a city-wide pedestrian plan in Lawrence.

Hilltown Community Development Corpora-

tion will expand flexible micro-transit in 10 rural towns by purchasing a van, recruiting drivers, and enhancing service marketing.

MassBike will expand its coalition to address transportation needs in Environmental Justice communities and under-resourced areas.

Neighbor to Neighbor MA will integrate transportation justice into its strategic plan, broadening advocacy from Lynn to Worcester and Springfield.

New England United for Justice will launch the Squares and Streets planning process, advocating for improvements at the intersection of housing, development, and transit in Dorchester and Mattapan.

Public Health Institute of Western MA will support the Healthy Air Network's advocacy for clean air and transportation initiatives across Springfield, Holyoke, and regional partners.

RTAG/Boston Center for Independent Living will establish a working group of bike, disability, and pedestrian advocates to collaborate on bike lane issues in Boston.

WalkMassachusetts will lead advocacy efforts for walk and road safety audits, ensuring pedestrian and cyclist considerations in roadway design.

Arrest made on drug and firearm charges

Last week, the Chelsea Police Department successfully executed a search warrant at 63 Marlboro Street, Apartment 1, leading to the arrest of one man and the seizure of illegal drugs, cash, a firearm, and other evidence related to ongoing criminal activity.

The warrant resulted from a detailed investigation by Chelsea Police, working in conjunction with Everett Police detectives. Upon entering the residence, officers discovered a significant quantity of controlled substances, including cocaine and fentanyl, along with a large sum of cash believed to be proceeds from illegal drug

sales, according to Chelsea police officials.

In addition to the drugs and cash, officers also seized an illegal firearm and packaging materials that detectives believe further supported the suspect's illegal activities taking place at the residence.

The individual taken into custody was identified by Chelsea Police as Jose Sanchez, age 27. Sanchez is now facing charges of trafficking cocaine and illegal possession of a firearm.

"This operation demonstrates the Chelsea Police Department's commitment to keeping our community safe and free of drug-related crime,"

said Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghto. "We will continue to target those who seek to disrupt our neighborhoods with any illegal activity."

The investigation remains ongoing, and additional arrests may be forthcoming as the police department stated it continues its efforts to curb illegal drug trafficking within the city.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Chelsea Police Department at (617) 466-4805 or provide an anonymous tip through our social media (FB / X / INSTAGRAM / www.chelseapolice.com) or the tip line at (617) 466-4880.

NEWS IN BRIEF

KEYBOARD FUNDAMENTALS

Chelsea Recreation is pleased to announce that Pavle Zvekcic, Berklee College of Music graduate and ArtsLink musician will be teaching piano to Chelsea youth between the ages of 8-16. Learn how to play your favorite songs, improvise, and tell your story on a keyboard. Classes will be held twice a week on Mondays and Wednesday from Nov. 4 - Dec. 18. Group A (ages 8-11): 5:30-6:30pm and Group B (ages 12-16): 6:30-7:30pm.

Cost is \$25. Come register in person at the William Building, 180 Walnut Street or online at recreation.chelseama.gov. Call 617-466-5233 for more information.

MOON & STAR GAZING IN CHELSEA

Join Chelsea Recreation for a night under the stars at Voke Park, 546 Washington Avenue in Prattville on Thursday, November 7, from 6:30 to 8:00pm. This free event invites participants to explore the night sky through high powered telescopes, learn about visible planets and stars, and engage in family-friendly astronomy-themed activities. Organized in partnership with the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston (ATMoB), the event promises an educational and entertaining experience for everyone. Ernesto Camacho, from the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian will be the evening's guest astronomer. He is currently researching the elusive population of black holes called Intermediate mass black holes. Whether you're an astronomy enthusiast or just looking for an interesting night out with family, this bi-lingual English / Spanish event is a must to attend. The cloudy/rain date is Friday, November 8. More information can be found at: recreation.chelseama.gov or call 617-466-5233.

CITY INVITES COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SAFETY PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT

The Chelsea fire and police departments invite the community to partici-

pate in an upcoming Safety Preparedness Summit. This event is designed to prepare residents for emergency situations, including residential fires and robberies, and to equip them with essential tips and tools for making effective 911 calls.

The summit will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center, located at 10 Riley Way. Residents can RSVP by emailing Julissa Sandoval at jsandoval@chelseama.gov or calling Chelsea 311 at 617-466-4209.

Chelsea's first responders and 911 dispatchers will lead the summit, sharing their firsthand knowledge and experiences related to emergency situations. Participants will learn valuable strategies for staying safe and responding effectively during crises.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to engage with local emergency services, ask questions, and gain confidence in their ability to handle emergencies," said Emergency Management Director for the City of Chelsea Steve Staffier. "We encourage everyone to attend and take advantage of this important event."

Refreshments, training materials and translation devices will be provided.

The Chelsea Safety Preparedness Summit is made possible thanks to a collaboration between the following City of Chelsea Departments: Fire, Emergency Management, Police, and Public Health, and Senior Center.

POLICE INVESTIGATING SCOOTER/TRUCK ACCIDENT

A 31-year-old Chelsea man suffered life-threatening injuries as the result of an early Saturday morning accident.

On Saturday at approximately 6:15 a.m., Chelsea police and fire departments responded to a report of a motorized-type scooter struck by a box truck on Beacham Street near the Everett line.

Upon arrival, police officers rendered first aid to the 31-year-old male operator of the scooter. Initial findings showed the truck and motorized scooter were both traveling toward Everett at the time of the accident. The injured male

suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported to MGH Boston. The truck driver remained on scene and is cooperating in the investigation, according to Chelsea police officials.

Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and Chelsea Detectives are continuing the investigation. There are no charges pending and the name of the injured man is not being disclosed at this time.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Chelsea Police Department at (617) 466-4805 or provide an anonymous tip through social media (FB / X / INSTAGRAM / www.chelseapolice.com) or the tip line at (617) 466-4880.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION ASKING FOR SURVEY INPUT

The new Chelsea Women's Commission is asking the city's women and girls to take part in a survey gathering insight on the issues most important to them.

The survey can be accessed through the city's website at chelseama.gov/women.

The Chelsea Women's Commission is an intentional, dedicated space committed to women and girls' equity and access.

It is the commission's intention to respond to the needs of women and girls and assess the status of women. The Commission will offer recommendations to the City Manager and City Council and point towards policies that address the critical needs of Chelsea's residents.

UPCOMING EVENTS

19th Annual Chelsea Reads
Saturday, November 2
10am-3pm
Chelsea Public Library
Chelsea Book Club
Parable of Sower
Saturday, November 2
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Kushala Sip
Dia de los Muertos
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Washington Park
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NSCS CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Special to the Record

North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS) celebrated 65 years of providing essential behavioral health services at its anniversary event on Oct. 17 at Casa Lucia in Revere.

“For 65 years, we have been at the forefront of providing mental health services to individuals and families across the region,” said NSCS President and CEO Judi Lemoine. “This is only possible because of our talented team and the incredible contributions from our community. We look forward to continuing to grow our programs and outreach to support even more people in great need of our services.”

The organization honored retired CEO Jackie Moore with the inaugural Legacy Award for her 17 years of leadership of NSCS and in the Massachusetts human services sector.

“It is such an honor to be recognized,” said Moore. “Every one of you brings your experience, heart, determination, passion and belief in recovery, which are important ingredients in the work we do. All of this brings hope.”

Maryanne Frangules, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR), received the Community Champion Award for her dedication to reducing stigma and promoting recovery.

“We have done so much with NSCS over the years,” said Frangules. “I am most grateful to have learned how to make an impact with our wonderful legislators so that we can make positive changes. We are all visible, vocal and valuable so that one day there will not be a stigma around recovery.”

Surrounded by community supporters and local and state partners, the event offered North Suffolk Community Services the opportunity to reflect on its accomplishments, honor its partners and raise critical funds for its early-childhood and family services, residential programs and outpatient clinics.

North Suffolk Community Services

Founded in 1959, North Suffolk Community Services, formerly North Suffolk Mental Health Association, touches the lives of more than 10,000 people annually in nearly 80 programs throughout Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, Charlestown and Boston. NSCS supports adults, children and families across the lifespan who are coping with behavioral health, substance use disorders and/or have developmental disabilities. The organization employs over 1,000 talented individuals who provide services in many languages, including ASL, through four outpatient clinics; 38 residential programs; two Recovery Support Centers and a Recovery Learning Center. It operates a robust Training Center as well as a 24/7/365 Recovery Support hotline. Visit northsuffolk.org.



Jeniris Garay and Jennifer Waldrop.



Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki and Chelsea Chief of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki.



Dr. Deborah Wayne welcomes accomplished artist Max Corona to the gala.



Assistant Vice President of Child, Youth, and Family Services Emmy Porto, President and CEO Judi Lemoine, and Director of Emergency Services Kate Moore.



NSCS Board members, from left, Board Chair Virginia Todd, Charlene Nunez, Dr. Deborah Wayne, Cailie Clark, Liz Gruber, and Tom Ambrosino.



Carolyn Boumilla-Vega, Board Member Tom Ambrosino, Bill Rollins, and Assistant Vice President for Community Engagement and Workforce Development Jaime Jimenez.



Chelsea Public Schools Chief of Staff and Equity Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, NSCS Clinician Carolyn Boumilla-Vega, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and CPS Innovation Officer Malik Howshan.



Chelsea Public Library Director Lisa Mucciarone, Librarian Amanda Arsenault, and Chief of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki.



Maria Chaplain, Ashlee Gomez, and Romina Wilmot.




Front row, Dan Maguire, Adrienne Sacco-Maguire, and Charlotte Ferrante. Back row, Rep. Jeff Turco, Tom Ambrosino, and Mark Ferrante.



Former NSCS Director of Diversionary Addiction Services Kim Hanton (right) presents the Community Champion Award to Maryanne Frangules, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR).



NSCS President and CEO Judi Lemoine (left) presents the inaugural Legacy Award to former President and CEO Jackie Moore in recognition of her 17 years of outstanding leadership of the organization.



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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts sponsors free Bluebikes rides on Election Day

To help reduce transportation barriers as residents head to the polls, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (“Blue Cross”) is offering free Bluebikes Day Passes on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. The Bluebikes Day Passes provide unlimited complimentary two-hour classic bike rides and free ebike unlocks (a per-minute charge will apply for ebike usage after the unlock) for the duration of Election Day. Riders can access this offer by entering code BCBSMAVOTE in the checkout section of the Bluebikes App.

The initiative aims to provide voters with a convenient and accessible transit option from Bluebikes’ 500 stations across 13 municipalities, including Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown, while supplies last. Voters can visit <https://account.bluebikes.com/map> to find the closest station to their polling location.

The system is municipally owned by thirteen cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts, jointly managed by the Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville and the Town of Brookline, and operated under contract by Lyft.

As the title sponsor of Bluebikes, Blue Cross is committed to increasing access to the polls. A study conducted by professors at Harvard University and Boston University found that lack of access to a car is a significant obstacle to voting and decreases turnout.

“During this election season, we are dedicated to eliminating transportation barriers so every citizen can exercise their right to vote,” said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross. “Bluebikes offers a convenient and accessible transportation option for residents across Metro Boston, particularly for those in underserved and underrepresented communities who may

face challenges getting to their polling places. We encourage everyone planning to vote on Election Day to take advantage of our complimentary Bluebikes rides.”

Blue Cross has served as Bluebikes’ title sponsor since May 2018 and remains committed to supporting and extending bike sharing in Greater Boston as a safe, sustainable and accessible public transportation option through its partnership with the municipal owners of Bluebikes and Lyft.

Those interested in a free Bluebikes Day Pass on Election Day can download the Bluebikes App or visit bluebikes.com for more information.

Bluebikes is public transportation by bike. The system is municipally owned by thirteen cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts, jointly managed by the Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville and the Town of Brookline, and operated under contract by Lyft. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is

the system’s title sponsor. Riders can find approximately 500 stations and 4,000 bikes, including ebikes, across the thirteen municipalities: Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Medford, Malden, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown. Since 2011, riders have taken more than 25 million trips on Bluebikes. For more information about Bluebikes, visit bluebikes.com.

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EARLY VOTING ENDS THIS FRIDAY -- ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 5

In-person early voting for the 2024 Presidential election is underway and will continue through this Friday, November 1. If you are unable to make it to your local city or town hall for early voting (the hours vary in each city and town), then you will have to cast your ballot on Election Day, which is Tuesday, November 5.

The past few Presidential elections have been hectic, down-to-the-wire contests, and this year’s contest between Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump promises to be the same.

In addition, this year we have a contested U.S. Senate race, with incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren facing a challenge from Republican newcomer John Deaton. With control of the Senate being crucial for the parties and for the incoming president, the choice we make for our U.S. Senator will be significant -- and that alone is a reason to vote.

Voting is the only obligation that the status as a citizen of the United States imposes on any of us. The vast majority of people on this planet live in countries where they do not have the opportunity to cast a ballot for their elected officials.

Every citizen should take advantage of the privilege we have as Americans -- and get out to vote.

THE FIVE BALLOT QUESTIONS

There are five questions on this year’s ballot. All five of the questions involve complex changes to state law. We urge all voters to study the ballot questions and read the pros and cons of each. In sum, the questions are as follows:

-- Question 1 would change state law to permit the State Auditor to perform an audit of the state legislature. The proponents say that the change will enhance transparency of the state legislature’s internal spending, while the opponents contend that the measure will violate the concept of the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches of government. In addition, it should be noted that a “Yes” vote almost surely will result in the matter being taken to the State Supreme Judicial Court to determine its constitutionality.

-- Question 2 would eliminate the MCAS test as a prerequisite for receiving a high school diploma in Massachusetts. The MCAS, which requires students to pass tests in English, math, and science in order to receive a high school diploma, has been in existence since 1993, when the landmark Education Reform Bill (which was spearheaded by the late Tom Birmingham when he was the State Senator from Chelsea, Revere, and Everett) became law. The proponents of this question assert that the MCAS is a one-size-fits-all test that does not really measure whether a student has achieved sufficient proficiency to merit receiving a high school diploma. Conversely, the opponents of the measure argue that the MCAS represents the only means for objectively evaluating every student. In addition, the opponents of eliminating the MCAS assert that the MCAS has raised educational standards in Massachusetts, which annually is ranked among the best public education systems in the country.

-- Question 3 would give Transportation Network Drivers (such as Uber and Lyft drivers) the right to form a union. Under the law as it stands presently, those drivers are considered to be independent contractors, not employees.

-- Question 4 would permit individuals to possess and grow their own psychedelic mushrooms and would provide for the sale of these substances as “licensed facilitators.” In addition, the proposed law would establish a Natural Psychedelic Substances Commission that would regulate the sale of psychedelic products. Proponents cite the growing body of research that indicates that treatment with psychedelics provides benefits for those suffering from depression and PTSD. The opponents note that treatment with psychedelics needs to be highly-supervised by medical professionals, but the proposed law does not do so.

-- Question 5 would alter the compensation for tipped workers. The change in the law would affect workers most notably in the restaurant industry.

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inating the MCAS test as a graduation requirement, allowing rideshare drivers to unionize, allowing the medical use of psychedelic drugs, and increasing the state minimum wage for tipped workers.

The voting locations for the election are:

District 1 Voting Locations:

Ward 4 Precinct 2
Public Safety Building
Sagamore Avenue & Cheever Street

Ward 4 Precinct 3
Public Safety Building
Sagamore Avenue & Cheever Street

District 2 Voting Locations:

Ward 3 Precinct 1
St. Rose School
580 Broadway

Ward 4 Precinct 4
St. Rose School

580 Broadway

District 3 Voting Locations:

Ward 3 Precinct 2
St. Rose School
580 Broadway

Ward 4 Precinct 1
St. Rose School
580 Broadway

District 4 Voting Locations:

Ward 3 Precinct 3
Williams School Auditorium

Arlington Street Entrance

Ward 3 Precinct 4
Williams School Auditorium

Arlington Street Entrance

District 5 Voting Locations:

Ward 1 Precinct 3
Williams School Auditorium

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Arlington Street Entrance

Ward 1 Precinct 4
Williams School Auditorium

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District 6 Voting Locations:

Ward 1 Precinct 1
Williams School Auditorium

Arlington Street Entrance

Ward 1 Precinct 2
Williams School Auditorium

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District 7 Voting Locations:

Ward 2 Precinct 3
Williams School Auditorium

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Ward 2 Precinct 4

Williams School Auditorium

Arlington Street Entrance

District 8 Voting Locations:

Ward 2 Precinct 1

Williams School Auditorium

Arlington Street Entrance

Ward 2 Precinct 2

Williams School Auditorium

Arlington Street Entrance

Anyone looking for additional information about the election or polling locations can contact the Election Department directly at (617) 466-4056.

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Fidel lead the city to new heights.”

Garcia said Hassell’s passion for Chelsea and the local business community is clear.

“Since she took charge of the Chamber of Commerce, all small businesses can agree that she has been a great leader,” said Garcia. “She always prioritizes the well-being of business owners and works to improve the entire Chelsea community through collaboration. She puts in hard work without seeking recognition and constantly connects people for better opportunities

and technical assistance in Chelsea.

“She truly deserves to be recognized, and it was an honor to have Maria Belen Power, Roseann Bongiovanni, Beth McDougal, and Mr. Joe Vinard attend the event as we celebrated these two outstanding leaders, recognized by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Caucus,” Garcia continued. “Chelsea is certainly home to exemplary leaders, and it was a privilege to honor the achievements of both City Manager Fidel Maltez and my nominee, Jennifer Hassell.”

The Latino Excellence Awards, along with the Black Excellence on the Hill, recognize the achievements of Black and Latino community leaders who are advancing progress in their respective cities and towns.

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The MB Spirits in Chelsea would be similar to the other five locations in the state and provide low-cost, high-quality service.

"The enhancement to public transportation is important to us and the community as well, and MB Spirits will be providing an estimated 33 additional jobs on top of the over 700 Market Basket currently has," said Tomas.

There are currently 1,575 parking spaces on the site, according to project civil engineer Eric Gerard, which he said is well above what is required under the current zoning.

Gerard said the developers have been working with the MBTA to make sure the relocated bus and taxi area will accommodate the T.

In addition, the project will include a new curb cut onto Carter Street that will mostly be used for bus and taxi access and egress, Gerard said.

In addition, there would be drainage improvements as part of the project, Gerard said.

Several planning board members said they had concerns about the increase of heavy traffic on Carter Street, and wanted to see a more refined plan for that area at the November meeting.

Traffic engineer Rob Nagi stated that there would be minimal increases in the amount of traffic associated with the project, but understood the concerns about traffic at the Second and Carter Street intersection.

"I'm sensing some trepidation from board members on Carter Street

itself," said Naji. "I think it is worthwhile for us to take a look at that as we move forward and have an opportunity to come back with more specificity on that corner."

There were also some questions about improvements for pedestrian safety in the area.

Gerard said the project will include a new sidewalk connector and crosswalk to the Silver Lane area on the property, as well as the reconfiguration of some other crosswalks and associated improvements.

Planning board member Sharleen McLean asked if there were plans to improve the sidewalks and drainage on any other portions of the property.

"We are not proposing any improvements elsewhere at this point, but we are engaged in this master plan study right now, which will look at possible sitewide improvements and further development if that is going to happen in the future," said Tomas.

Board member Eric Czernizer asked if the developers had considered shifting the location of the liquor store, since the proposed location would make it one of the first things people see when they get off the Silver Line or commuter rail.

Tomas said it was considered, but that the proposed location was preferable for the proposed parking and transportation improvements.

In other business, the board approved a request to continue a hearing on a proposed curb cut on Clark Avenue.

SENATOR DIDOMENICO VISITS LOCAL HEAD START

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently spent the morning reading Hop on Pop to a class of young children at the Everett Head Start site in celebration of National Book Month. "As a former Head Start child, it is always such a privilege to spend time with the incredible educators and bright children in this critical program," said DiDomenico. "I want to thank the teachers and ABCD

staff for inviting me to join them."

After reading to the children, Senator DiDomenico spent some time touring the facility and speaking with educators working there. DiDomenico is a longtime supporter and champion of Head Start programming and will continue to advocate for budget priorities that invest in this essential program.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with a child in the Head Start class.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Head Start educators and children.



Senator Sal DiDomenico reading Hop on Pop to a classroom of children at Head Start.

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mosphere.

There were games and treats for all to enjoy, as well as face painting and coloring activities, all in all it was a perfect Halloween party with plenty of Tricks and Treats.



Kevin Ebert, Christina Wilson and Dutch Schwab enjoying the party.



The dinosaurs are back in Chelsea, Reed and Dean Spinazola had a great time last Saturday afternoon.



Welcome to the haunted hallway, greeted by Jason and the alien.



Philip Renard had his face painted, shown with volunteer Marilyn Scott.



The Rodriguez family, Emmanuel, Azariah, Precious, and Cyrus.



Superintendent Christine Baldini welcomes Revere Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, and Ombudsman and Revere Councillor Marc Silvestri (right).



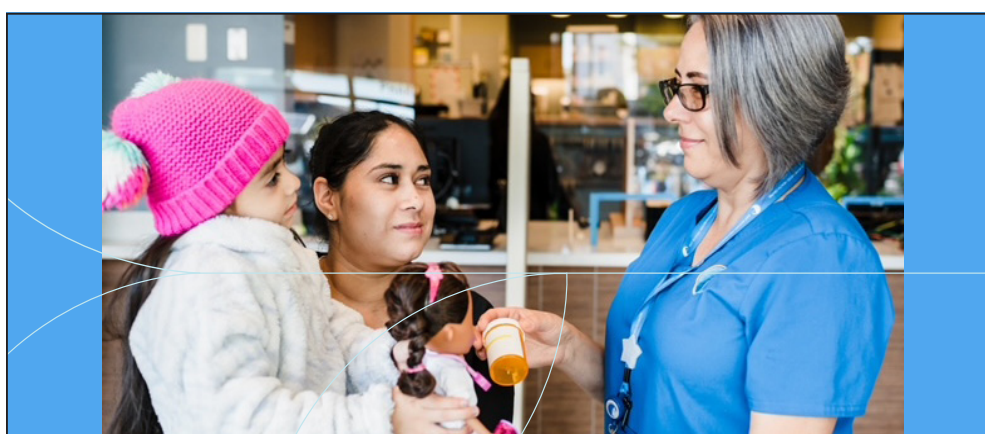
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Sports

CHS Roundup

CHS BOYS SOCCER WINS ON SENIOR NIGHT; AWAITS TOURNNEY NEWS

The Chelsea High boys soccer team celebrated its Senior Night this past Friday evening in appropriate fashion with a 4-2 victory over Lynn English at Chelsea Stadium.

Prior to the contest, Red Devil members of the Class of 2025, Bryan Beloso, Esteban Calderon, Christian Flores, Steven Gamez, Christian Palacios, Edwin Rosales, and Daylin Yanes, were recognized for their contributions to the CHS soccer program.

As for the game itself, Joe Joj scored the hat trick to power the Red Devils to the victory. Jose scored the first two Chelsea goals, but the Bulldogs soon brought the game back to level at 2-2, with their second goal coming via a penalty kick early in the second half.

The Red Devils pulled ahead when Joao Pereira delivered a nice strike on a free kick. Though the English keeper made the tough save, Christian Palacios picked up the rebound and slotted the ball into the back of the Bulldog net to make it 3-2. Joj added an insurance goal on a breakaway late in the game for the 4-2 finale.

The victory lifted the Red Devils' record to 8-7, which ranked them 31st in the MIAA Division 2 power ratings as of Tuesday morning. A team can qualify for the post-season state tourney either with a ranking among the top-32 teams or with a winning record.

However, two days later coach Mick Milutinovic's squad came up short in a match with Somerville, 2-0. The Highlanders scored on a free kick late

in the first half and then added a header off a corner kick in the final minutes to seal the win.

"The whole first half was back-and-forth action with both teams having many opportunities to score," noted CHS assistant coach William Estrada.

The loss dropped Chelsea's record to 8-8 with one game left to play with Boston International yesterday (Wednesday), a contest that rates as a tough match given that BI is the #1-ranked team in Division 5 and last week defeated Everett (which topped Chelsea in both of their meetings this season) by a score of 3-0.

If the Red Devils qualify for the tourney, their final seeding and first-round opponent will be announced tomorrow (Friday). If Chelsea finishes in the top 32, they will host their first-round opponent at Chelsea Stadium.

CHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AWAITS TOURNNEY MATCHUP

The Chelsea High girls volleyball team was awaiting the announcement of its opening round opponent in the upcoming Division 2 state volleyball tournament.

The seedlings and first-round matchups had been expected to be announced this past Tuesday, but a court case involving the eligibility of two school districts in Western Mass. has held up the MIAA's ability to put together the tourney brackets and schedule. The MIAA was hopeful of being able to do so yesterday (Wednesday).

Although coach Gloria Rodriguez's squad, which finished the year with an

11-9 record, came up short in its final two contests of the season with Lynn English (3-1) and Swampscott (3-2), a number of Lady Red Devils turned in strong performances.

Against Lynn English, Anais Artica led Chelsea with six service aces and five kills. In the Swampscott match, Thania Simon delivered a team-high nine kills and Hazel Martinez made a team-high nine digs.

RED DEVILS FINISH 5TH AT GBL MEET; HATLEBERG GBL ALL-STAR

The Chelsea High boys cross country team finished in fifth place among the eight teams at Wednesday's Greater Boston League Meet that was held at Torbert Macdonald Park along the banks of the Mystic River.

"We were hoping for a top-four finish, but that was made difficult as our top runner, Kyle Leong, was out due to illness," noted CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez. "Overall, the boys did come to perform however, as everyone outside of two runners ran their fastest pace for the season."

Sherwin Kim led the Red Devils, finishing 16th overall in a time of 15:59, which was more than a minute faster than he ran last year as a junior over the 2.75-mile course.

"On the girls' side, we did not run enough girls to place in the meet, so we were looking for strong races to end the season," said Hernandez. "Hazel Hatleberg was our top runner, earning a medal and GBL all-star status, placing seventh overall. Hazel ran 19:30, just over a minute faster than she ran on the course last year."

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins seek power boost



Time to look into purchasing a generator to aid the Boston Bruins' powerless attack? Failing to ride the momentum of their last win, an overtime decision over Atlantic division rival Toronto Maple Leafs, the locals lacked energy, not only on 5-on-5, but also on the four power play opportunities – posting a total of two shots on net. So little energy that they weren't able to penetrate Flyers net minder Samuel Ersson the entire game as he posted a 24-save, 2-0 shutout. The loss, Boston's fourth in their last five games, dropped them to 4-5-1, as they squandered a solid performance from goaltender Joonas Korpisalo who had 17 saves, including a handful of game-savers to give his team a chance to win. For Korpisalo, it was his first start in almost two weeks, and he performed admirably. The Flyers were able to adhere to coach John Tortorella's game plan the entire 60-minutes – by blocking 28 shots on their way to the shutout win. Following a scoreless first period, Philadelphia's Tyson Foster found Korpisalo's five-hole at 5:32 of the

second period, with the goal that proved to be the eventual game-winner... and Joel Farabee got the empty-net goal to seal the win. Coach Montgomery and the team were frustrated by their lack of being able to cash in on their 1:37 of five-on-three power play time, with Monty stating: "If you move the puck quick enough and you're thinking shot first, they're not going to be in shot lanes, there's one less player, especially five-on-three, and then there's two less players." Frustration carried through in the third period, with Boston trailing by a single goal, the locals were only able to manufacture three shots on goal. Speaking of goals, or the lack of them by the Bruins is magnified, when looking at the team's leaders – David Pastrnak is on top with eight points, followed by Cole Koepke (seven), three players with six – Mark Kastelic, Johnny Beecher and

Brad Marchand, with recent acquisition (seven years/\$54.25 million) Elias Lindholm with five points, and no player of the remaining roster has more than three points to date. The scary numbers continue to surface with the mention of Marchand, Charlie Coyle, Pavel Zacha and Trent Frederic, as neither one of them has scored more than a single goal in ten games.

Tonight (Thursday 7:00pm) – the Carolina Hurricanes, currently riding a four-game win streak, will host Boston to start a brief two-game road trip. On Saturday 1:00pm, the Bruins take on the Flyers, with a chance to get some revenge for Tuesday's shutout loss to Philadelphia as they wrap up their road trip. The Bruins return to TD Garden ice on Saturday 5:00pm to host the Seattle Kraken, and back on the road again Tuesday 7:00pm, with the Toronto Maple Leafs providing the opposition, and return to TD Garden on Thursday 7:00pm, with a chance to snuff out the Calgary Flames. The craziness of the 2024-2025 NHL schedule continues!

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MASSINC POLLING GROUP PRESIDENT STEVE KOCZELA SPEAKS AT JBGC BREAKFAST

Steve Koczela, president of The MassInc Polling Group, was the guest speaker at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Series Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Mark Robinson, Breakfast Series chair, welcomed the many guests to the program. JBGC Executive Director Gina Centrella gave an update on the ongoing programs at the Willow Street clubhouse stating that there are more than 320 members who participate in activities each day. There was

a teen-moderated program Oct. 29 focusing on the importance of voting in elections.

“Steve is one of the top pollsters in his craft,” credited Mark Robinson in his introductory remarks.

Koczela delivered an informative talk on the many polls being conducted for the U.S. Presidential Election between Democratic nominee, Vice President Kamala Harris, and Republican nominee, former President Donald J. Trump.



City Manager Fidel Maltez, Josh Kraft, and Juan Gallego.



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Guest speaker Steve Koczela and BGBC Associate Vice President Richard Ward.



Guest speaker Steve Koczela and Joseph Mahoney, certified financial planner.



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JBGC Executive Director Gina Centrella, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Corcoran Company Vice President Jennifer Corcoran, and guest speaker Steve Koczela, President of MassInc Polling Group.



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OBITUARIES

Frederick G. MacDonald

Retired Ironworker

A Celebration of Life for Frederick G. MacDonald, (best known to many as “Fred” or “Rick”) will be held at Anthony’s Function Facility, 105 Canal St., Malden, on Saturday, November 2nd from 2 to 5 p.m. Family and friends are most kindly invited to attend, enjoy some conversation, some great food, not to mourn but to celebrate life.

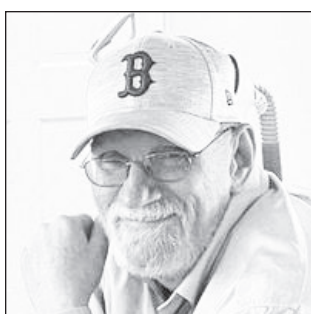
At 73 years of age, Fred passed away peacefully and without pain on Thursday, September 26th at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington.

Born in Madison, Tennessee, he was a beloved son of the late Frederick G., Sr. and Nadine (Collins) MacDonald. He was raised in Madison, Tenn. where he attended local schools.

Rick worked as an ironworker and for demolition contractors in the building trades for many years before retiring.

He married Gail (Spilotis) and they shared many years together. Rick was widowed in 2016.

A resident of Malden



for the past eight years, Rick formerly resided in Salem.

In his lifetime, Rick enjoyed playing golf, watching sports, especially football, and loved old westerns on TV.

Rick was predeceased by his beloved wife, Gail. He leaves behind his dear brother, Michael MacDonald and his wife, Carol of Malden. He was also thea stepfather of Michelle Stuart of Georgia.

In accordance with Rick’s wishes, a private cremation was held earlier. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welshfh.com.



Eugenia “Jean” Zullo

She was a joyful person, with a genuine smile and an infectious laugh

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, for Eugenia R. “Jean” (Doucette) Zullo, 93, on Sunday, October 27, and her funeral was conducted from the funeral home on Monday, October 28th immediately followed by a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea. Services concluded with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Eugenia passed away peacefully on October 22, 2024 at Kaplan Family Hospice House. Born to parents Basil and Eugenia (Muisse) Zullo in Chelsea on October 18, 1931, she was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and cherished friend to many.

Jean was a longtime resident of Chelsea, where she grew up, attended the local schools and where she later raised her own family. Jean was a joyful person, with a genuine smile and an infectious laugh. She had a beautiful voice that captivated her late husband of 57 years, when they “met” for the first time over the telephone. They later married and went on to have four children. Jean spent part of her adult life working outside the home in the Lester Shoe Factory, and she enjoyed several hobbies, including playing bocce, bingo and bowling via the Chelsea Senior Center.

But to Jean, family was everything. She was a natural caretaker and mother, and her greatest joy in life was raising her children. When looking back, she often said that her “head was in the clouds” because of how much she enjoyed those years. Jean’s heart



was so full of love to give that she also spent over 30 years fostering 75 pre-adoptive infants with Catholic Charities.

Jean was a devoted Catholic, and her faith was very important to her. She was an active churchgoer, attending every Sunday, and was a member of the choir for many years. Jean lived true to her values, and was an incredibly honest person who always kept the promises she made.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Felix A. Zullo Sr.; her grandson, Christopher; and her siblings, Frank, Arthur, Hilda, Mildred and Irene. She is survived by her children: Christopher “Chris” Zullo Sr. and his wife, Marie, Felix “Philly” Zullo Jr. and his wife, Vicky, Donna Zullo-Allevato, and Eugenia “Gina” (Zullo) Kearns; her grandchildren: Jaime, Joshua, Melissa, Nicholas, Alex, Emily, and Amy; and her great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Aurora and Brandon.

“I miss the old hymns when she used to sing

The sparrows spread their mortal Wings

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Richard D. “Richie” Smith

Gave 50 years of dedicated service to the City of Chelsea

Richard D. Smith, 69, of Revere, passed away on Monday, October 21, 2024 at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. Richard lived courageously battling G.I.S.T. for the past year.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Richard was one of four children of the late Joseph B. Sr., and Teresa E. (Francis) Smith. A resident of Revere, Richard was a longtime former resident of Chelsea where he attended local schools. He worked for the City of Chelsea beginning in 1974 as a Fire Alarm Operator, was promoted to Chief Fire Alarm Operator in 1985 and was appointed as the Chelsea 911 Director in 1995. He served the remainder of his career as Senior Lead Dispatcher from 2003 until his retirement in 2019. After retiring he continued in a part-time capacity culminating 50 years of dedicated service to the City of Chelsea. He also worked for a period at Encore Casino in Everett.

In his lifetime, Richie enjoyed playing Ice Hockey and was an avid sports fan. He also enjoyed classic rock and roll music, collecting Chelsea Clocks and excursions to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun.

Richie is lovingly survived by his beloved life partner of over 30 years, Toni Tatarouns. He was the devoted father of Noelle Spagnuolo and her husband, Danny of Revere; dear brother of Patricia Aniello and her



husband, Joseph of Atkinson, NH and the late Joseph B. Smith, Jr., and Barbara Crowell and her late husband, Gordon; cherished uncle of Julie DiLeo of Medford, Joseph, and Mark Aniello of New Hampshire and adoring great uncle of Stephen DiLeo of Medford. He is also survived by his canine companion “Chelsea” along with many extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends gathered for visiting hours at the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea, on Monday, October 28th. Services concluded with a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere.

Donations in Richie’s memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or online at www.dana-farber.org

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laborativa will collaborate with low-income residents experiencing chronic respiratory disease on healthy homes retrofits. Centered on energy efficiency measures, electrification, and indoor air quality improvements, the projects will be purposefully crafted, in collaboration with healthcare partners.

“La Colaborativa’s Healthy Living in Chelsea Initiative is a powerful example of how clean energy solutions can directly address both climate and public health challenges,” said Lisa Dobbs, Senior Program Manager at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. “By improving energy efficiency and air quality in homes, this initiative will tackle the critical health challenges that vulnerable residents face and accelerate the clean energy transformation in Chelsea. This will ensure that communities most affected by environmental and health inequities are empowered and supported as we strive to make Massachusetts homes and buildings healthier and safer for all.”

Following an initial housing inspection, La Colaborativa’s Health Equity Department will work with residents to oversee health home retrofits that electrify heating and cooling systems, install energy efficient appliances, and mitigate sources of indoor air pollution, such as mold and radon, which heighten respiratory health risks. As projects are underway, residents enrolled in La Colaborativa’s Clean Energy Workforce Training Program will assist participating residents with physical enhancements, in conjunction with program contractors.

La Colaborativa’s staff will engage closely with property owners to facilitate projects, as property owner consent remains a persistent barrier to addressing energy efficiency issues. Once retrofit opportunities are identified, La Colaborativa will purposefully harness existing energy efficiency programs — resources that are often inaccessible, due

to language, technology, and economic barriers — to finance projects. With MassCEC support, La Colaborativa will leverage flexible project funding to defray ineligible costs, such as mold abatement and the installation of HEPA filters, as well as provide incentives to encourage participation and prevent unreasonable rent increases following the completion of projects.

Accounting for over 35% of emissions in 2023, buildings are a key contributor of air pollution. With over 75% of housing units constructed before 1979, Chelsea is witnessing the convergence of deteriorating housing conditions, poor air quality, rising rent and utilities, and inaccessible energy efficiency resources.

In tandem, La Colaborativa will undertake a city-wide campaign to enhance access to critical utility assistance, energy efficiency, and housing stability resources. This will include on-the-ground neighborhood canvassing, resource workshops, and community education to increase awareness. Additionally, the outreach campaign will connect residents to energy assistance, such as utility discount programs, and counter deceptive, third party energy suppliers that target immigrant communities.



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WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY ASSEMBLY TEACHES STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY AND AWARENESS

“Can blind people take a bath? How do blind people cook their food? Can they get married?” These were some of the thoughtful questions posed by curious fourth graders from Sokolowski Elementary during their White Cane Safety Awareness Day assembly on October 21st. The event provided students with an eye-opening experience, offering insights into the lives of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Held in recognition of White Cane Safety Day, celebrated annually on October 15, the assembly was designed to raise awareness about the importance of the white cane as a symbol of independence for people with visual impairments. White Cane

Safety Day, established in 1964, highlights the rights of people who are blind or visually impaired to move freely and independently using this vital tool. In Chelsea, several members of the community, including students, rely on the white cane as part of their daily lives.

The event featured two key speakers from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. Mr. Joey Buizon, Director of Programs and Services, explained the significance of the white cane and offered students practical advice on how to interact with individuals who use one. His talk emphasized the importance of respect and awareness, teaching students what to do—and avoid—when encounter-

ing a person using a white cane.

Ms. Karen Nagle, a counselor with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, introduced her guide dog, Patty, to the students of Hooks Elementary on October 15. She demonstrated how Patty helps her navigate obstacles such as doorways, pathways, and stairs, emphasizing the vital role guide dogs play in maintaining the safety and independence of individuals with visual impairments. Ms. Nagle also stressed that when guide dogs are on a leash, they are working and should not be distracted or touched. She highlighted the importance of always asking the owner’s permission before petting their dog.

The assembly, organized by Naomi Zabot, an Orientation and Mobility Specialist, and Vanessa Rosalan, a Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments at Chelsea Public Schools, offered an invaluable opportunity for students from Hooks and Sokolowski Elementary Schools to develop greater empathy and understanding. Events like these help foster a more inclusive and respectful community by breaking down misconceptions about blindness and visual impairments.

As Mr. Buizon reassured the students, “Yes, people who are blind or visually impaired can live a life like their sighted



Dennis, a Chelsea Public Schools student, presents Massachusetts Director of Programs and Services Joey Buizon with some CPS “swag” after he spoke at the assembly at the Sokolowski School.

peers too. I am happily married with kids, I can cook, and of course, I do take a bath.”



Joey Buizon and Karen Nagle from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind speaking to Hooks School students on October 15.



Students from the Sokolowski School interacting with the speakers at the White Cane Awareness Day assembly

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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.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Ever-source for the following petition:
4th Street & Division St. Northeastly from MH31935 in 4th Street to private property along Division Street, install approximately 137 feet of conduit.

Public comments will be accepted during the meeting.

Written comments are accepted by email to cfox@chelseama.gov until 12:00pm on 11/12/24.

The public is invited to attend.

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

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Dunn, First Justice of this
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Stephanie L. Everett
Register of Probate
10/31/24

LEGAL NOTICE



Re
El Kiosco
Corporation
d/b/a El Kioco
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
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Notice is hereby given in
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of Massachusetts and
pursuant to Section 6-3
of the Charter of the City
of Chelsea that a Public
Hearing of the Chelsea
Traffic and Parking
Commission will be
held on:

Wednesday, November
20, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
500 Broadway
Pursuant to Section 6-3
of the Charter of the City
of Chelsea, the purpose
of the public hearing
is to receive comment
regarding the approval
of two (2) Loading Zones
on Central Avenue, from
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and to
designate eleven (11)
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CHELSEA RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS HOLDS HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Chelsea Recreation and Cultural Affairs held its Annual Halloween Celebration on October 27 at the Williams School

Building. Children received goodie bags, fished for monsters, and played ghoulish games to win candy. Little ones decorat-

ed pumpkin and bat cookies, created stop motion puppet art, and bowled to knock over goblins.

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



Charlotte Zhang, 6, as Kuromi, eating a cookie.



Andrey Lopez, 9, as a black cat.



Camilla Fernandez as a vampire, and Krystal Lopreto as a witch.



Phoenix Lewis, 9, as Pomni.



Liam, 5-years-old, as Minnie Mouse, receiving a gummy centipede after playing a ghoulish game.



Brian, Megan, Grace, 3, and Bonnie Walker, 8-months-old, as Little Mermaid characters.



Emelie, 4, as a butterfly, and Jeileen Gomez, 9, as a cat.



Paola and Nazareth Bonilla, with Jessica and Daniella Romero.



Analy Dubon, 4, as Super Girl, fishing for monsters.



Omar and Julia Miranda, Lourdes Alvarez, and Mirta Silva.



Jim, Veronica, and Star Richards, as a Winthrop Police SWAT team member.



Children playing Musical Halloween Symbols.



Lily, Joseph, and John Maya.



Syenna, Doralice, and Luana Depina.



Josh and Jaquelyn, and Mateo Baker, Liam DeLeon, Alyna Iraola, and Aaliyah Velasquez.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS POT-O-GOLD DINNER

Cary Shuman Photos

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce held its annual Pot-O-Gold Dinner Oct. 23 at Anthony's in Malden.

The guests, many attired in Halloween costumes, enjoyed a full-course meal and dessert.

The highlight of the evening was the drawing for the grand prize of \$10,000. There were 250 tickets sold.

The winning individual ticket was purchased by Gail Mauch, who in her memory was represented at the dinner by her dear brother, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson. The Divas, which also included Gail Mauch, were the other winning ticket holders.

Guests lauded dinner chairperson Sue Gallant, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, and Board Members Renee Caso, Arthur Arsenault, and Roman Gold for organizing and coordinating operations for an outstanding event, which is the Chamber's major fundraiser for the year.



Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, John Hassell, and Deb Cronin.



Lauren Ellis, Renee Caso, and Karim Perez.



Best Costume Award winners, the Cowboys, Cindy Lopera, Enrique Minnig, Avery Aguilar, and Edith Romero, representing Ruma's Pallet World.



The Zonta Club Contingent, Delia Cassano, Sam Bosak, Christine DePrizio, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, and David Hahesy.



Trish Sacro, Sal Sacro, Rosemary Houghton, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Chamber of Commerce President Beth McDougal, and Nadia DiCarlo.



Eluz Torres, Linda Hines, Bianca Santos, and Hailey Guzman of Colwen Hotels.



Richelle Cromwell, Kelli Kreps, Joan Cromwell, and Chelsea Shukie.



Christine DePrizio, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, and Allison DePrizio Froeta.



The winners of the \$10,000 Cash Prize, Charlene Bauer of the Divas, Leo Robinson, (accepting for his sister, the late Gail Robinson Mauch, and Susan Gallant.



Front row are Chief of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki, Wendy Rosa Quatieri, and former state representative Kathi Reinstein Denning. Back row are Police Capt. Thomas McLain, Emergency Management Director Steven Staffier, Chelsea Police Lt. Paul Marchese, CHA Executive Director Paul Nowicki, Fire Chief John Quatieri, and Acting Deputy Chief Robert Denning.



City Councilor Melinda Vega and Chelsea Kiwanis Club President Carolyn Boumilla-Vega.



Chelsea Yacht Club Commodore Tom Pappa and guest, Lynnette Samanski.



Costumer award winners from the popular TV show, The Addams Family, Madelyn Garcia and former Chelsea Youth Basketball great Geraldo Flores.



The East Cambridge Savings Bank Table, front row, are Susan Bombard, President and CEO Tim Bombard, Joe Noguera, Gilda Noguera, and June Vinard. Back row are Alejandro Lopez, Sandy Youssef, Rosa Brito, Osvaldo Guevara, Seth Felix, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and Joseph Vinard.



The Renee Caso-led Dunkin Table, front row, are Kelly Orlando, Madison Morley, Tony Casano, Delia Cassano, DeAnna Griffin, Dianne Caso and Bill Caso. Back row are Brian Morley, Renee Caso, Ayleen Hernandez, William Caso, and Drew McCaul.



Seated are CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, Jacqueline Boyde, Nicole McCoy, and former Bunker Hill Community College Associate Dean Sharon Caulfield. Back row are CBC President Joan Cromwell (who was one of the costume award winners), Ovensore Eliassaint, and Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta.



The In-and-Out Burger restaurant group, one of the most original costumes, Beverly Jones, Beverly Gallant, and Susan Gallant.



Grace Agosto, Heidi Lopez-Romero, Gabriel Morales, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and Beatrice Hernandez.