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Members and guests of the Leonard Florence Center for Living gather to celebrate the deficiency-free survey they recently received.

Leonard Florence receives deficiency-free survey

Special to the Record

The Leonard Florence Center for Living, operated by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare and an affiliate of Legacy Lifecare, announced that it recently achieved a deficiency-free survey. This designation, conducted by the Mas-

sachusetts Department of Public Health, means that the skilled nursing residence adheres to the highest standards of care, safety, and quality, with no violations or deficiencies.

"We are so pleased to have earned a deficiency-free status," said Adam Ernst, Executive Director

of the Leonard Florence Center. "This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and loyalty of every single staff member. The survey highlights our commitment of providing exceptional, high-quality care to our residents."

To celebrate this milestone accomplishment, the Center held a day of festivities for staff and residents. A lively mariachi band was on hand as well as food stations with a Mexican themed menu available for all staff

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Council approves DPW union contract

By Adam Swift

The city council unanimously approved a new three-year contract for the union representing the city's department of public works employees at its meeting Monday night. The contract runs

through the end of June, 2027 and calls for a 3 percent raise for employees for each year of the contract. The contract also increases some stipends and the clothing allowance for employees.

"We are excited that we were able to sit down

and simply talk over a few sessions and go over our ideas on making sure that we were able to represent the city and also represent the employees and get to reach a good deal that we are both happy with," said Mayor Patrick Keefe. The mayor noted that

the negotiations were done in-house without having to bring in outside counsel. He also said the city and union were able to negotiate allowing the public works to do some more concrete work and clean-

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FY25 property tax hearing set for Dec. 2

By Adam Swift

There will be a public hearing prior to setting the Fiscal Year 2025 tax rate at the city council's meeting on Monday, Dec. 2. The council is expected to take two votes following the public hearing on Dec. 2, one to set the residential exemption for property taxes, and one to determine the split in the tax rates between person-

al and commercial properties, according to City Manager Fidel Maltez.

"This will allow our team to meet all procedural deadlines ahead of sending tax bills by Dec. 31, 2024," stated Maltez.

The first required vote is to set the residential exemption as allowed by state law.

"We are recommending that we maintain the 35 percent exemption,

the maximum amount allowed by the statute," said Maltez. "This will provide the fullest possible tax benefit to owner-occupied properties."

The second required vote under state law is for the city to determine the percentage of the levy that should be borne by each classification of property.

"The city has historically always voted, by virtue of adopting a minimum

residential tax factor that results in a 175 percent shift, to transfer to commercial and industrial properties the maximum amount of the tax levy allowed by law," said Maltez.

He said the city is recommending the same shift again this year.

"If that 175 percent shift is adopted, along with a 35

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FBI Academy honors retired Police Lt. Lou McKenzie

By Cary Shuman

Retired Chelsea Police Lieutenant Lou McKenzie has been honored by the FBI National Academy on the 40th anniversary of his graduation from the world's premier law enforcement learning and research center located in Quantico, Virginia.

McKenzie, 87, earned the awards in recognition of his distinguished 33-year career in law enforcement, his ongoing support of the FBI National Academy Associates, and for being a "true professional who is dedicated to service above self."

McKenzie received a beautifully written per-



Retired Chelsea Police Lt. Lou McKenzie holds the awards that he received upon the 40th anniversary of his graduation from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

sonal letter from FBI-NAA President Timothy P. Braniff notifying him of

the award. McKenzie has had the letter framed and it is prominently displayed with his numerous other awards and commendations at his residence in Middleton.

The other FBI National Academy "mementos of excellence" now on display at the McKenzie home gallery include a rich, 100-percent cotton fiber FBI National Academy cap and two plaques signifying his being awarded life membership in the FBINAA organization.

"I'm honored and proud of this recognition," said McKenzie, adding humbly that "I'm not sure why they picked me."

Memories of the FBI Academy

McKenzie attended the FBI National Academy's 12-week course of study from April 1, 1984 to June 15, 1984.

"Charlie Wilson, who was chief at the time, recommended me for the Academy, and after an undergoing an extensive background check, I was accepted," said McKenzie. "I certainly understood the prestige and stellar reputation of the Academy, and I was honored to represent the Chelsea Police Department and attend the Academy."

McKenzie said he was
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Chelsea voters back Harris, Warren

By Adam Swift

There were few surprises from Chelsea voters in Tuesday's state election.

Chelsea voters overwhelmingly supported Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris over Republican Donald Trump by a margin of 5,635 to 2,539.

Overall, 8,616 of the city's 18,111 registered voters cast ballots for a turnout of just under 46 percent.

In local races, incumbent Democratic State

Representative Judith Garcia and incumbent Democratic State Senator Sal DiDomenico both ran unopposed and were returned to office.

In one of the other contested races on the state ballot, incumbent Democratic US Senator Elizabeth Warren defeated Republican challenger John Deaton.

In Chelsea, Warren finished with 5,914 votes to 2,077 for Deaton.

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City invites Hasbro CEO to consider Chelsea as possible MA relocation

Special to the Record

In a letter to Hasbro CEO Chris Cocks, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and City Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson extended an invitation to Hasbro executives to visit Chelsea as the corporation considers relocating their global headquarters to

Massachusetts.

The letter outlined Chelsea's strategic advantages, including its affordability, strong public transportation network, and its proximity to Boston, major employers, and key destinations such as the Encore Casino. The city's robust

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City institutes SafetyNet Tracking Program

Special to the Record

In response to multiple incidents involving missing Chelsea children with autism in 2023, the City of Chelsea has launched a SafetyNet Tracking Program, a vital initiative that will assist public safety officials in quickly locating

individuals with cognitive impairments, including children with autism and seniors with dementia, through the distribution and monitoring of SafetyNet tracker bracelets.

The launch of the program was initially prompt-

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COURTESY PHOTO

City of Chelsea Emergency Management Director Steve Staffer attached a tracking bracelet to the City's first SafetyNet Tracking Program participant.

TRASH NOTICE
 Trash will be delayed by one day due to Veterans Day observed on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024

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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 AND FRIENDS REUNION

The Chelsea High School Class of 1982 held its class reunion Oct. 19 at the Kowloon Restaurant.

Reunion chairperson Nanci Macomber invited members of other CHS classes and former teachers to join the celebration.

The many guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and dessert, along with musical entertainment.

Class of 1982 adviser Thomas Mahoney, a popular former teacher and coach, joined educators, Marilyn Glover, Bonnie DiMarino, and Beverly Corwin, in going down memory lane with their students.

The great QB Richard Maronski leads a galaxy of former Red Devil stars

Former Chelsea School Committeeman Richard Maronski, who quarterbacked Chelsea to its greatest comeback victory (34-26, after trailing 20-0) over Everett in the 1980 Thanksgiving game, led a delegation of outstanding athletes attending the reunion. Maronski's for-

mer basketball teammates, David Rudolph, Joe Mullaney (who became the Chelsea High School principal) and Darren Cromwell, reminisced about the great 1980-81 North finalist team that also featured Craig Walker and Jeff Hagan. Other outstanding athletes such as Scott Winer, youth sports legend and CHS star Chucky Zucco, and legendary softball player Maria Constantino were in attendance.

Former CHS cheerleaders Benae Taraskiewicz and Deb Cronin assisted at the reception desk.

Nanci Macomber, the Class of 1982 salutatorian and a former CHS cheerleader, received much praise for the guests for organizing such a wonderful night of memories and nostalgia.

The Class of 1982 members paid a special memorial tribute to their classmate Alan Andrade, an accomplished musician, who was instrumental in helping organize the previous class reunion. Mr. Andrade passed away in 2021 at the age of 56.



Donna Whatley Silveira and Benae Taraskiewicz.



CHS Class of 1981 graduate Tom Wells and his wife, Gel- en Wells, enjoying the class reunion.



Thomas Hooker and Nanci Macomber.



Leaders of the reunion, Susan Cimino and Nanci Macomber.



David Rudolph, Darren Cromwell, Deb Cronin, and Joe Mullaney.



Donna Cobb Beaulieu, Debi Daly Ferrandiz, and Reunion Chairperson Nanci Macomber.



Charlene Knapp, Maria Valles, and Anita Gonzales D'Orsi.



Seated are Marcia Zucco, Chucky Zucco, and Justyna Oles. Standing is Rick Reyes.



Benae Taraskiewicz, Joe Mullaney, and Deb Cronin, pictured at the Class of 1982 and Friends Reunion.



Phyllis Scalia D'Eon, Mark Paradis, Ellen McKenzie Nicoli, Annemarie Campaganone Deveney, and Jodi Gird Rodriguez.



Teammates on the 1977 Greater Boston League champion Chelsea Pop Warner team and players in the first season of the newly restructured Chelsea Youth Basketball League, David Rudolph, Richard Maronski, Scott Winer, and Joe Mullaney, are pictured at the reunion.



Lea Steriti, Phyllis Scalia D'Eon, former CHS teacher and coach Beverly Corwin, and CHS softball superstar Maria Constantino.



Reunited again for a similar photo that was also taken more than 40 years ago. Maria Constantino, Lea Steriti, CHS teacher Beverly Corwin, and Cheryl Chiaradonna.



Former Chelsea High School teachers Bonnie DiMarino, Marilyn Glover, and Thomas Mahoney, the Class of 1982 adviser and CHS soccer program founder, are pictured at the reunion.

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CHELSEA HIGH CLASS OF 1964 HOLDS 60TH REUNION

The Chelsea High School Class of 1964 held its 60th reunion at the Springhill Suites By Marriott Hotel, Revere.

Reunion Chair Steve Karll, former basketball star at Chelsea High and Boston State College, welcomed classmates from across the United States to the festive celebration.

Karll thanked the reunion committee for their outstanding efforts in planning the event. He also led a memorial tribute to members of the class who have passed away.

The guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and shared great memories of their years together at the old Chelsea High School building on Clark Avenue.



Classmates together again, Steve Karll, James Tassinari, and Jim Simpson.



Pictured above are Marlene Sugarman Badalato, Marge Cohen Erlichman, Steven Morandi, Sheldon Rosinsky, George Triant Janis Fox Steigman, Harriet Bresgal Spadin, Judy Shefschick Karll, Janet Triant, and Jim Simpson.



Jim Simpson, George Triant, Dominic Pegnato, Lisa Diamond Zullo, and Phil Zullo.



Marge Cohen Erlichman, Maureen Shuman Bach, Frayda Weiner Brenner, Sheila Weiss Weisman, and Judy Shefschick.



Maureen Shuman Bach, Rebecca Dennis, Murray Dennis, and Frayda Weiner Brenner.



Harriet Bresgal Spadin and Sheldon Rosinsky.



Lisa Diamond Zullo and Dominic Pegnato. Lisa is a high school classmate of Dominic's brother, Frank Pegnato.



Anita Menovich Lipman and Bill Lipman.



Michael Palladino and Barbara Palladino.



Iris Jonath Fitzmeyer, Susan Webster Wasak, and Christine Ciaramella Smith.



Marge Cohen Erlichman, Steve Morandi, Maureen Shuman Bach, Steve Selbovitz, and Sheila Weiss Weisman.



Murray Dennis, Rebecca Dennis, and Steve Morandi.



Steve Karll (right) welcomes Susan Webster Wasak and Bob Wasak to the class reunion.



Pictured are Jean Long Perkins, Gail Mugford Aita, Irene Melamed Bergman, George Karacek, and Jane Long Zillow (front).

Chelsea Community Fund Opens 2023-2024 Grant Cycle with \$10,000 Funding Opportunity

The Chelsea Community Fund, in partnership with The Boston Foundation, is now accepting applications for its 2023-2024 grant cycle, inviting local organizations to propose impactful projects that address COVID-19-related challenges within the Chelsea community. Established in 1999, the Chelsea Community Fund has a legacy of supporting initiatives that build a resilient, responsive Chelsea, guided by community-driven solutions. Proposals may request up to \$10,000 and should demonstrate a sustainable plan for solving pressing local issues exacerbated by the pandemic. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on December 5, 2024, with award notifications set for December 13. Interested applicants should email their proposals in PDF format to CommunityFund@la-colaborativa.org (<mailto:CommunityFund@la-colaborativa.org>). For more information on eligibility and submission requirements, visit La Colaborativa's website at la-colaborativa.org

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GIVE THANKS TO OUR VETERANS

This Monday, November 11, we will celebrate the 106th observance of Veterans Day in the United States, a day of solemnity and reverence to honor those who have served in our nation's military.

Veteran's Day initially was known as Armistice Day when it was enacted in 1919 to commemorate the first anniversary of the end of World War I, which occurred on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

World War I was marked by trench warfare in which neither the German-allied nations (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire) nor the alliance among England, France, Russia, and the United States, accomplished anything. Historians to this day cannot even pinpoint a rational reason for why the war began.

The trench lines did not meaningfully shift for the entire four-year period of the war. In the meantime, the European continent was ravaged, with 10 million soldiers and another 10 million civilians losing their lives.

More significantly, the "war to end all wars" only set the stage for an even bloodier world-wide conflagration 20 years later with WWII. Indeed, the roots of today's conflict in the Middle East can be traced to the shift in control of that part of the world after WWI from the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) to England, which eventually led to the so-called British Mandate for Palestine after the end of WWII.

In the aftermath of the Korean War in 1954, Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day to include the veterans of all of our wars.

There are many ways that each of us can honor our veterans, including attending parades and ceremonies in our communities, visiting veterans memorials and cemeteries, volunteering with veterans organizations, donating to veterans causes, flying the U.S. flag, thanking a veteran for their service, or simply taking a moment to reflect on the great sacrifice made by so many who have put their lives on the line to ensure that all of us can enjoy the freedoms that we hold as Americans today.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn't free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation's founding has required the personal sacrifice of millions of our fellow Americans.

IS DROUGHT OUR NEXT CLIMATE CRISIS?

To paraphrase Bob Dylan, we don't need a weatherman to tell us that our parched lawns and gardens are an indication that there has been a lack of rain in the past month.

But even we were surprised to learn that almost the entire country is experiencing some degree of drought conditions, making this the most widespread state of drought in U.S. history.

In New York City, which had its driest October since record-keeping began in 1869, officials are telling residents "to conserve every drop of water possible."

Climate change, which has been bringing record-high temperatures across the country every month this year -- especially this past summer -- is seen as a key driver of drought conditions.

High temperatures dry out both the atmosphere and the ground, which not only results in less rainfall, but also creates ideal conditions for wildfires, which have been sparking all across Massachusetts in the past few weeks. According to state officials, there are about 15 wildfires in a typical October, but this year there were more than 200 (which brought us that acrid smell of smoke that enveloped our area earlier this week until the direction of the wind changed).

As with everything weather and climate-related these days, our wonderful fall weather has been yet another example of good news/bad news.

Unfortunately, given that the world's efforts to reduce carbon emissions are failing badly, the bad news of the future promises to become even worse.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CHELSEA K9 JAX PASSES AWAY

Last week, Police Chief Keith Houghton announced the death of K9 Jax.

"With deep sadness, I inform our police family of the sudden passing of K9 "Jax," who served alongside Officer Capistran since 2016," said Houghton. "Jax passed away last night alongside Officer Capistran and other family loved ones. Jax's sudden passing leaves a significant void in our department.

Jax's loyalty to his partner and service to the community will be greatly missed."

Houghton extended the department's support to Officer Capistran and those who loved Jax as they navigate through this difficult time.

Jax will be memorialized with his dates of service (2016-2024) for all to remember on the K9 honor wall at headquarters.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE RENEWALS DUE BY NOV. 30

The deadline for Chelsea businesses to renew their Common Victualer License is Nov. 30. Chelsea businesses that possess a liquor license and serve food on their premises must submit a renewal application for a Common Victualer License to the Chelsea Licensing Commission every year.

In September, the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission sent a letter to all relevant Chelsea businesses reminding them to submit their renewal application no later than November 30, 2024. This letter included a renewal application checklist.

Renewal applications received after November 30th will be treated as a "new application," requiring re-advertising, a public hearing, including filing fees.

To review the letter and checklist, visit chelseama.gov/government/boards___commission/licensing_commission/index.php.

All applications submitted are also subject to the approval of the Massachusetts State Alcoholic Beverages Control Com-



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Chelsea K9 Jax.

mission (ABCC).

The Chelsea Licensing Commission acts as the licensing authority for the City with all power to grant, suspend or revoke licenses and permits for intoxicating liquors, and all licenses and permits now or hereafter vested by law in mayors and city councils of cities of the commonwealth.

For questions concerning the renewal application procedure, contact the Licensing Commission by phone at (617) 466-4152, or email at nlibran@chelseama.gov.

POLICE INVESTIGATING DEATH IN VOKE PARK

Local and state police are investigating a possible suspicious death in Voke Park.

Chelsea and Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office are conducting a death investigation in the city. Chelsea officers responded to a call just before 7 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 for an unresponsive male along a pathway in Voke Park near Washington Avenue.

The investigation is fluid, and the death is reported to be suspicious, according to Chelsea police. The deceased male, in his late 20s or early 30s, has not been identified at this time.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Press Office will release further details on this investigation.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Chelsea Police Department at (617) 466-4805, or leave an anonymous tip through the department's social medias (FB / X / INSTAGRAM / www.chelseapolice.com) and TIP LINE: (617) 466-4880.

CITY LOOKING TO FILL GRANT MANAGER, OTHER POSITIONS

The city is accepting applications for a grant manager who will oversee critical grant and financial management functions and provide administrative, fiscal, and budgetary assistance to the Director of Housing & Community Development.

It is preferred that the candidates possess a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in the area of urban planning or policy, public administration, business administration, finance, or a related field; at least four (4) years of similar work experience; one (1) year of which is in an administrative supervisory capacity. Alternatively, an equivalent combination of post-secondary education and work experience will be considered.

To apply, qualified candidates can submit an employment application, with a cover letter and resume, by mail to Human Resources, City of Chelsea, 500 Broadway, Room 301, Chelsea, MA, 02150, or email to jobs@chelseama.gov.

Employment applications are available for download at chelseama.gov/departments/human_resources/ and in person at the Human Resources Department.

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Chelsea's annual Día de los Muertos celebrated with great success

Chelsea's fourth Annual Día de los Muertos celebration, held at Washington Park on November 2, brought together community members and visitors to honor their loved ones in a vibrant and meaningful way. The event drew a large crowd and featured a range of activities for families to enjoy.

Organized by Juke-Box Event Management and funded by the City of Chelsea, the event highlighted the community's dedication to celebrating its rich cultural heritage. Attendees engaged in face painting, enjoyed a live

painting session by local artist Oscar Alcazar, and left offerings at beautifully designed community altars. These altars were crafted by local artist Max Corona, with floral arrangements provided by Chelsea Botanicals, inviting participants to leave flowers in memory of those they have lost. In the weeks leading up to the event, artist Kyle Brown hosted a workshop at the Chelsea Public Library to prepare offerings. During the celebration, Kyle assisted participants in creating lanterns for the altars.

Entertainment was diverse, showcasing performances from Mariachi Los Cascabeles, DJ James, the Salvadoran folk ballet Grupo Torogoz, and concluding with the lively sounds of Crocodile River Music, which celebrated African rhythms.

Local small businesses, such as Calaveras Tattoo, offered traditional costumes. Food vendors provided delicious Latin-inspired dishes from Antojitos Latinos Chelsea, Orlando's Fully Baked, and Isla Oasis, along with treats for furry friends from Happy Tails

Dog Treats. Accessory and jewelry vendors, including Sepulchra Jewelry, Star Bella's Creations, and Karen Accessories, were also present at the event.

Overall, the 4th Annual Día de los Muertos in Chelsea was a heartwarming celebration of life, love, and community spirit, creating a beautiful space for remembrance and joy.

For more information about upcoming events, please contact Lourdes Alvarez at alvarez@chelseama.gov.



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SCENES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



SUPPORT SHOWN FOR ACM KAREN DEVER DURING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Karen Dever is an Assistant Clerk/Magistrate at Chelsea District Court. On February 17, 2011, Karen was diagnosed with Breast Cancer at the age of 44. Karen has been cancer-free for 13 years and her colleagues at Chelsea District Court wanted to celebrate this important milestone with her during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Shown are (front left to right) Laura Boudreau, Toni Scarbo, Karen Dever, Jake McKinnon, Iliana Rodriguez, and Alejandra Sanchez. Second row (left to right) Giselle Romero, Yvette Ciampa, Kristin Pina, and Laurene Gilbert. Third row (left to right) Arlette Palacios, Eta Marjanovic, LaVon Belliveau, Ermina Avdic and MaryAnn Parker.



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percent residential exemption, the residential tax rate will likely be \$11.48 (pending DOR approval), and the commercial tax rate will be approximate-

ly \$24.04 (pending DOR approval)," Maltez stated. If those two votes pass, Maltez said it will result in a reduction in the average tax bill for owner-occu-

pants in Chelsea, including condominiums, single family, two-family, and three-family homes.

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Sports

CHS Roundup

BOYS SOCCER FALLS JUST SHORT OF TOURNEY

The Chelsea High boys soccer team fell one goal short of qualifying for the post-season state tournament with a 3-2 loss to Boston International High School last week.

The Red Devils entered the contest with an 8-8 record and had been ranked #31 in the MIAA Division 2 state soccer ratings. A team needs either a .500 record or a ranking in the top 32 in order to qualify for the tourney.

Chelsea took a 2-1 lead into halftime thanks to an own goal by BI when a Lion defender sent an awkward pass back that went over the head of his keeper. That tied the score at 1-1 and the Red Devils took the lead when Esteban Calderon put home a rebound of a shot by Ryan Orellana that had hit the

crossbar.

However, the Lions, who finished the season with a 13-2-3 record and were the #1 ranked team in Division 5, scored two goals within two minutes in the second half to claim the win.

The loss left Chelsea with a final record of 8-9 (a tie would have given the Devils an 8-8-1 record and qualified them for the tourney) and dropped the Red Devils to #33 in the final Division 2 rankings.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FIGHTS HARD IN TOURNAY LOSS

The Chelsea High girls volleyball team put up a good battle in its Division 2 state tournament battle with Woburn last Friday, but ultimately fell short by a 3-1 decision.

The Lady Red Devils entered the tourney with

an 11-9 record and were seeded 38th in D-2. Woburn was ranked 27th with a record of 10-12.

Despite the outcome, CHS head coach Gloria Rodriguez was pleased with her team's effort.

"Although we lost to Woburn, we were able to take a set," said Rodriguez. "These girls fought very hard and I'm extremely proud of their performance."

Some of the highlights for the Lady Red Devils included:

-- Anais Artica led the way on offense with six kills and on defense with six digs;

-- Hazel Martinez added four kills;

-- Ashley Martinez provided eight assists to her teammates;

-- Elisabet Alarcon contributed four digs; and

-- Victoria Barriga made three 3 blocks.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins seek discipline and consistency

The Toronto Maple Leafs arrived at TD Garden on Tuesday night, sans their high-scoring offensive player Auston Matthews, who was nursing an upper-body injury. An immediate thought was that this would strengthen the chances of the Bruins, to once again knock off their hated Atlantic Division rival Leafs, and pick up two easy points. Sorry, but that isn't how it works, the game still has to be played. After the Toronto special teams were done doing their job, Boston found itself on the short end of a 4-0-shutout loss, thanks in part to a poor penalty-kill, which allowed the Leafs to pick up three rather quick power play scores. Anthony Stolarz was stellar in the net for the Leafs, stopping all 29 shots to secure the win, but the fact that the Bruins were given six opportunities to play with the extra man, and didn't find the back of the net a single time hurt the locals. On the other side of the ledger, when a team with a handful of scorers and the Leafs is handed seven opportunities with the extra man (read: lack of discipline), and scores on



three of those chances, the playing field quickly becomes – not level. When asked about his concern that the Bruins have been on the losing end in three of their last five games, Bruins head coach Jim Montgomery responded positively with, "We feel we're getting better. Our habits and details are growing. Don't like losing 4-0, they got three power-play goals. We look at our five-on-five game, we don't think we're giving up that much, offensively we're starting to build, we still don't have the o-zone time that we would love to have, but that's a work in progress." Update on Bruins player stats: top five points leaders – David Pastrnak 6-5/11 points, Brad Marchand 3-7/10, Elias Lindholm 2-6/8, Mark Kastelic 3-4/7, and Cole Koepka 3-4/7. In goal, Jeremy Swayman's stats are 4 wins/5 losses – goals against 3.14 and save percentage .894, with

Joonas Korpiasalo 2 wins/2 losses – goals against 2.70 and save percentage .894.

Tyler Johnson, a 12-year veteran, was given a one-year contract by the Bruins, following his opportunity to make good on a tryout with Boston. His debut in the Toronto game resulted in one shot, one hit, in just under 14 minutes of play, including three minutes on the power play. He summed up his chance to be with Boston, "Play my game with some energy, and try to help the team as much as I can." The Bruins' next chance to get back in the win column is Thursday 7:00pm (tonight) as they host a pair of contests during a two-game homestand, the Calgary Flames, and the Ottawa Senators, Saturday 7:00pm, with former Bruins netminder Linus Ullmark whose current stats are 2 wins and 4 losses, with a goals-against-average 3.02 and a save percentage of .892. The Bruins return to the road for the next two, with stops in St. Louis to face the Blues on Tuesday in an 8:00pm start, followed by a matchup with the Dallas Stars on Thursday at 8:00pm.

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Democratic Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley also ran unopposed for another term and was returned to office.

Six years ago, you sent me to Washington with a mandate for transformative change," Pressley said Tuesday evening. "And tonight, on the anniversary of Shirley Chishom's

election to Congress, you have decisively re-elected me as your Congresswoman for a fourth term. From the bottom of my heart, I am so grateful."

Chelsea voters supported ballot questions allowing the state auditor to audit the legislature, doing away with the MCAS test as a graduation re-

quirement, giving ride-share drivers the ability to unionize, and establishing a higher minimum wage for servers.

Chelsea voters did not back a ballot initiative allowing for the medical use of some psychedelic drugs.

Hasbro // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

economy is further supported by major local employers, including Kayem Foods, the Massachusetts International Trade Center (MITC), and the Boston office of the FBI.

"We believe Chelsea offers a unique combination of location, resources, and community for any business looking to grow," said City Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson. "Our city is poised to support Hasbro's long-term success and would be proud to host their head-

quarters."

Hasbro announced in October 2024 that it is considering relocating its global headquarters to the Boston area. According to NBC Boston, the company's potential move could provide a boost to Massachusetts' economy. Hasbro generated \$5 billion in net revenues last year and employs 5,500 people globally, with a significant portion of its workforce based in Rhode Island.

"Chelsea is an ideal location for businesses that

want to tap into the Greater Boston economy while maintaining access to a diverse and growing community," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "We look forward to the opportunity to show Hasbro the advantages of establishing their headquarters here."

The invitation marks an ongoing effort by the City of Chelsea to attract top-tier businesses and create new opportunities for residents and the regional economy.

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shifts. "It was truly a day filled with joy and happiness," commented Jill Hemeon, Area Director of Community Relations for Chelsea Jewish Lifecare and Legacy Lifecare. "We wanted to host a special celebration for our staff who have worked so tirelessly, day in and day out."

As the country's first urban model Green House® skilled nursing facility, the Leonard Florence Center provides a level of independence not typically found in other skilled nursing facilities. The Stein Family Center for Well-Being, the only Green House® ventilator program in the country, opened within the Center in 2020. Currently, the Leonard Florence Center takes care of more individuals living with ALS than any place else in the world.

Ernst noted that the

survey is a valuable tool for prospective residents and families. "Receiving a deficiency-free survey means individuals can expect the highest level of care," explained Adam Ernst. "This is an important consideration when choosing short-term rehab and long-term care." For more information about the Leonard Florence Center, please visit <https://chelseajewish.org/communities/leonard-florence-center-for-living>.

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare is redefining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The eldercare community includes a wide array of skilled and short-term rehab residences, ALS, MS and ventilator dependent specialized care residences, traditional and specialized assisted living

options, memory care, independent living, adult day health, and homecare and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.

Legacy Lifecare Inc. is a nonprofit management resources collaborative that provides small-to-mid-sized organizations with the infrastructure needed to succeed in today's complex senior care environment. In addition to JGS Lifecare, other affiliates include Chelsea Jewish Lifecare of Chelsea and Peabody, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Jamaica Plain, Elizabeth Seton Residence and Marillac Residence of Wellesley, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Jamaica Plain, Stone Rehabilitation & Senior Living of Newton and Saint Joseph Living Center of Windham, CT.

Council // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ing services in-house.

"It goes to show that we are able to save the city a lot of money by being able to give them the work, giving the talented people in the city the work to do rather than having to outsource it," said Keefe.

Steve Penta, the local union president for the DPW, thanked Keefe and his administration for bargaining in good faith and coming to a fair agreement

on the contract.

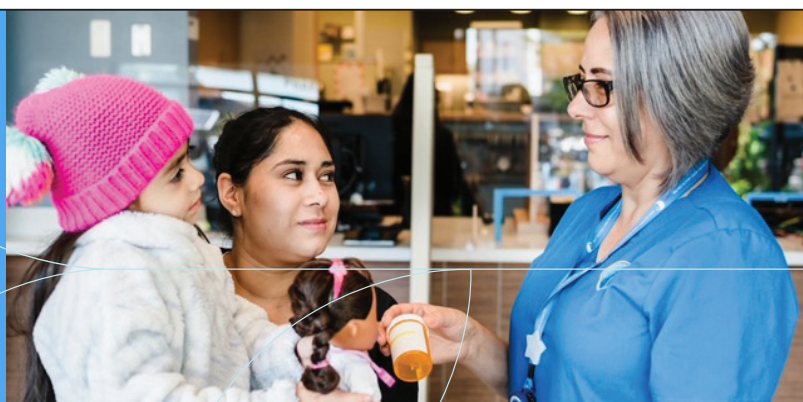
Ward 4 Councillor and former DPW director Paul Argenzio said he believed the agreement is an excellent one for the DPW and the city.

"I want to thank Mayor Keefe for looking out for the guys at the DPW," Argenzio said.

Several councillors thanked the DPW employees for their hard work and responsiveness to con-

cerns.

"Any time I reach out with a concern via email, text, anything like that, you guys get right back to me, whether it is a street issue or whatever concern a resident has," said Councillor-at-Large Robert Haas, III. "You guys are great, you do fantastic work from the top down. Just keep up the great work and thanks for all that you do."



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City to observe Veterans Day on Nov. 11

In observance of Veterans Day, all Chelsea municipal buildings, apart from the city's public safety buildings, will be closed on Monday, November 11. Curbside trash and recycling collection will not take place on Monday, Nov. 11; as a result, collection will be delayed by

one day for the remainder of the week. Chelsea's Department of Veteran Affairs invites the entire community to attend its Veterans Day Ceremony taking place on Monday, November 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Clark Avenue School, located at 8 Clark Ave.

The ceremony will feature keynote speaker Army Veteran and CEO of Embrace Boston, Imari Paris Jeffries, Ph.D. Jeffries, who served in the United States Army between 1991 to 1996, is leading a Boston-wide racial equity transformation through The Embrace monument,

the Embrace Center, and ongoing community organizing efforts. This free event will celebrate the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our nation. Ceremony guests can enjoy coffee, live music, a buffet lunch, and an array of activities and heart-

felt tributes from local leaders including Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez; Chelsea City Council President Norieliz De Jesus; Chelsea's Director of Veterans Services Francisco Toro; Massachusetts Representative Judith Garcia, Massachusetts Senator Sal DiDomenico; La

Luz de Cristo Pastor Keila Velez; and Superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools Dr. Almudena Abeyta. For questions about the City's ceremony, closures, or trash and recycling delay, community members can contact Chelsea 311 at (617) 466-4209.

What is Veterans Day?

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. However, most Americans confuse this holiday with Memorial Day, reports the Department of Veterans Affairs.

What's more, some Americans don't know why we commemorate our Veterans on Nov. 11. It's imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service members properly.

History of Veterans Day

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace

and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of the veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the

fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978.

Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on Nov. 11.

Celebrating the Veterans Day Holiday

If the Nov. 11 holiday falls on a non-workday -- Saturday or Sunday -- the holiday is observed by the federal government on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday). Federal government closings are established by the U.S. Office of

Personnel Management. State and local government closings are determined locally, and non-government businesses can close or remain open as they see fit, regardless of federal, state or local government operation determinations.

United States Senate Resolution 143,

which was passed on Aug. 4, 2001, designated the week of Nov. 11 through Nov. 17, 2001, as "National Veterans Awareness Week." The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.



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CHELSEA READS 19TH ANNUAL LITERACY DAY

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Chelsea Reads 19th Annual Literacy Day Celebration was held on November 2 at Chelsea Public Library in honor of national family literacy month. The community event encouraged and engaged with young readers, and provided information about local resources.

“We have guest readers from the city, and books for children to take home with them,” said Lisa Mucciarone, Director. “The children have been very interactive and are having fun.”

Little ones colored with Chelsea Police officers, and also painted a mural depicting a child reading a book on an armchair. When completed, the piece will be on display in the Children’s Department of the library.



Chelsea Police Sergeant Jose Otero, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and Lieutenant Joe Fern.



Lieutenant Joe Fern and Sergeant Jose Otero, of the Chelsea Police Department, with young readers during the November 2 Chelsea Reads 19th Annual Literacy Day at the Chelsea Public Library.



Heidy Rodriguez reading with her daughters, Camila, 2, and Jayla, 4.



City Manager Fidel Maltez reading, “Los Dragones son lo Peor” to Owen Palange, Scarlett Similien, and Camila and Jayla Rodriguez.



Sergeant Jose Otero reading “Officer Buckle and Gloria,” by Peggy Rathmann.



Boston University Bilingual Learning Lab: Kimberly Crespo, Director, Zoe Devine, speech-language pathology graduate student/ lab research assistant, Kaityn Contino, post-doctorate research fellow, and Pau Cuadrado Morales, lab manager.

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Monica Elias Orellana, Chair of the library board, and the dragon from the book by Adam Rubin, “Dragons Love Tacos,” encouraging passersby to join the library festivities.



Dennis Martinez with his daughters, Emma, 8, and Allie, 5.



Chelsea Biking and Pedestrian Committee: Monica Elias Orellana, Alex Christmas, James Sanna, and the Dragon from “Dragons Love Tacos.”



Lisa Mucciarone, Chelsea Public Library Director, with Heidy, Jayla, and Camila Rodriguez, listening to City Manager Fidel Maltez reading, “Los Dragones son lo Peor.”



Owen Palange, 4, painting a mural with Sury Chavez, of Galeria de Chuwi.

Council to request board appointees appear before it

By Adam Swift

The city council is requesting that appointees to various boards and commissions appear before it prior to confirmation.

At Monday night's meeting, the council took up a motion made by District 7 Councilor Manuel Teshe that a new rule be added to the body's rules and regulations requiring board and commission appointees to appear before the council.

After some discussion among the council, Teshe agreed to change the requirement to a request in the language.

"At the last meeting, I proposed an order to make it a requirement for each person who is appointed by the city manager to the boards and commissions to make a brief appearance before the council just to introduce themselves and say their name and why they want to join," said Teshe. "I think it would be beneficial not only for us to be able to see the person and their face, but also for the public, since the meetings are televised."

Teshe noted that the council had just approved three appointments, and that he only knew one of the three appointees.

"I think the city manager does a very good job at vetting them and making sure they have a good resume, so I have no trouble with that," said Teshe. "It's just for the sake of meeting the people who are on the commissions. It would be a very good step toward transparency of

our government."

Several councilors said they had concerns with making the appearance before the council a requirement.

"My only concern with this, having served on a board for many years myself, was a little bit about a time commitment," said District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate. "These are all volunteers, so we are asking them to spend another night coming in as a volunteer."

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson said that the reason that appointments have always gone to two readings at council meetings is so that councilors can reach out to the appointees between meetings if they have any questions. He added that in the past, former Councilor John O'Brien had requested that the appointees come before the council so the council could meet them.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor said he agreed with the sentiment of the order, but that it could turn into a large time commitment if the council spent meetings questioning every board and commission member that comes before it.

Teshe said he did not have a problem changing the language in his motion from a requirement to a request.

"This is not for them to come in and be questioned by the council, my intention is for them to come in and show their face; let's all be friends," said Teshe.

Honored // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

one of 250 law enforcement officers who became part of the 137th Session of the Academy.

"I learned so many investigative skills and techniques that helped enhance my police work, especially in my role as the head of the detective bureau for 12 years," said McKenzie. "Through my training and education at the Academy, I set up the first background investigation unit in the Chelsea Police Department. I created a 14-page application."

The 12-week program at the FBI Academy was rigorous and physically challenging, according to McKenzie.

"The first day there were 250 officers in the program from many different countries - Japan, Italy, Israel, Germany," said McKenzie. "In every class, you had to wear a shirt and tie. Everything you're taught in class you had to type it up. There were no computers back then. All 250 officers had to do a two-mile run

on the first day. It was a well-structured program that tested you mentally and physically."

Always supportive of Chelsea Police

McKenzie, who retired from the Chelsea Police Department in 1996, said he stays in touch with his former colleagues in Chelsea. Interestingly, it was McKenzie who conducted the background check of current Police Chief Keith Houghton upon his candidacy for entrance into the Chelsea Police Department.

McKenzie served with Houghton in the department until his retirement in 1996.

"Keith was an outstanding officer, and you could appreciate his knowledge, professionalism, and dedication to the force," recalled McKenzie. "I am not surprised that Keith rose through the ranks with acclaim and is now serving as chief of the department. And I think he's doing a great job."

Isael DeJesus Martinez Gonzalez

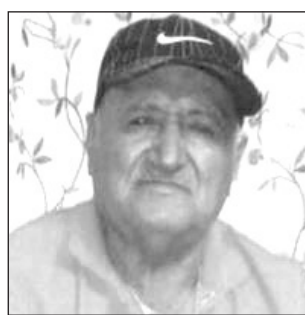
June 15, 1937 - October 26, 2024

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for Isael DeJesus Martinez Gonzalez in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Saturday, November 2, and he will be placed to rest in Cementerio General Cinquera in El Salvador.

At 87 years of age, Isael passed away while visiting here with family at the time of his unexpected passing. He was born and raised in Jutiapa, Cabanas El Salvador and was one of six children of the late Antonio Martinez and Rosa Gonzalez. He was a lifelong resident of El Salvador, where he began raising his family. Isael worked for in the department public works in El Salvador.

Dear grandfather, your loss has brought us closer together. Your love from heaven gives us more and you continue to give and show us the union of the family. You will always be with us. We love you to infinity.

Isael is lovingly survived by his beloved spouse Maria Aguilar



Cruz. He was the devoted father of Margarita Reyna Aguilar de Obregon, Anselmo Martinez Aguilar, Anibal Martinez Aguilar, Rosa Martinez Aguilar, Marilú Martinez Aguilar, Teresa Martinez Aguilar, Juana Martinez Aguilar, Julio Martinez Aguilar, Pedro Martinez Aguilar, and Ivan Martinez Aguilar. He was the grandfather of 40+ grandchildren, and great grandfather to numerous great grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers and two sisters, all in El Salvador.

To send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welshfh.commembers and friends.



Joan A. Rossetti

January 30, 1956 - October 31, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a visitation and services for Joan A. Rossetti, in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Tuesday, November 12th from 9 to 10 a.m. Services will immediately follow in the funeral home at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett

At 68 years of age, Joan passed away at home on Thursday, October 31st with her loving family at her bedside. For the last several months Joan lived courageously with cholangiocarcinoma.

Born in Chelsea, Joan was one of five children of the late Robert A., Sr. and Marie "Eileen" (Crosby) Gillis. She was a lifelong resident of Chelsea where she attended St. Rose Elementary School and graduated from St. Rose High School.

Joan began working for NE Tel. Co/Nynex for several years before raising her two daughters. Passionately devoted to home and family, she left the phone company to be at home with her young children, during that period she worked part-time at Sully's Verizon as a Dispatcher. Joan remained actively employed for 38 years at Verizon before finally retiring last month from her career. Joan was a longtime member of the IBEW Local 103.

In her lifetime, Joan enjoyed frequently spending time at her condo in Marco Island, FL where she relished hours on end enjoying the sunshine at the



beach. She also enjoyed downhill skiing as a "Bunny Trail Skier" at heart.

Joan is lovingly survived by her daughters and their husbands, Crystal Aslor and her husband, Marc of Tewksbury, Amanda Dunn and her husband, James of Peabody. She was the cherished grandmother of Sawyer and Liam Aslor and Elaina and Ellie Dunn; longtime companion of Lyle Abell and dear sister of Marie Wall and her husband, Michael, Sr. of Virginia, Richard Gillis and his wife, Joanna of Revere, the late Elaine Testa who is survived by her husband Edward of Revere, and the late Robert A. Gillis, Jr. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends.

Should friends desire, contributions in Joan's name may be made to The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation, 5526 West 13400 South, #510, Herriman, UT, 84096 or visit; <https://cholangiocarcinoma.org/donate/>

To send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welshfh.commembers and friends.



James F. Hein

October 31, 1969 - October 27, 2024

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours and services for James F. Hein in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Wednesday, November 6. At 54 years of age, James passed away after a recent cancer diagnosis on Sunday, October 27 at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he was a beloved son of the late Wesley F. and Charlotte (Smigielski) Hein. A recent resident of Detroit, Maine, James was a former resident of Chelsea where he attended local schools. He also attended New England Tractor Training School and was a professional CDL truckdriver, recently employed by Pride Pallet Manufacturing in Maine.



James enjoyed NA SCAR, playing his guitar and listening to music. He was the dear brother of Karen Hein and Charles Hein, both of Chelsea and the late Robert Hein. He is also survived by several cousins and extended family. To send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welshfh.com.



Angel Bioleni Cruz, Jr.

September 16, 1988 - October 27, 2024

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for Angel Bioleni Cruz, Jr. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Friday, November 1, and Funeral Services were conducted at the Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel, 302 Elm St. on Saturday, November 2.

Angel Cruz, aged 36, passed away suddenly at the Health Alliance Clinton Hospital in Leominster on Sunday, October 27.

Born and raised in Chelsea and Lynn, he was a beloved son of Leona Smith Cruz and Angel B. Cruz Sr. Formerly of Chelsea, Angel was a resident of Lynn for the past 25 years, where he attended local schools and NE Tractor Trailer School. After graduating, he obtained his CDL license and worked as a professional truck driver for various concerns transporting motor freight. Angel enjoyed playing basketball and baseball and spending time outdoors.

He is lovingly survived by his beloved wife, Bianca Lopez, and the devot-



ed father of Angel, Liana, and Alina Cruz. He was the loving son of Leona Cruz and Angel Cruz, Sr., and dear brother of Leslie Blackwell and her husband, Robert, Kimberly Wilkerson, Tiesha Ortega and her husband, Francis Manzano, Gregorio Ortega, Victor Cruz, Celeste Cruz, Angelina Cruz, Bianca Roman, and the late Erica Wilkerson. He was a cherished great nephew of Marlene Tyler and Paul Smith. Angel is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

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CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, the Chelsea Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on: Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6:00 PM via Zoom video conference

to review the Notice of Intent submitted by Energizer Storage, LLC, for the demolition of an existing building and the construction of a commercial building for a battery storage facility, utilities, grading, storm-water, and associated site work at 284 Eastern Avenue.

Register to join here: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85127748462?pwd=YDEZlHvt5hwxuG-52blQqAgFj9FakR.1 Call in Number+ +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 851 2774 8462

A copy of the Notice is available for review in the Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning, Rm 106, City Hall, during City Hall business hours. Per Order Stephen Sarikas Chair

11/7/24

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA PUBLIC HEARING
All taxpayers are invited to attend a Public Hearing by the Chelsea City Council, in conjunction with the Board of Assessors, on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, regarding the MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL TAX FACTOR and the RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION, and their effect on Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Rates.

Per Order Stephen Sarikas Chair

11/7/24

LEGAL NOTICE



Legal Notice: The Chelsea Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on November 19, 2024, to discuss proposed changes to Chelsea's Tobacco Sales Regulations and consider a Nicotine Free Generation (NFG) Health Policy.

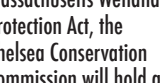
The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Clark Avenue Middle School, located at 8 Clark Ave. The proposed changes to the Chelsea Tobacco Sales Regulation and adoption of a Nicotine Free Generation Health Policy, will include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. "Prohibition of Sales - No person, firm, corporation, establishment, or agency shall sell tobacco or e-cigarette products to anyone born on or after 1/1/2004"

Copy of proposed changes to the regulations can be made available on request to the City's Director of Public Health, Flor Amaya, available at fomaya@chelseama.gov and 617-466-4209.

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to review the Notice of Intent submitted by Eric Davis, Global Companies, LLC, for the demolition of three existing berthing dolphins and the installation of two new berthing dolphins at 11 Broadway.

11/07/2024

Register to join here: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85127748462?pwd=YDEZlHvt5hwxuG-52blQqAgFj9FakR.1 Call in Number+ +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 851 2774 8462

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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA PUBLIC HEARING
All taxpayers are invited to attend a Public Hearing by the Chelsea City Council, in conjunction with the Board of Assessors, on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, regarding the MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL TAX FACTOR and the RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION, and their effect on Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Rates.

Per Order Stephen Sarikas Chair

11/7/24

LEGAL NOTICE



Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds November 7th, 2024
City of Chelsea, RE: Department of Housing & Community Development
City Hall
500 Broadway, Room 101
Chelsea, MA 02150
617-466-4180

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Chelsea by the award of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities (EOHLC) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY24. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 25th, 2024 the City of Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development will submit a request to the EOHLC for the release of Community Development Block Grant FY 24 funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended, to undertake the projects known as Bloomingdale Street. On Bloomingdale Street, the City proposes replacing deteriorated sidewalks, installing wheelchair ramps, and repaving substandard asphalt pavement. The project will utilize approximately \$520,250 of CDBG funds. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The City of Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development has determined that the Bloomingdale

Street project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall, Department of Housing and Community Development, Room 101, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 and may be examined or copied Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 8A.M to 4P.M., Tuesdays 8A.M to 7P.M., and Fridays 8A.M. to 12P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Department of Housing and Community Development. All comments received by November 22nd, 2024 will be considered by the City of Chelsea prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The City of Chelsea certifies to EOHLC that John DePriest, Director of Permitting & Land Use Planning in his capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer for the City of Chelsea, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. EOHLC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Chelsea to use Program funds. OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
EOHLC will accept objections to its release of fund and the City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Chelsea; (b) the City of Chelsea has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by EOHLC; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development at 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact HUD/State to verify the actual last day of the objection period. John DePriest Environmental Certifying Officer

11/07/2024

New combined bus route to launch next month

Special to the Record

The MBTA will launch Phase 1 of its Bus Network Redesign on Dec. 15, marking the start of a series of updates aimed at improving bus service for riders.

This phase includes the combination of Chelsea's Bus Routes 116 and 117 into one new Frequent Bus Route 116, which will operate every 15 minutes or better from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily (Sundays may start as late as 6 a.m.).

Additionally, on Oct. 20, the MBTA began work on 2nd Street in Chelsea and Everett to create dedicated bidirectional bus lanes in preparation for the new Frequent Route 104, which will also serve Chelsea and Everett. This

route will also operate every 15 minutes every day during service hours.

Approximately one mile of new bus lanes will be added to 2nd Street to support the new Frequent Bus Route 104, helping to ensure fast and reliable service. The westbound lane will extend from Spruce Street in Chelsea to Revere Beach Parkway in Everett, with an east-bound segment running from the Everett city line at Market Street to just shy of Spruce Street.

Route 116 currently provides service from Wonderland to Maverick via Revere Street, Broadway, Bellingham Square, and Meridian Street, while Route 117 follows a route from Wonderland to Maverick via Central Avenue

and Beach Street. The two routes will be combined into a single Frequent Route 116, discontinuing Route 117.

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

City officials stated that benefits for Chelsea riders will include:

Simplified Routes: Routes 116 and 117 will merge into a single Route 116, and two out of three

Route 110 variants will be removed for all-day consistency.

Updated Navigation: New bus stop signs and maps will help customers easily navigate the system at affected routes, stops, and stations.

Improved Snow Removal: Snow removal will expand to all stops served by Frequent Bus routes.

These changes reflect feedback from riders and community partners gathered during the Bus Network Redesign study. The implementation will occur in phases.

To sign up for T Alerts, visit www.mbta.com/alerts/bus and for more information, read the full press release here, and visit MBTA.com/BNR-Phase1.

City has disbursed over \$7,000 in aid to local veterans

The city's Department of Veterans Services has disbursed over \$7,000 in financial aid to local veterans in crisis through its Veterans Relief Fund since its establishment in 2022.

This fund was created to provide essential support to Chelsea veterans experiencing financial challenges related to housing, utility, medical, and food expenses.

"The City is dedicated to honoring those who have served our country," said Francisco Toro, Di-

rector of Veterans Services for the City of Chelsea. "Providing veterans with the support they need during challenging times is just one of the ways we fulfill that commitment."

Chelsea veterans who are experiencing a financial crisis may be eligible to receive financial support through the fund. To learn more about the fund and determine eligibility, visit chelseama.gov and select "Veterans Services" under "Departments".

The City of Chelsea

accepts donations to the Veterans Relief Fund year-round. Contributions may be deducted from Federal Income Taxes. To make a donation, checks should be made out to "City of Chelsea Veterans Assistance Fund" and mailed to:

Collector of Taxes
City of Chelsea
500 Broadway
Chelsea, MA, 02150
The Department of Veterans Services provides Chelsea veterans and military family members with

many services, including assistance with medical, dental, burial, employment services, disability claims, widows pension, benefits counseling, fuel assistance, food support programs and tax abatements for home and excise taxes.

To contact the Department of Veterans Services, email ftoro@chelseama.gov or call (617) 466-4250.

Chelsea's Professional Service Directory

Advertisement for Chelsea's Professional Service Directory featuring various services: Electrician (Kevin Mooney), Landscaping, Painting (Nick D'Agostino, John J. Recca), Pools (Cosmo Pools), Plumbing (Master Plumber, Patriot), and Real Estate (Gina S Soldano). Each service includes contact information and pricing details.

Advertisement for the Chelsea Record newspaper subscription, offering a full year of news for \$30. Includes contact information for subscription and a form for name, address, and ZIP code.

Councilor Lisa Santagate completes immersive two-day legislative seminar at the State House

Special to the Record

Chelsea's District 5 City Councilor, Lisa Santagate, recently participated in a two-day immersive Legislative Seminar at the Massachusetts State House, gaining deeper insights into the legislative process, the history of state laws, and the intricacies of the Massachusetts state budget.

The seminar included a hands-on, simulated legislative hearing and Senate session, where Santagate had the opportunity to act as a "Senator" and vote on key issues in the Senate Chamber. This experience provided valuable exposure to the dynamics of the state legislature and the collaborative decision-making process.

"I was truly impressed by the knowledge and professionalism of every Senator and staff member involved in the seminar," said Santagate. "Their expertise and approachability made the experience particularly rewarding. What stood out most was the deep mutual respect that defined the entire process, with collaboration and compromise being integral to reaching decisions that best serve the public."

Santagate was nominated for the seminar by



MA State Senator Sal DiDomenico (left) poses with Chelsea's District 5 City Councilor Lisa Santagate.

COURTESY PHOTO

Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico, who expressed his support for Santagate's continued leadership and growth in local governance.

"I am grateful to Senator DiDomenico for offering me this incredible opportunity," Santagate added. "It's inspiring to gain a deeper understanding of how our state legislature operates, and I look

forward to applying this knowledge to my work as a City Councilor."

The Legislative Seminar is designed to provide citizens and elected officials with a comprehensive, hands-on learning experience about the inner workings of Massachusetts government, enhancing their ability to serve their communities effectively.

CBC will host Election Decompression Session tonight

The Chelsea Black Community will hold a 2024 Presidential "Decompression Session" tonight (Thursday, Nov. 7) at 7 p.m. at CBC headquarters, 56 Washington Ave.

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ed by two missing children reports in 2023. The first incident resulted in a child with autism being rescued in the harbor by the Chelsea Yacht Club, while the second involved extensive search efforts in Voke Park, where a child with autism was located unharmed in a public pool in Cambridge, MA. More recently, a missing child report involving a child with autism took place on October 31, 2024.

"These urgent incidents underscored the critical need for a reliable tracking solution in the City of Chelsea and the importance of inter-agency collaboration to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable residents," said Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri. "The launch of Chelsea's SafetyNet Tracking Program is the result of a dedicated team effort across our Health & Human Services and Public Safety Departments. This initiative reflects our unwavering commitment to enhancing the care and support we provide to all our community members."

Last month, city public safety and health officials presented its first program

participant with their SafetyNet tracker bracelet, which contains a directional radio frequency transmitter that allows for the swift locating of missing persons within just 30 minutes of being reported absent. The city is currently preparing to present its second program participant—the child who went missing on Halloween 2024—with a bracelet.

The bracelets are specifically designed for individuals with cognitive conditions such as Alzheimer's, Down Syndrome, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders, and various forms of Dementia. Additionally, the program has proven beneficial for children with Autism, providing peace of mind to families knowing that their loved ones are protected.

"The SafetyNet Tracking Program represents a significant step forward in our commitment to the safety and well-being of our community's most vulnerable members," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "We are proud to provide families with a resource that enhances their ability to protect their loved ones and gives them greater peace of mind.

Together, these initiatives empower emergency response teams with the tools necessary for rapid and effective search efforts."

The City of Chelsea encourages all caregivers who may benefit from this program to reach out for more information on how to apply for assistance and obtain a SafetyNet tracker. Chelsea Caregivers interested in enrolling their loved ones in Chelsea's SafetyNet Tracking Program can do so at no cost to them by contacting Chelsea 311 during City Hall business hours at (617) 466-4209.

This program builds off the work of the City's Special Needs Registry Program, a collaborative effort between Public Health, Emergency Management, Fire and Police Departments designed to prepare and meet the needs of residents with accessibility challenges during emergencies.

The program is funded through an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY

PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE

JOB DESCRIPTION

This is a highly visible, responsible staff position in the office of Leased Housing. The Program Representative reports directly to the Director of Leased Housing. The Program Representative is responsible for managing a case load of both State and Federal HCV, MRVP, and AHVP vouchers. The representative is responsible for voucher Issuance, lease-Up, initial income eligibility, Annual Certification, Interim Certification, prepares leases, negotiates fair market rents, portability, and schedules annual inspections, all in accordance with HUD rules, regulations, and CHA's HCV Administrative Plan. The Representative will also perform other duties as assigned by the Director of Leased Housing.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provides participants information for locating available units.
2. Prepares leases and agreements for all units.
3. Meets with participants and landlords, schedules meetings.
4. Determines contract rent for apartments.
5. Calculate participant rent share.
6. Monitors lease enforcement.
7. Conducts annual rent recertification and interims.
8. Interview applicants to determine eligibility.
9. Conducts briefings.
10. Determines annual rent increases.
11. Refers participants and landlords to appropriate agencies, as necessary.
12. Performs inspections on an as needed basis.
13. Prepares monthly reports on activity.
14. Compile rent reasonable data.
15. Problem solves income discrepancy.
16. Performs other related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

Strong math, writing and computer skills including, but not limited to, MS Office, word and excel. Knowledge of PHA-WEB is preferred, but not required. Ability to work with numbers in an accurate manner. Excellent communication (written and oral) skills, well-organized, accurate in making mathematical calculations, data-entry, and must be able to work well with people of diverse backgrounds. Must exercise good judgement in maintaining the confidentiality and integrity of CHA's financial information. Good organizational and office skills. A minimum of three years' experience and a High School diploma or GED is required.

This is a full-time, 37.5 hour/week position with excellent health, dental, retirement and other benefits.

Starting Salary Range: \$55,000 to \$58,000 annually (Based on Experience)

Interested candidates may submit resumes by email at employment@chelsea-ha.com (subject line PR.2024) or mail (address below) until position is filled.

The Chelsea Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer.
 Chelsea Housing Authority Human Resource Department (PR2024)
 54 Locke Street
 Chelsea, MA 02150

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GREENROOTS HOSTS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR INNOVATIVE FREIGHT FARM IN CHELSEA

COURTESY PHOTOS

GreenRoots and Beth Israel Lahey Health gathered on October 26, at GreenRoots Teaching Kitchen to celebrate the launch of GreenRoots' latest initiative in food justice and urban agriculture with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new hydroponic freight farm, funded by Beth Israel Lahey Health, to address food insecurity, promote food justice, and build a stronger, healthier community.

The new hydroponic container farm will complement GreenRoots' existing six urban growing spaces and Teaching Kitchen, providing fresh, locally grown produce to Chelsea residents while fostering community engagement around food access and nutrition education. This addition aligns with GreenRoots' mission to empower the Chelsea and East Boston community through innovative, sustainable solutions.

GreenRoots engages and empowers residents in the frontline communities of Chelsea and East Boston in campaigns and projects to achieve environmental justice, improved public health, and quality of life. We work on a broad range of issues, from food justice to climate resiliency, waterfront access, and much more. Our work positively impacts the Greater Boston area and beyond.



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