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The School Committee recognized the district's dozen family liaisons with the Name, Strength, and Story award at its Nov. 14 meeting.

School committee recognizes family liaisons

By Adam Swift

Last week, the school committee honored the district's dozen parent liaisons with its Name, Strength, and Story award.

"The reason why our family liaisons were selected is because they are incredibly committed to our families and will do anything for our families," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta.

Abeyta said the liaisons love the district's students and families and take on a number of different roles in the schools, from organizing back to school days and holiday gift shops to notifying families about potential truancy issues.

"All of them are bilin-

gual, they speak Spanish and are able to relate to our families," said Abeyta. "Many of our family liaisons come from Chelsea, so their hearts are here. Our family liaisons are heroes and our families trust our family liaisons."

"We are just so grateful, and we are so blessed by the way (they) serve and the way they love our families and students."

Abeyta also praised Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty for supervising the family liaisons.

"I've known Dr. Blake-Canty for several years, and she was a principal and I watched her with her families, and I said I'm going to place the fami-

ly liaisons directly under you because I know you understand the connection between teaching and learning and families," said Abeyta. "You have led everyone so beautifully and I want to thank you for your leadership with such an amazing group."

School Committee Chair Ana Hernandez said she was happy to see how much the family liaison program has developed and grown from four liaisons to a dozen in recent years.

"It has become such a vital part of the schools and the school committee cannot begin to thank you enough for everything that you do," said Hernandez.

As a parent and a school

committee member, Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo said she has seen firsthand the positive effect the positions have had on students and families.

In addition to acting as a bridge between students, families, and teachers, Covas Caraballo said the family liaisons also help families navigate city services.

"That is very important because a lot of our families come to Chelsea without knowing the language, the school system, and the district," she said. "It is a really massive part of giving our students the fundamentals of belonging and significance. For me as a parent, that is huge."

DiDomenico nominates Maltez for Latino Excellence Award

Special to the Record

Last month, Senator Sal DiDomenico nominated Chelsea City Manager, Fidel Maltez, for the Latino

no Excellence Award, and joined him for a celebration at the State House. The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus presents these

awards each year to celebrate Latino leaders who continue to make positive contributions to districts throughout the state. "Fidel manages the city of

Chelsea with great vision and humility and works collaboratively with state leaders to ensure all our

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Senator Sal DiDomenico with Chelsea City Manager, Fidel Maltez.



Senator DiDomenico with Jennifer Hassell, the Executive Director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

Both Agree

City manager, fire chief in support of potential new fire station

By Adam Swift

The city manager and the fire chief look to be on board with further exploration of building a new fire station somewhere along the Chelsea waterfront.

Earlier this month, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero introduced a motion asking City Manager Fidel Maltez to explore the feasibility of the city building a small fire station to handle growth and development in that portion of the city.

"The Fire Chief and I

believe that there will be a great benefit from expanding the capacity of our Fire Department," said Maltez. "Specifically, the Fire Chief would like (to) pursue the possibility of adding an engine, called Engine 4. This engine may be housed in a smaller fire station, as opposed to a larger fire building like our Central Fire Station."

Maltez said Fire Chief John Quatieri has explored the possibility of pre-fabricated buildings that may expedite construction and

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School committee looks to implement district-wide cellphone policy

By Adam Swift

The school committee is working towards implementing a district-wide cellphone policy that would have students store their phones so they would be unable to use them during the school day.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta presented an update on the

policy at last week's committee meeting. A final draft could be in place for a vote by the school committee at its December meeting.

"Last year, one of our middle schools (the Browne) piloted a cellphone policy and it went

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Garcia secures \$1.1 million for Chelsea in newly passed economic development bill

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a sweeping economic development bill authorizing a nearly \$4 billion infusion into the Commonwealth's economy while making wide-ranging policy changes to make Massachusetts more competitive. The bold investments will stimulate new and proven industries, support workforce development and talent retention, and modernize economic growth strategies. Provisions of the bill will support small businesses, communities, and cultural development, ensuring that businesses Main Streets across the Commonwealth benefit from the economic boost.

State Representative Judith Garcia (D-Chelsea) emphasized the transformative potential of this



State Rep. Judith Garcia.

legislation, stating, "collaborating to drive economic growth across the Commonwealth through this bill is deeply rewarding. I'm humbled and proud to advocate for and bring tangible opportunities to Chelsea and Everett."

Representative Garcia successfully secured \$1,150,000 in bond authorizations for economic

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New Thanksgiving Day rivalry for the Red Devils

Chelsea High School will host the East Boston High School football team on Thanksgiving Eve next week to take on the Jets in year one of a new rivalry. The game is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27. Both teams are 1-8. East Boston is led by John Parziale, 15th season. Chelsea is led by David Roque.

TRASH NOTICE

Trash will be delayed by one day next week due to Thanksgiving observed on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024

The next issue of The Chelsea Record will be published WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27 in light of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday

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Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy students enjoy college visits

Special to the Record

A group of seven Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy (CVLA) students had the opportunity to visit three colleges in Western Massachusetts on a two-day trip last week, providing them with invaluable exposure to higher education and cultural experiences.

The group, a mix of 10th through 12th graders, toured the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) in North Adams, as well as American International College (AIC) and Western New England University in Springfield. The trip, made possible through the collaboration of school staff, district leaders and the Chelsea School Committee as well as generous funding from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, left students inspired and enthusiastic about their futures.

The college trips are important because they help you further explore your options and see what



COURTESY PHOTO

Some of the High School students standing outside the Mass. College for Liberal Arts.

it'd be like in college and the differences from high school. Seeing the school in person makes a real difference - what majors do they offer? What are the benefits of attending the school? What school gives you the most opportunities for what you're majoring in?" commented Jasmine

George, a 10th grade student at CVLA. "I want to major in nursing and I really liked MCLA and AIC because of the programs they offer and the opportunities they give. I would definitely take another trip to visit more colleges again if I got the chance." Twelfth grader Jaden

Hill added, "Going on this trip was a good experience. The trip showed me options and that there's more to life than just settling to stay in the city or go to a community college. I think these trips are very important because you could end up wanting

to do something that you never knew you wanted to do."

After touring MCLA, students stayed in North Adams to visit MASS MoCA, one of the largest contemporary art museum in the United States. The museum's exhibits deeply resonated with the group. One exhibit was themed around the experiences of newcomers to the United States, featuring thought-provoking artwork such as a butter-sculpted cow and a honey-dispensing faucet. Another exhibit spotlighted the discrimination faced by black jockeys in the horse racing industry, leaving a lasting impression.

The students toured AIC and Western New England University on the second day of the trip. At AIC, students were welcomed with T-shirts, swag, and a complimentary lunch. They learned about the college's unique history, its focus on educational access and its support for

first generation students. Michael Whitehead, a CVLA educator and AIC alumnus, shared his connection to the school, enriching the visit with personal insights.

"We want our students to have every opportunity to explore what Massachusetts has to offer in terms of colleges and post-secondary education. These trips are designed to expose CVLA students to colleges they might not have the chance to visit in person due to distance, while also offering cultural experiences they might not otherwise encounter," said Principal Meg Macchini. "At the heart of these experiences is the goal of fostering positive relationships—both among students and between students and staff members."

The trip highlighted the importance of creating opportunities for Chelsea's students to envision their futures beyond high school, combining education with cultural and personal growth.

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really well," said Abeyta. "One of the reasons we are asking for a cellphone policy and to be a little more specific is because our middle school principals in particular were wanting and asking for a cellphone policy. After the Browne implemented that policy, they came to me this summer and said, 'Can we have a policy, can we do this as well?'"

Before implementing a district-wide policy, however, Abeyta said it needed to come before the school committee.

The superintendent noted that the policy that is currently being fine tuned and under consideration is coming from the ground up from the teachers and the leaders in the schools.

Abeyta said there are several reasons for implementing a new policy, including increasing student engagement, discourse and academic achievement; decreasing negative behaviors directly and indirectly related to cellphone use during the school day; creating positive routines for students; and having a consistent policy in place in every classroom.

Studies also underscore the negative effects cellphone use has on teens and the positive impacts that can come through having phone-free schools, the superintendent added.

"The procedures that

we are recommending are that phones are not allowed to be used during the school day, and every student would be assigned a personal Yondr pouch," said Abeyta.

A Yondr pouch is a lockable cellphone bag, students would hand over their phones to have them placed in the bags at the beginning of the school day, and then the pouches would be unlocked before the students leave for the day. Students would be responsible for keeping the Yondr pouches in their backpacks and bringing them to school every day.

Over 1,200 school districts use the Yondr pouches, Abeyta said. She said Yondr claims that the large majority of those districts have seen improvements in student behavior and performance.

In the event family members needed to contact a student, they would be able to call or contact the schools, Abeyta said.

"The policy we have had over the past two years has done the most to help kids focus on their learning because everybody is on the same page," said Browne Middle School teacher Katheryn Anderson. "Families understand, students understand, and every adult in the building has the exact same expectation."

Anderson said it was harder to regulate cell-

phones in the classrooms when there was no consistent policy in place. She added that it would be helpful to have a consistent policy in place across the entire district.

The policy has resulted in increased focus from students in the classroom and more interactions between the students outside of the classrooms, Anderson added.

"I don't think there is truly a need for a child to have a phone during the day," said school committee Chair Ana Hernandez. "If there was an emergency going on during the day in the school, a child calling their parent is not going to take care of the issue. If anything, it is going to cause more chaos and more stress for the parents."

School committee member Dr. Sarah Neville noted that the committee is still working on refining the policy and welcomes input from the community.

"I have found this conversation really enlightening, and I think it is really important that we have this as a district-level policy," said Neville. "What I have heard is that in some other places the problem is when you have a cellphone policy that doesn't have equal buy-in from everyone at every level of the schools."

CHELSEA MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WILL CLOSE AT 2 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

All municipal buildings, including City Hall, the Chelsea Public Library, and Chelsea Senior Center, will close early at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 for Thanksgiving. Buildings will reopen on Friday, November 29, at 8 a.m. Chelsea's public safety buildings will remain open through the holiday.

There will be no curbside collection of trash and recycling on Thursday, Nov. 28, and as a result, there will be a one-day delay in collection for the remainder of the week.

For Thanksgiving, the City of Chelsea will not enforce the residential parking program beginning Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. through Friday, Nov. 29, at 8 a.m. Please note that street sweeping will not take place on Friday, Nov. 29, as it is the fifth Friday of the month.

TWO CHARGED WITH MURDER IN EARLY NOVEMBER STABBING IN VOKE PARK

Alycia Wilhemsen, 35, of Revere and Natanael

Pagan-Rios, 31, of Chelsea were arraigned in Chelsea District Court Monday on murder charges in the Nov. 1 stabbing death of Juan Osorio, 40, of Chelsea.

The pair were ordered held without bail and will return to court for a probable cause hearing on Dec. 20.

Osorio was found in Voke Park early that morning suffering from multiple stab wounds.

Both suspects were arrested on Friday, Nov. 15. Pagan-Rios was arrested outside his residence in Chelsea and Wilhemsen was arrested shortly after at her residence in Revere. Both were transported to the Chelsea Police station for booking.

The investigation was conducted by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office and Chelsea Police.

"I'm grateful that the diligent work by State Police and Chelsea Police will provide Juan Osorio's family and friends the opportunity to see these suspects answer to the charges against them," said Hayden. "Our office will give Mr. Osorio's loved ones as much support as they need as the court process moves forward."

FINAL WEEK OF CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE IS DECEMBER 2 - 6

The final week of curbside yard waste collection for 2024 will be Dec. 2 - Dec. 6. Yard waste will not be collected curbside again until April 2025.

To participate, community members can place their yard waste, including loose leaves in barrels or yard bags on the curb on their regular trash day.

The city asks residents to not include plastic bags or branches among yard waste and to keep leaves out of the street; leaves that are placed in the street can potentially block storm drains and cause draining issues, harm waterways, and create a safety hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

Alternatively, community members can leave their leaves in place on natural soil to create a habitat for pollinators and/or use fallen leaves to create natural mulch.

Yard waste can also be dropped off at the City Yard in approved yard bags year-round Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and most Saturdays 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. Please call Chelsea 3-1-1 if you have any questions. The City Yard is located at 380 Beacham Street.

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residents get the resources they need and deserve," said Senator DiDomenico. "I am proud to call Fidel a friend and I happy that

he is getting this well-deserved recognition."

DiDomenico also congratulated his other constituents who received the

award: Jennifer Hassell, the Executive Director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce; Dennis Benzan, Owner of La Fab-

rica Central in Cambridge; and Felipa Celaya for her contributions to the city of Everett.



Senator DiDomenico with Felipa Celaya, owner of La Oaxaqueña in Everett.



Senator DiDomenico with Dennis Benzan, owner of La Fabrica Central in Cambridge.



THE BROWN JUG

The Brown Jug will once again be doing a *Christmas Toy Drive for Children* in our community. We will be donating the toys to the Salvation Army of Chelsea. Please consider participating in this fun and rewarding event. Please bring an unopened/unwrapped toy for a boy or girl between Nov. 22nd and Dec. 15th and receive a single topping pizza for \$5⁰⁰. Thank You so much for your help.

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Man pleads guilty to obstructing investigation into hate crimes, including 2019 Chelsea fire

Special to the Record

A Massachusetts man, who was extradited from Stockholm, Sweden, pleaded guilty this week to obstructing an investigation of fires set at Jewish institutions in Chelsea, Arlington, and Needham in May 2019.

Alexander Giannakakis, 37, formerly of Quincy, pleaded guilty to concealing records in a federal investigation; tampering with documents and objects; and tampering with an official proceeding. U.S. District Court Judge Patti B. Saris scheduled sentencing for March 11, 2025. In February 2022, Giannakakis was indicted by a federal grand jury. In February 2024 he was extradited to the United

States from Sweden.

“This defendant obstructed justice about hate crimes directed at Jewish people living in greater Boston,” said Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy. “These attempted arsons at Jewish houses of worship and senior living facilities sent ripples of fear throughout the region. We must be vigilant in holding accountable every single person who engages in or facilitates acts of hate like this.”

“Alexander Giannakakis chose to destroy evidence and conceal these hate crimes and for deciding to stand on the side of acts of vile Antisemitism, he now stands convicted and awaiting sentencing,” Levy added. “It is incum-

bent on every person in the District of Massachusetts to call out acts of racism and bigotry, and to report hate crimes.”

Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division said Monday’s conviction shows that there will be serious ramifications for anyone who seeks to obstruct an FBI investigation into an act of domestic terrorism,

“Fire is a dangerous and indiscriminate weapon – one that we believe Alexander Giannakakis’ brother used to express his hatred for Jewish people four times,” Cohen said. “By lying to our investigators and trying to obstruct our investigation into his brother, Mr. Giannakakis only made matters worse.

If people think there’s no downside to deceiving FBI agents, critical lines of investigation will be compromised, and our justice system stalled. Our Joint Terrorism Task Force can’t afford to be deterred in this way.”

In and around February 2020, Giannakakis’ younger brother became the prime suspect in an investigation into four fires set at Jewish-related institutions in the Boston area: the first during the evening of May 11, 2019 at a Chabad Center in Arlington; the second at the same location during the evening of May 16, 2019; the third at a Chabad Center in Needham; and the fourth during the evening of May 26, 2019, at a Jewish-affiliated business in

Chelsea. However, at the time Giannakakis’ brother was identified as a suspect, he was hospitalized in a coma. He remained in a coma until his death later that year.

Shortly after his brother was identified as a suspect, Giannakakis left the United States for Sweden, where he was living at the time, with his brother’s electronic devices and documents. According to court documents, when Giannakakis returned to the U.S. in March 2020, he was questioned by investigators and made false and misleading statements. He later concealed and destroyed physical evidence being sought by investigators that implicated his brother in the arsons. Within hours of

concealing and destroying that evidence, Giannakakis fled the United States for Sweden, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Giannakakis remained in Sweden until his arrest by Swedish authorities in February 2022.

The charges of concealing records in a federal investigation, tampering with documents and objects, and tampering with an official proceeding each provide for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

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development projects in Chelsea, ensuring targeted investments that will benefit the community.

- La Colaborativa will receive \$500,000 to enhance access to green jobs and workforce development programs, specifically aiding residents with limited work readiness skills or English fluency.

- The Governor Bellingham-Cary House, a cherished historic landmark in Massachusetts, will receive \$350,000 for essential renovations to preserve its legacy.

- Chelsea Black Community will be allocated \$300,000 to bolster infrastructure for their in-house workforce development initiatives, empowering local residents with valuable job skills and opportunities.

These allocations will benefit the community as a whole by creating new job opportunities, historical preservation, and enhancing workforce development, ultimately fostering a more inclusive and prosperous Chelsea. “This bill is about more than just economic growth; it’s about ensuring that every community has the resources and support needed to thrive. By investing in Chelsea, we are investing in the future of Massachusetts,” added Representative Garcia. “I would like to thank Speaker Mariano, Chairman Michlewitz and Chairman Parisella for their leadership in advancing these essential investments for the Commonwealth.”

“The passage of this landmark economic development bill is a monumental step toward a stronger, more prosperous future for Chelsea and all of our residents,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. “By investing in key areas such as workforce development, small business support, and historic preservation, we are not only fueling our local economy but also ensuring that every resident has the opportunity to thrive. This bill is a clear example of how targeted, community-focused investments can create lasting change. Thank you to our State Representative Judith Garcia for her continued advocacy and for bringing these resources to Chelsea.”

The legislation includes a total of \$3.96 billion in capital authorizations for leading Massachusetts industries including life sciences and climate tech. Numerous policy

changes in the legislation targeted at growing the Massachusetts economy include:

- Support for small businesses. The bill restructures two quasi-state agencies that are designed to be the gateway for access to state resources, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) and Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment).

- The legislation also authorizes a five-year pilot program for the Commonwealth to assist small businesses in acquiring surety bonds. Large capital projects, whether public or private, often require retention of a surety bond by the contractor as financial security. Historically, economically and socially disadvantaged businesses often cannot acquire these bonds because of a lack of credit history or collateral. This program creates a self-sustaining state assistance program to open doors for more of these businesses.

- Educator diversity. It allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to develop an alternative certification process for teachers who may face challenges passing the educator certification exam but can otherwise demonstrate their competence as teachers. The change will help Massachusetts diversify the K-12 educator workforce.

- Live theater tax credit. It launches a new tax credit of up to \$7 million annually to support local live theater productions. The credit will help Massachusetts artists working towards Broadway or off-Broadway launch a national tour.

- Strengthening local and regional public health systems. It overhauls the state’s fragmented public health system to ensure strong public health protections for all residents regardless of race, income, or zip code.

- Civil service reforms. This legislation modernizes Massachusetts civil service laws to give communities more options in filling vacancies while giving qualified job seekers more opportunities to find a match.

- Childcare as campaign expense. It removes current limitations on political candidates using campaign funds for childcare services that occur because of campaign activities.

- FAFSA. The bill requires each school district to notify students prior to graduating from high school of the availability of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and to provide students with information on financial aid options.

- Project labor agreements. It authorizes public agencies and municipalities to enter into project labor agreements for public works contracts when such an agreement is in the best interest of the public agency or municipality.

- Professional soccer stadium and environmental cleanup in Everett. It allows for the construction of a professional soccer stadium and waterfront park on a parcel of land in Everett by removing the parcel’s classification as a designated port area. The change is expected to have positive environmental and economic impacts in surrounding communities as well as improve public transit connectivity.

- Public funding for the construction of the stadium is not allowed, and funding for public infrastructure improvements associated with the stadium would require matching private funds. The language also requires community mitigation agreements with the cities of Everett and Boston due to their shared land.

- Opportunities for mitigation for other surrounding communities such as Chelsea will be available and explored later in the process.

- The Massachusetts Legislature also passed sweeping climate legislation to empower the state’s fight against climate change and accelerate progress towards the state’s goals of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

- The bill reforms the siting and permitting of clean energy facilities, while responsibly reforming the gas distribution system. It vastly expands the electric vehicle (EV) charging network, incentivizes innovative technologies such as battery storage, fusion energy, advanced metering and meter socket adapters, includes measures to protect residents from high energy costs, and equips state agencies with the mandate to fight climate change.

- Both bills passed the House of Representatives and Senate, and now move to the Governor’s desk for signing.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

The following story is one in a series from the ongoing *People of Chelsea* project by Darlene DeVita in collaboration with Sarah Putnam, which photographs and interviews our fellow citizens. This story is about Chelsea resident Sara Arman and former employee of GreenRoots. The entire project will be archived digitally at the Chelsea Public Library, and has initially been made possible by a grant from the Chelsea Cultural Grant. And finally, the book, which features 65 stories, is available by ordering directly on line at this link: <https://www.magcloud.com/browse/issue/2900065>

Sara Arman, former director of Health Equity and Policy, GreenRoots, 2022

Darlene and Sarah photographed Sara Arman at the Forbes site in 2022. The dormant site was up for auction and GreenRoots and regional non-profits and affordable housing developers banded together in an effort to



purchase the Forbes site to create permanent affordable housing.

I’m a lifelong Chelsea resident. I first got involved in GreenRoots doing pandemic response work, trying to organize folks, talking to folks, making sure people felt connected. Right now I’m the director of Health Equity and Policy. The Forbes project is a site of 17 acres. It’s one of the largest developable parcels of land that’s left in the Chelsea/East Boston

area. Having the community committed to this property is important. So that’s what we’re focusing on right now, and we hope that the property will go to auction soon. And then I am imagining a permanent home for GreenRoots in the neighborhood, and all this affordable housing and a beautiful park on the waterfront that could be used by Chelsea residents and by Chelsea youth in the years and decades moving forward.

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lower costs.

“We are incredibly excited by the news that the New England Revolution stadium is getting closer to reality,” said Maltez. “The Fire Chief and I believe this historic project may be a good opportunity to achieve a new, smaller, auxiliary fire station that can house our Engine 4. Over the next few months, our team will be getting ready for this conversation, including preparing costs, potential location and staffing requirements.”

Maltez said the city will be ready with sufficient data to maximize the benefit to residents when the time comes to potentially build a new fire station.

“We do need a small, auxiliary fire station on that side because there is none,” said Recuperero. “That waterfront is grow-

ing by leaps and bounds so I believe that is a good thing and I hope we get it done soon.”

Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera said he agreed that the potential building of the new soccer stadium presents a good opportunity to build a new fire station in Chelsea, but he asked what the mitigation process would be for the city to benefit from the construction of a new stadium.

Maltez said the city plans to make the argument that the stadium would impact services in Chelsea, making it eligible for mitigation measures. He said with a new fire station, Chelsea would also be able to support emergency response to the stadium area.

“We feel that it would not only be a mitigation, it would be an addition, a benefit to the stadium itself,” said Maltez.

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IS THE HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVABLE?

It is estimated that the U.S. presently is short of anywhere from four million to seven million housing units, including both rentals and single-family homes.

This is an astounding number that is growing larger every year. Housing production is lagging the demand that is being created by the family formation of the Gen Y (also known as Millennials) and Gen Z generations who are aging into adulthood.

The severe imbalance created by the increase in demand and the lack of supply -- which has been the trend in the U.S. for the past 15 years dating back to the financial crisis -- in turn has led to home and rental costs that far exceed a level of affordability for the majority of Americans.

We recently went on one of those real estate websites to look at our former family home in Chelsea which our parents purchased in 1965 for about \$20,000. The house, which is located in the Prattville section of the city, is a modest four-bedroom, 1700 sq. ft. home that last sold in 2011 for \$305,000. Today, that home has an estimated value of \$850,000.

To put those numbers in perspective, inflation from 1965-2024 increased 10-fold (\$1.00 in 1965 is worth \$10.00 today), but that home's value has increased by an astounding 42-fold. And from 2011 to today, inflation has increased by 40% -- but the value of that home has gone up by almost 300%.

Our parents' mortgage in 1965 came at a four percent interest rate and required a downpayment of \$4000. Their monthly mortgage payment (without taxes) was about \$100 per month. Today, a young couple would need a downpayment of \$170,000 in order to buy that home and their monthly mortgage payment would be about \$4000.

Our housing crisis today often is portrayed as an affordability crisis for those in the lower-income brackets. But as the numbers above demonstrate, purchasing a home today is affordable only for upper-income couples who also have families who are able to assist them with the large down payment that is necessary to obtain a conventional mortgage.

Young people also face the same lack of affordability for rental housing. Almost nobody graduating from college today, even if they have a well-paying job, can afford an apartment on their own in Greater Boston or any major city. Doubling and tripling-up is the norm for young people unless they have financial support from their families.

The last time that the U.S. faced a crisis of this magnitude came in the years immediately after WWII. Housing production during the war years had stopped and the millions of returning GIs who were forming families were in need of housing. The principal solution at that time was the construction of multi-unit housing developments -- known colloquially as "the projects" -- in almost every community in the country.

Private developers (assisted by low-rate mortgages backed by the Veterans Administration and Federal Housing Administration) also filled the need with large-scale, cookie-cutter developments in the suburbs, the most notable example being the "Levittowns."

However, today the high costs of land acquisition, materials, and infrastructure improvements (including the need to comply with modern environmental regulations) make it all but impossible for home-builders to construct "affordable" housing, whether single-family homes or multi-unit rentals.

Affordable housing advocates often cite restrictive zoning ordinances in many suburbs as a bar to the construction of affordable housing, but even if someone could take a magic wand and eliminate zoning restrictions, new home construction would barely budge. Massachusetts has had a law (c. 40B) for many years which allows developers to bypass local zoning regulations if a community's housing stock is deemed less than 10% "affordable." But that law has barely made a dent in the supply of housing. Similarly, the MBTA Communities law that has garnered so much attention in the past year figures to have a minimal impact on the housing crisis.

If it's any consolation, the housing shortage is not unique to the U.S. It's a worldwide phenomenon, from Europe to Australia, with much of the developed world facing a dire housing shortage.

Shelter is a basic human need. For millions of Americans, especially young people, the reality today is that both the public and private sectors are failing to address the ever-growing problem of our housing crisis -- and the inevitable result inevitably will have profound consequences for the future of the country.

Your opinions, please

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City to consider municipal vehicle maintenance positions

By Adam Swift

The city council will take up a request by City Manager Fidel Maltez to discuss the possibility of bringing municipal vehicle maintenance in house.

At Monday night's meeting, the council voted to discuss the request at a future meeting of its parks and public works subcommittee.

"Our Department of Public Works has a contract with First Vehicle for the preventive maintenance of vehicles in DPW, Schools, and Police Departments," stated Maltez.

First Vehicle currently has two mechanics that are stationed out of the Chelsea City Yard, along with an administrative assistant that handles invoicing and tracking of vehicles. The contract is approximately \$600,000 and covers preventative maintenance, and requires larger repairs to be invoiced separately, according to Maltez.

"Our Fire Department has a dedicated mechanic that handles all vehicle maintenance," said Maltez. "The Fire Department mechanic has been in place for many years and it is incredibly success-

ful. This mechanic participates in staff meetings and works with our Fire Chief in all aspects of fleet management, including ordering the proper new vehicles with the correct specifications."

Maltez said the DPW director has confirmed that most neighboring communities perform vehicle maintenance in house.

During the subcommittee meeting, Maltez said the DPW will present a transition plan to bring vehicle maintenance in house.

"We believe that we will be able to do this ser-

vice cost effectively, but more importantly, we will be able to create at least two good paying jobs for Chelsea residents that can work for the city," Maltez stated. "We look forward to discussing this further with the city council."

Maltez originally requested the discussion be taken up in a subcommittee on conference, but District 7 Councilor Manuel Tesherequested the meeting be moved to the parks and public works subcommittee, since the request would affect the public works department.

Boston Harbor Now to host 2024 Onboard Awards Dec. 12

Boston Harbor Now, a non-profit organization whose mission is advocating for a welcoming, inclusive, and resilient harbor, waterfront, and harbor islands, announced that former The Boston Harbor Association (TBHA) President Vivien Li and marina developers and managers Ocean Havens will be honored with its 2024 Onboard Awards next month.

Boston Harbor Now's prestigious annual Onboard Awards celebrate individuals and organizations who are creating new public spaces that expand accessibility and belonging to the waterfront and set a new standard for exciting climate solutions that protect our waterfront and city for future generations.

The Boston Harbor Association merged with the Boston Harbor Island Alliance to form Boston

Harbor Now in 2016. Li served for nearly 25 years as TBHA's executive director and president, advocating for the successful completion of the \$4 billion harbor cleanup and the planning, development, and activation of large stretches of today's 43-mile Harborwalk as fully open and welcoming to the public.

Ocean Havens, based in Charlestown and led by husband-and-wife principals Chuck and Ann Lagasse, owns and operates the Boston Yacht Haven Inn & Marina, Charlestown Marina, Fan Pier Marina, Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina, and marinas in Provincetown and Portland, Maine. Ocean Havens also provides marina and waterfront development professional consulting services.

Boston Harbor Now President and CEO Kathy Abbott said: "No one has

done as much as Vivien Li to fulfill the vision of the Harborwalk as the centerpiece of a clean, alive, and accessible Boston Harbor, or to get as many miles of Harborwalk completed and open for residents, workers, and visitors. At the same time, no private waterfront property owners on Boston Harbor have surpassed Ocean Havens and Chuck and Ann Lagasse in creating and stewarding properties that celebrate their sense of place and connect people to the water. All of us at Boston Harbor Now are thrilled to recognize these inspiring champions of the harbor with this year's Onboard Awards."

The Onboard Awards will be officially presented at a breakfast ceremony on

Thursday, December 12, at the Boston Harbor Hotel on Rowes Wharf. Information about becoming a sponsor of the awards event and tickets to attend may be purchased at <https://www.classy.org/event/onboard-awards/e631392>.

Boston Harbor Now Board Chair Meghan Hooper-Berdik said, "It's our honor to celebrate the tremendous achievements of honorees like Vivien and Ocean Havens at the Onboard Awards and recognize the generous community of supporters across the region contributing to Boston Harbor Now's vision of a welcoming, inclusive, and resilient Boston Harbor, waterfront, and islands."

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Forbes Street 9-alarm fire destroys abandoned industrial building

By Adam Swift

A massive nine-alarm fire destroyed an abandoned former industrial building on Forbes Street early Monday morning.

Nearly 20 neighboring departments helped knock down the fire.

The fire was reported at 12:30 a.m. on Monday, and emergency response teams, including the Chelsea Fire Department, Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, Water & Sewer Division, Cataldo EMS, and the Massachusetts Port Authority were immediately dispatched to the scene. Additional fire crews from the following communities were called in to support Chelsea's swift response: Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Somerville, Stoneham, Waltham, Wakefield, Watertown, Winchester, Winthrop, Woburn, and Quincy.

Thanks to a strong coordinated effort, the fire was mostly extinguished at approximately 8 a.m. on Monday, according to a release from the city of Chelsea, although hot spots remained throughout the site.

The cause of the fire is now under investigation by the Chelsea Fire Department.

On Tuesday morning, Chelsea firefighters continued to work around the clock to fully extinguish the fire, with crews continuing efforts today, as there are still some areas that are not completely out, and as a result, city officials said firefighters would most likely need to demolish additional parts of the building.

Several schools in Chelsea were closed on Monday due to the fire, as were several roads in Chelsea and Revere near the scene of the Forbes property. Commuter rail service was also shut down for a



PHOTOS BY PAUL KOOLLOJIAN

View of the 9-alarm fire on Forbes Street in Chelsea on early Monday morning.

time in Chelsea past the scene of the fire.

The former mill property has been abandoned since 2009. A private development group out of China, YIHE Forbes, LLC, gained approval for a 590-unit mixed use development on the site, but in early 2023, the city denied an extension of the permit for the delayed project.

City officials have raised safety concerns about the property, and said they have taken significant safety measures at the location. The Chelsea Fire Department and the Police Department's Downtown Task Force have conducted weekly inspections of the property since spring of 2024.

Earlier this year, the

city's Board of Health City brought the property owner in front of the Chelsea Board of Health, which deemed that, "the buildings and property at the Forbes parcels are unfit for human habitation, pose a nuisance or risk of nuisance, and a risk for accident to the public for purposes of M.G. L. Ch. 111, § 127B" and were ordered to correct multiple violations. The city has continuously tried to engage with the property owner who remains unresponsive, according to Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

Maltez stated that these actions reflect the city's commitment to preventing any potential harm to community members who might inadvertently tres-

pass or find themselves in danger near the property. The city required the absent owner to implement additional security measures, including a formal agreement that requires the owner to maintain regular security patrols at the site.

"The City remains dedicated to taking all necessary steps to protect our residents from fire hazards, injuries, and other emergency situations," a statement from the city administration read.

The property is currently listed for sale and is being listed by the Steve Bremis Realty Group with an asking price of just under \$30 million.

"I hope you'll join me in extending an enormous debt of gratitude to the

Chelsea Fire Department, the Chelsea Police Department, the Office of Emergency Management, the City of Chelsea and to all the other helpers from places near and far," stated District 5 City Councilor Lisa Santagate. "A nine-alarm fire burning for 30 hours with no injuries; that's some commendable work right there."

At Monday night's council meeting, Council President Norieliz De Jesus also thanked the city's first responders.

"This morning was tough, we had a massive fire at the Forbes site, a property that we all know very well in these chambers since we have had many concerns," she said. "I am thankful that there were no injuries with our

staff, there were no residents impacted other than the fact that it was a very scary site, this was right behind my home. I walked outside the doors this morning and I saw a Quincy fire truck, I saw a Reading fire truck; it was scary but also beautiful to see how we have our first responders there ready and prepared to protect and serve our community.

"I want to extend a thank you also to our city manager for being on site, for being attentive to the needs that come with all of these fires and these emergencies, grateful for all the directors and first responders that ensure that our families are safe and our community is safe on a daily basis."



Scenes of Chelsea fire crews on the scene of the 9-alarm Forbes fire early Monday morning.



Chelsea firefighters work together in battling the nine-alarm fire.

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RENAMING OF WALNUT STREET CEREMONY IS HELD

The City of Chelsea, in partnership with the Chelsea Black Community held a ceremony renaming the former Arlington Street Extension to Walnut Street.

The ceremony, led by CBC President Joan Cromwell and Chelsea historian Stacy Smith, celebrated the historically thriving Black neighbor-

hood that existed in the Walnut Street area before the Great Chelsea Fire of 1973 and urban renewal altered the former layout of the area.

Cromwell welcomed the many residents to the program that began with an inspirational prayer of togetherness and community spirit by the Rev. Sarah R. Smith of the Peo-

ple's AME Church.

City Manager Judith Garcia, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and City Council President Norieliz DeJesus brought the official greetings and congratulatory wishes.

"What you're doing here today, your work, is powerful because we're bringing back the light and this new street is bringing

that history back to life," said Garcia.

"This [dedication ceremony] wouldn't have happened without the leadership on the ground," said Maltez, thanking Cromwell and Smith for their efforts. "I just want to say that Stacy is just getting started."

See WALNUT Page 9

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Community leaders, CBC President Joan Cromwell, Rep. Judith Garcia, and historian Stacy Smith.



City Manager Fidel Maltez, Michelle Collins, Jescenia Lopez, Messiah Rubin Ingram, and Jayde Umemba.



State Rep. Judith Garcia and former CHS basketball star John Martin join students in displaying their support at the Renaming of Walnut Street ceremony.



Maureen Lee, Leo Robinson, Deborah Washington, the Rev. Sarah R Smith, Grace McKinnon, and Claudia Dias.



City Manager Fidel Maltez assists at the microphone as 7-year-old Adonis Rome Brody recites a poem during the ceremony.



Beverly Martin Ross, Dennis Smith, Victoria McDonald, Paul Revere Smith, John Martin, Marcy Smith, and Paula Cromwell.



Chelsea historian Stacy Smith and family.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Shirley Thompson, Paul Revere Smith, John Martin, Eula Balloon, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and Deborah Washington.



Deborah Washington, Stacy Smith, and Beverly Martin-Ross and young guests are pictured at the Renaming of Walnut Street ceremony.



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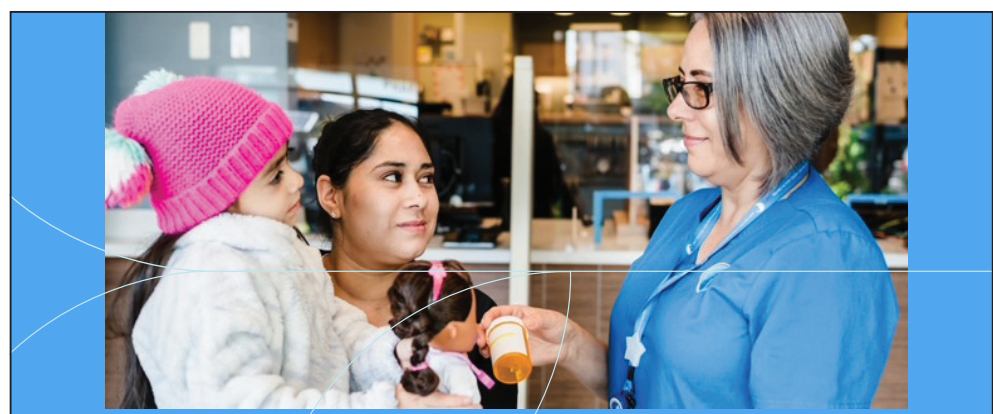
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GreenRoots hosts meeting on Tobin Bridge Lead Paint Removal Project

By Cary Shuman

GreenRoots, led by its executive director Roseann Bongiovanni, hosted a well-attended community meeting on the Tobin Bridge Lead Paint Removal Project Tuesday night at the Chelsea Senior Center.

State Secretary of Transportation Monica Tibbitts-Nutt provided an update about the four-year project of repainting and structural repairing of the Tobin Bridge (formerly the Mystic Bridge) that first opened in 1950.

Bongiovanni served as moderator of the meeting, calling on several residents who aired specific complaints about the negative health impacts and noise pollution being created by the project.

Tibbitts-Nutt and her team from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (which owns and operates the bridge) pledged to address the health concerns of residents and collect additional data at the site.

One major complaint centered on the agency's hotline. Residents said that they rarely receive a response after calling the hotline. And others re-



City Councilor Todd Taylor and Chief of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki, pictured at the community meeting Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Center.

marked that the hotline has not always been operational as advertised.

Other complaints focused on excessive noise including from midnight to 2 a.m. in some instances. MassDOT officials remarked that construction is taking place six days per week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and seemed genuinely surprised to hear overnight work was occurring.

Residents also talked about dust, strong odors from paint and asked if it was safe to be outside and have windows open. Officials also discussed the mitigation they offered including air purifiers, vacuums, air conditioning units



State Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity Maria Belen Power, Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Medina, State Secretary of Transportation Monica Tibbitts-Nutt, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, and City Manager Fidel Maltez.

and white noise machines.

Tibbitts-Nutt and her team left with many follow-up items to respond to Chelsea residents. Secretary Tibbitts-Nutt agreed to come back to Chelsea in the spring for another

community conversation and continued dialogue on the status of the lead paint remediation efforts.

Tibbitts-Nutt received positive recognition for coming to Chelsea to meet directly with residents. State Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity Maria Belen Power, a Chelsea resident, was in attendance, sitting next to Secretary Tibbitts-Nutt during the 90-minute

meeting.

City Manager Fidel Maltez welcomed the Mass DOT contingent to the city in his opening remarks. Director of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki, City Councilors Roberto Jimenez, Calvin T. Brown, and Lisa Santagate, and Chelsea School Committee member Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville attended the meeting.



State Secretary of Transportation Monica Tibbitts-Nutt pledged her department's "accountability" in relation to the health problems and inconveniences being experienced by Chelsea residents because of the Tobin Bridge repair project.



School Committee member Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville, City Manager Fidel Maltez, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, Grace Muwina, Barbara Espinosa, and State Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity Maria Belen Power.

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Carmelo Santiago

February 10, 1942 - November 17, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Carmelo Santiago-Vega today, Thursday, November 21 in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, from 6 to 8 p.m. His funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, November 22nd at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

At 82 years of age, Carmelo Santiago passed away on Sunday, November 17th in the peaceful surroundings of his home with his wife and loving family at his side. Carmelo battled and lived courageously with cancer for the past 18 months.

Born and raised in Guayama, Puerto Rico, Carmelo was one of seven children of the late Felix Santiago and Venerada Vega. He attended schools in Puerto Rico before settling in Chelsea in 1959 where he remained a resident for most of his life. He moved to Revere in 2001 and settled in Lynn for the past two years.

Carmelo was married to Harriet (McNeil) for 64 years and together they raised three daughters and one son. Earlier in his life, he worked for local poultry processors and for Community Suffolk Farms as a produce sorter. His last years of work were spent at Eastern Car Wash in Chelsea before retiring 14 years ago.

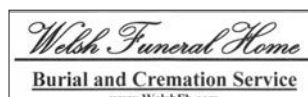
He is fondly remembered for his extensive



collection of hats of various styles, his enjoyment of professional wrestling and the Red Sox, and his passionate devotion to home and family. He also enjoyed treating himself to cold Mounds Bars and penny candy.

Carmelo is lovingly survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Harriet (McNeil) Santiago of Lynn. He was the devoted father of Carmen Valentin and her husband, Max of Lynn, Harriet Santiago of Lynn, Miriam Santiago-Flores of Revere and Carmelo Santiago, Jr. of Lynn. He was the dear brother of Elba Iris Santiago, Francesca Santiago, Evangelia Santiago and Hector Luis Santiago. all of Puerto Rico and the late Alejandro Santiago, and Pedro Santiago; cherished grandfather of 12 and the late Sonia Santiago and Anthony Valentin, and adoring great-grandfather of 17. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

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Marion Patricia Nowicki

Lifelong parishioner of the former St. Stanislaus Parish

Relatives and friends attended a visitation and service for Marion Patricia (Majcher) Nowicki in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Monday, November 18th and she was placed to rest at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

At 88 years of age, Marion passed away unexpectedly in her home on Thursday, November 7th. Born in Lowell, she was a beloved daughter of the late Stanley P. and Gladys (Teodorczyk) Majcher.

Marion grew up in Chelsea, attended St. Stanislaus Parochial School and graduated from Chelsea High School. She worked at the W.T. Grants Dept. Store in Chelsea. Working at Grants she met Chester J. "Git" Nowicki. They were soon married and together raised their son and daughter in Chelsea. Marion was passionately devoted to home and family. She was a lifelong parishioner of the former St. Stanislaus Parish. A resident of Revere since 1995, she enjoyed her quiet



lifetime at home, watching old movie classics and shopping.

In addition to her parents, Marion was widowed when her beloved husband, Chester passed away in 2005, she was also predeceased by her brother Edward Majcher.

She is lovingly survived by her son and caregiver, Edward Mitchell and her daughter, Claudia Brennan, both of Revere. She was the loving grandmother of Matthew and Kelly Brennan and the dear sister of Carolyn Majcher of Danvers.

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Juan Garcia

Longtime Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home Employee

Juan Garcia, 90, of Chelsea, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 12th. He lived a full, long life, and his final moments were surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, Juan came to New York in 1950 at the tender age of 16 and later settled in Chelsea for many years before relocating to East Boston. Chelsea is where Juan spent much of his time making friends, hanging out with family and where he spent the last year of his life.

Juan loved his family dearly and made so many friends throughout his career and life. He spent almost 20 years working at the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home cooking and cleaning, before retiring. Juan was a simple man who enjoyed spending time with family, getting fresh air and watching the Red Sox (his favorite team). If he had the chance, he never missed a game. He loved playing the numbers, scratch tickets, card games and dominos, cigars, wine, Columbo show, and music. Juan's favorite artists and music included Javier Solis, Jorge Negrete, Ana Gabriel, Vicente Fernandez, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, all classic music and much more. Anyone who had the good fortune to know him knew he was a hard worker, a humble soul, and the purest of hearts. Juan never met a person who didn't like him. His charm, accepting and caring nature is what drew everyone and is why he made so many lifelong friends. Many will comment on his smile, his jokes, and his jovial, sweet personality that often filled the air, drawing people so close. These moments are what we will miss the most, and how we will always remember our beloved Juan.

Juan was the son of late



Francisca Garcia of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and brother of the late Felicitas Velasquez, of Chelsea.

He is lovingly survived by his son and daughters, Luis Rodrigues of Bronx, NY, Elsa Garcia of Revere, Blanca Garcia of Chelsea, Veronica Garcia Gee and her husband, Albert Gee of Somerville, and Nancy Garcia of Boston; a cherished grandfather to his grandchildren: Jose Camacho of Haverhill, Alexandra Mendoza of Boston, Marisol Araujo of Revere, Angelise Rosales of Chelsea, Elena Villegas of Melrose, William Gee and James Gee of Somerville, and his great granddaughter, Luna Lizardo of Melrose.

Juan was the widower of his late wife Aura Beatriz Carranza Garcia and survived by his ex-wife and beloved friend, Blanca Gomez Garcia of Revere. He is also survived by many extended family members and dear friends.

Juan's family and friends gathered for a visitation at the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea on Sunday, November 17 and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday at Santa Rosa of Lima Parish, 601 Broadway, Chelsea. Juan was laid to rest at Forest Hills Cemetery in Boston.

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

John Anthony "Jack" King Jr.

Longtime member of the Old Charlestown School Boys Association

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a Memorial Mass for John Anthony "Jack" King, Jr. at St. Rose of Lima Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, November 21 at 10 a.m.

At 82 years of age, Jack passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 10th at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He was the beloved son of the late John A., Sr. and Irene (Rogers) King. He was born and raised in Charlestown where he attended local schools and resided for many years. He was a longtime member of the "Old Charlestown School Boys Association".

Jack was married to Lucille (Narcum) King and together they resided in Chelsea for several years. He worked as a vehicle transporter for Hertz and retired after working for 57 years.

In his lifetime, Jack was an avid Red Sox Fan who enjoyed music and photography. He is remembered for his favorite sayings "I read milk cartons" and "Who's better than me."

Jack is lovingly survived by his wife, Lucille



M.. King of Chelsea and he was the devoted father of Michele Roy and her spouse, Tara of Forestdale, RI, loving "Papa" to Ryan King and his wife, Morrello, Alexandria Gould, Peter Gould, and Gabriel Jacques, and adoring "Papa" to his great-grandson Azriel Goldberg; dear brother-in law to Joanne Narcum and Dorothy Szalno and her husband, Ted, all of Weymouth, and Stephen Narcum and his wife, Margie of Quincy. He was predeceased by his sister, Ruth Auld.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jack's name may be made to "Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association", 33 Shipway Place, Charlestown, MA 02129.

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



Juana Maria "Juanita" Gomez-Bones

Her legacy of love and kindness will live on in the hearts of all blessed to know her

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for Juanita M. Gomez-Bones in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Wednesday, November 20.

Juana Gomez-Bones, a beloved daughter of the late Gallentano Gomez and Tomasa DeJesus, passed away at the age of 85 in her home on Saturday, November 16th, 2024, after a long illness, with her loving family at her side. Born and raised in Arroyo, she attended local schools before moving to Chelsea, where she resided for the past 48 years. Juanita was married to Jose Bones and was passionately devoted to her home and family. She was a remarkable woman whose love knew no limits. As the devoted mother of nine and a cherished grandmother to many, she nurtured generations with her warmth, wisdom, and strength. Her legacy of love and kindness will live on in the hearts of all blessed to know her. Juanita enjoyed creating handmade jewelry and bracelets.

Juanita was widowed



by her beloved Jose in 2013 and she lost her son Leonides Bones and siblings, Augustine, Enrique, Ismael, Vale, and Nilda Gomez.

She is lovingly survived by her devoted son and caregiver, Luis Bones along with her dear children: Tony Bones, Sonia Bones, Daisy Bones, Osvaldo Bones, Jose Bones, Omayra Bones, and Carlos Bones. She was the devoted grandmother, Abuela of 26 and great-grandmother of many.

May her memory bring comfort, and her spirit guide you in the days ahead. With heartfelt sympathy, the Bones family.

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



OBITUARIES

All obituaries and death notices will be at a cost of \$150.00 per paper.

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OBITUARIES

Robert F. "Bob" Gross

August 15, 1944 – November 10, 2024

Robert "Bob" Gross at the age of 80, was sent to his eternal home, on November 10, 2024. As Bob wished, his final days were in the peaceful surroundings of his home with his loving family by his side.

Bob was born on August 15, 1944. He was the devoted son of the late George H. and Elizabeth (McGurin) Gross of East Boston and stepson of Frank Brobecker whom he loved. Bob held a special place in his heart for his mother-in-law, Lillian DeBruyn.

Bob was the beloved husband of Lorraine J. (DeBruyn) Gross. In September of 1965, Bob met the love of his life, Lorraine at Sky Chefs where they worked together. Falling deeply in love, they married on April 17, 1966. They raised their family in Chelsea where they lived for 32 years until moving to Danvers in 1998 where they resided for the past 26 years. It was a romance that lasted for 58 beautiful years.

Bob was the devoted father of Bobby Gross of Milford, Chrissy Abramofsky and her husband, Jim of Dracut, Lorrie Pacheco and her husband, Dave of Danvers and Sharon Nash of Santa Cruz, CA. Forever cherished and adored Grampi, his memory will live on with his grandchildren; Kacie Ignacio, Jayme Abramofsky, D.J. Pacheco, Alyssa Pacheco, Joey Randolph, Angela Ford, Danielle Gross and the great-grandfather of Noah Ford and Jayden Randolph. Bob was the brother of the late Dorothy Doane and George Gross whom he loved deeply and he treasured the time spent with them. He is also survived by his brother, George (Sonny) Gross of Pennsylvania and many nieces and nephews who will sadly miss him.

Through his years, Bob worked for 35 years with LSG Sky Chefs as a ramp supervisor at Logan Airport and medically retired in 1995. Bob found joy



in his outings to Suffolk Downs and Wonderland Dog Track. He enjoyed playing pool and cards with friends. He loved spending time with his family in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, summers swimming in their pool, and holidays spent together - Bob loved the Christmas season most.

In his "retirement" years, he took pleasure traveling to Las Vegas with his wife, Lorraine, Dottie, Skip, George and Kay to play the slots and enjoy the many shows they attended. Bob was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan, though his favorite baseball team to watch was the University of Richmond Spiders!

Bob will be remembered for his courageous strength, the twinkle in his eye and for his kindness when giving a compliment, which he gave effortlessly. He was a true gentleman.

A private family service will be held at St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish, 24 Conant Street, Danvers on Friday, November 30th at 11 a.m.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Bob's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. WWW. StJude.org/Donate

Bob's family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to all the people from Hospice Care who provided Bob with compassion, love and gentle care to make his final days of life comfortable.

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Said DeJeu, "I'm so proud of the work that went into today. I'm just grateful that I get to share this moment with you."

Cromwell lauded Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson "who grew on these streets and hung out at the parks", her sister, Richelle Cromwell, executive director of CAPIC, and "our elders, Ms. Thompson, Eula Bloom, my uncle Paul Smith, my auntie, Maureen, and Ms. Grace."

"Without you, there is not us. We stand on your shoulders," said Cromwell.

Stacy Smith, praised by Joan Cromwell as a curator, author, historian, and CBC member, said, "I just want to thank everybody for coming out here on this chilly day. I am more honored that I am able to do this for everybody who actually lived here, played here, loved here, married here. I'm just really grateful that everybody has

thought about it and took some time to really realize what happened here. This is the statement of that. This is really powerful."

Cromwell said in her remarks that, "We [Chelsea residents of all backgrounds] were all one. It was all of us. This movement, this monument stands as a tribute of living memories honoring groups of people who shaped our neighborhood story and our lives. We made an impact that still resonates today. By marking this moment in history, we recognize the contributions, the struggles, and victories of those who came before us and acknowledge their roles in defining our collective identity. It's a symbol of our shared history and an enduring spirit of thriving neighborhoods that provided a warm, proud sense of nostalgia, reminding us the values in unity binds us."

To place a memorial
please call 781-485-0588

Sports

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins make coaching change

While it probably came as no surprise to anyone that the Boston Bruins management decided to dismiss head coach Jim Montgomery on Tuesday, it is disappointing that he had to be made the main reason for the poor 8-9-3 start to the 2024-25 season. While Montgomery often assumed some of the blame following losses and poor play, the blame wasn't entirely his alone. Look into the performance of the team's top earning players salaries: David Pastrnak \$11.2 million; Charlie McAvoy \$9.5; Jeremy Swayman \$8.25; Elias Lindholm \$7.75; Hampus Lindholm \$6.5; Brad Marchand \$6.125; and Charlie Coyle \$5.25. Those seven Bruins players hold a hefty portion of the salary cap allowance, but on the score sheet their production does not mirror comparison to their pay. Pastrnak with 8 goals, 9 assists is on pace to score

30+ goals and 36 assists for 60+ points. Last year's numbers for Pastrnak 47/63/110 points.

Marchand is on average to post 20 goals and 32 assists for 50+ points. Last season, and we'll cut the captain who is nearing the end of his contract some slack, before his three operations, he posted 29/38/67. Not exactly showing any semblance of consistency with current numbers. Adding in Swayman's newly added, \$8.25 million salary, followed by him posting the following: record of 5-7-0-2, goals-against-average 3.47, and a save percentage of .884. Again, the question, where are the returns for these hefty salaries, and whatever happened to the often-mentioned Bruins' culture, that served this franchise so well during the Patrice



Bergeron/Zdeno Chara's captaincy?

Possibly, if even a handful of these players had performed well to start the 2024-25 season, Montgomery would still be Boston's head coach.

With all the above being history, Montgomery's spot will be filled, on an interim basis by Bruins associate coach Joe Sacco. The Medford native is in his 11th season of working behind the Boston bench. Sacco's promotion to associate coach to start this season was definitely an indication that Montgomery would be on a short leash, and Sacco would be in a position to transition into the 'interim' title easily. While serving as a coach in Medford Youth Hockey, I was able to fol-

low Sacco's early days as a youngster, followed by his tenure as a member of the Medford High School hockey team, where he excelled in his final two years, scoring 52/62/114 points. His three seasons at Boston University, he tallied 63/65/128 points in 111 games. His 13 seasons in the NHL left Sacco's totals with 94/119/213 points. He earned a head coaching opportunity with the Colorado Avalanche, leaving after three seasons. It's obvious that Sacco has earned a second chance as a head coach, and one that he looks forward to showing what NHL experience has taught him. The Bruins have scheduled a press conference for later today (Wednesday, after the Record's press deadline) with general manager Don Sweeney and interim coach Joe Sacco taking questions. Updates in next week's Bruins Beat.

Eversource release guide to landscaping with New England's native plants

Autumn can be a great time to plant, and as part of its commitment to environmental stewardship while ensuring electric reliability for customers, Eversource has released a new planting guide for property owners. Nature's Natives highlights a variety of plant species that not only thrive in New England but are also utility compatible - helping customers make informed choices when planting near power lines.

"This new resource is the brainchild of our dedicated arborists, who are deeply passionate about plants and the positive impact they have on the environment," said Eversource Manager of Vegetation

Coordination, Strategy and Innovation Bob Allen. "Native plants play a vital role in the overall health of our ecosystems by supporting wildlife habitats, pollinators and helping to conserve water and soil since they're better adapted to the local climate. Another significant benefit - the species in this guide can grow near power lines without posing a risk to the safety and reliability of the electric system. By supporting our natural neighbors, we can cultivate a vibrant, healthy, and sustainable landscape for all to enjoy."

New England is the most heavily forested region in the country, and while trees of all types

and sizes are a treasured part of the landscape, they can also cause problems when they grow too close to power lines. Every year, tree limbs and branches come in contact with the thousands of miles of power lines that Eversource maintains across its three-state service territory - causing outages, damaging equipment, and creating potential public safety hazards such as blocked roads. The company's robust and thoughtful vegetation management programs are designed to balance the important benefits that trees and plants provide with the need for safe, reliable power.

Recently recognized as a Tree Line USA utility

by the Arbor Day Foundation for its thoughtful vegetation management programs that balance aesthetics with the need for electric reliability, Eversource's arborists also share their knowledge through educational partnerships that teach municipalities and the public about the importance of native vegetation in the region and how to plan before they plant.

Since the release of the Nature's Natives planting guide, Eversource has distributed the brochure to more than 500 municipalities and 1,200 garden centers across the company's service territory to assist with selecting the right plants for the right place.

DPH reminds patients and providers of alternatives to discontinued asthma medication

As Massachusetts enters fall and winter respiratory virus season, the Department of Public Health is sharing resources to help patients, families, providers and pharmacists identify and access the best options for timely and effective asthma care, particularly in the wake of the discontinuation of two commonly used inhaled treatments—Flovent® HFA and Flovent® Diskus by manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline (GSK).

The fall and winter season typically brings an increase in asthma exacerbations in Massachusetts.

During this time, circulating respiratory illnesses, such as flu, RSV, and COVID increase, can potentially trigger asthma symptoms or make ongoing symptoms worse.

Key Information For Patients and Caregivers:

- A generic version of Flovent® (fluticasone propionate) and other clinically appropriate alternative medications do exist.

- You may be prescribed a medication that you are not familiar with. The medication may be a dif-

ferent dose or a different inhaler device from what you are used to - talk with your provider if you have questions or concerns.

For Providers:

- Reach out to your patients to be sure they are aware of any medication changes and discuss the clinically appropriate alternatives that are available. Provide culturally informed asthma education to patients, especially related to new medications and delivery devices.

- Learn more on this 2020 Focused Updates to the Asthma Management Guidelines: Clinician's Guide (nih.gov).

For Pharmacists:

- Depending on patient insurance status and insurance type, out-of-pocket costs for clinically appropriate alternative medications can vary widely.

- This includes wide variability in costs of brand and generic medications (i.e., Symbicort®, Breynd®, and generic budesonide/formoterol, which are therapeutically identical.)

- Work with providers to navigate the complexities

of insurance benefits to support patients in accessing affordable and effective asthma medications.

- Communicate with healthcare providers if patients face barriers to filling prescriptions for asthma controller medications, particularly if the cost of these medications is difficult for patients to afford.

- For more information on the Flovent discontinuation and alternate medications, view the attached fact sheet on What to Know About Flovent Discontinuation.

Continued Impact of Flovent Discontinuation

The discontinuation of Flovent has led to ongoing shortages of alternative medications. The situation has been made worse by variable prescription drug coverage and steep out-of-pocket patient copays for some alternative medications. Disruptions in the availability of affordable asthma controller medications more broadly are impacting many patients and families, especially among communities with already existing barriers to accessing care.

To build toward an equitable system and effectively respond to the current system, providers, pharmacists, caregivers, and patients with asthma need to be informed about this situation and work together to support those with asthma and their families so they can access asthma medications and manage their asthma. In response, MassHealth has also continued to adapt to this challenging situation with expanded coverage to support patients.

"When there are large shifts in availability of key asthma medications, like we have seen surrounding the discontinuation of Flovent products, many families are impacted. This is especially true for Black and Brown communities, which already experience a higher burden of asthma," said DPH Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "With the respiratory virus season approaching, it is important for communities to come together to promote vaccination and prevent disease."

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare CEO Barry Berman and COO Betsy Mullen receive prestigious Changemaker Award at Center for Innovation Conference

At the Center for Innovation's (CFI) annual conference, sponsored by the Green House® Project and Pioneer Network communities, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare CEO Barry Berman and COO Betsy Mullen were presented with the esteemed "2024 Changemaker Award," which reflects their strong leadership style as well as their passion for serving others.

Each year CFI honors leaders who have made indelible contributions to the field of eldercare improvement with the "Changemaker Award." This annual award recognizes the champions of culture change who have paved the way for more dignified and empowering models of care and support, setting bold new standards for older adults and people living with disabilities.

"Barry Berman and Betsy Mullen embody the

spirit of bold and uncompromising change, refusing to accept the status quo and working diligently to provide the highest quality of life for people regardless of their physical and cognitive changes," said Alex Spanko, Director of Communications and Marketing at the Center for Innovation. "They are shining examples of how strong leadership and a passion for serving others can overcome any obstacle on the road to true culture."

The CFI annual conference, held this year in Grand Rapids, Michigan, focused upon a "Grow Bolder" theme. Barry and Betsy also gave a 90 minute presentation about life enrichment and the quality of life at the Leonard Florence Center for Living. Their presentation revolved around the unique Outward Bound program, which enables ventilator dependent, ALS and MS

residents to experience and enjoy life by participating in activities outside of skilled nursing home environment.

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. Currently, the Center takes care of more individuals living with ALS than any place else in the world.

About Chelsea Jewish Lifecare

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.

About Legacy Lifecare
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 JGS Lifecare, 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.



Shown (left to right) Barry Berman, Susan Ryan, and Betsy Mullen.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



Re:410 Chelsea LLC
410 Beacham Street,
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing
Commission,
December 12, 2024
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a New Petroleum Storage License application for 410 Chelsea, LLC at 410 Beacham Street, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
11/14/24, 11/21/24

Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
11/21/24, 11/28/24

LEGAL NOTICE



RESCHEDULED
NOTICE OF
HEARING
Case No.
2024-22
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of:
Christopher Friend
For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a rear deck which fails to meet the minimum requirements for rear yard setback, side yard setback, and combined yard setback at the premises known as: 29 Central Avenue
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at:
City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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NOTICE OF
HEARING
Case No.
2024-21
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of:
Sunrise After Care, LLC | Sunrise ADH Chelsea, LLC
For a transfer of ownership: per the conditions of the original Petition (Case 2012-16), the 'Special Permit is not transferable without Petition and approval of a new Special Permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals' at the premises known as: 125-139 Library Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at:
City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and

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Case No.
2024-19
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the

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Case No.
2024-19
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Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the

application of:
Eugene Diaz
For Special Permit seeking approval to create a curb cut and off-street parking which does not meet the requirements for not parking a vehicle within five (5) feet from a side yard property line, in the required front yard setback nor in within five (5) feet of any all containing ground floor or basement windows at the premises known as: 59 Clark Avenue
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at:
City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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NOTICE OF
HEARING
Case No.
2024-20
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of:
DSM MB I LLC
For Special Permit seeking approval to construct a 19,978 square foot liquor store at the premises known as: 170 Everett Avenue
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at:
City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the

d/b/a Genesis
Jewelry
130 Pearl Street,
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing
Commission,
December 12, 2024
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. To consider A New Old Gold license application to Elsa Marchorro d/b/a Genesis Jewelry at 130 Pearl Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
11/21/24, 11/28/24

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CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
TO EXPAND THE
POWERS OF A
GUARDIAN
Docket No.
SU22P2037GD
Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and
Family Court
Suffolk Probate and
Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the interests of:
Joaquin Ruiz
of: Chelsea, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by the Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file

a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 12/05/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 06, 2024
Stephanie Everett
Register of Probate
11/21/24

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF
CHELSEA
DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC
WORKS
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 10, 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:
Prospect Ave. Northeasterly from pole 30/92A, southeast of Washington Ave., install approximately five 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 12/10/24.
The public is invited to attend.
Cate Fox Lent
Commissioner
11/21/24, 11/28/24

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
MEETING
Notice is hereby given that Greenstar Herbals, Inc. / Rise Holdings, Inc. d/b/a RISE will hold a Community Outreach Meeting on December 4, 2024 at 12:00 PM at 200 Beacham St, Chelsea, MA 02150 to discuss the expansion of the existing adult-use marijuana retailer to include medical marijuana treatment center operations. This Community Outreach Meeting will be held in accordance with the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's applicable requirements set forth in M.G.L. ch. 94G and 935 CMR 500.000 et seq. A copy of the meeting presentation will be made available at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by emailing r.rutenberg@vicentellp.com. Interested members of the community will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from company representatives about the proposed facility and operations. Questions can be submitted in advance by emailing r.rutenberg@vicentellp.com or asked during the meeting.
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Re:Top Speed
Vehicles, Inc.
69A Everett Avenue,
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing
Commission,
December 12, 2024
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, December 12,

LEGAL NOTICE

Re:Wings El Corral,
Inc d/b/a Wings
408 Broadway,
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing
Commission,
December 12, 2024
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams at the following link: https://meetup-join/19%3a-meeting_M2EwOT-E3NmEtNTBjMi000T-JkLThmZTktdNDkZjAzMm0NnJk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223e861d16-48b7-4a0e-9806-8c04d81b-7b2a%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22ce9ffe53-8cfa-4b3b-b55c-9aab-

2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a New Class I II III License application for Top Speed Vehicles, Inc. at 69A Everett Avenue, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
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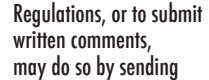
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OF VETERANS SERVICES
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
Please be advised that, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services ("EOVS") will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments in connection with the proposed Regulations at 108 CMR 12.00: Medical Care - Districts and Duties of Veterans' Agents. The existing regulation states that Veteran Service Officers will assist veterans in filing VA claims but it is silent regarding compliance with VA regulations for filing claims. This revision ensures compliance with federal regulations at 38 CFR 14.629. The existing regulation governs municipal Veterans Service Officers and how they operate. The revision provides that EOVS will provide resources to comply with the existing standards. EOVS will hold this public hearing remotely on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams at the following link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_M2EwOT-E3NmEtNTBjMi000T-JkLThmZTktdNDkZjAzMm0NnJk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223e861d16-48b7-4a0e-9806-8c04d81b-7b2a%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22ce9ffe53-8cfa-4b3b-b55c-9aab-

LEGAL NOTICE

Re:Wings El Corral,
Inc d/b/a Wings
408 Broadway,
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing
Commission,
December 12, 2024
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a Change of DBA and an Alteration of Premises on an All Alcohol Beverages (on premise) License application for Wings El Corral, Inc d/b/a Wings at 408 Broadway, Chelsea

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Or Meeting ID: 267 866
815 060
Passcode: SmFbFA
A copy of the proposed Regulations referenced above may be viewed by visiting Notice of Public Hearing Executive Office of Veterans' Services - 108 CMR 12.00 Districts and Duties of Veterans' Agents | Mass.gov
Any person who would like to offer comments may participate in the public hearing at the date and time indicated above or submit written comments. Those who wish to receive a written copy of the proposed Regulations, or to submit written comments, may do so by sending an email to jenna.buonopane5@mass.gov or by mail to: Jenna Buonopane - Paralegal
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Veterans' Services
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Gov. Healey signs breast cancer screening and exam bill

Governor Maura Healey signed An Act Relative to Medically Necessary Breast Screenings and Exams for Equity and Early Detection. This comprehensive legislation will ensure that patients have access to follow-up breast cancer screenings and exams, while also preventing any increase in patient cost-sharing by 2026.

"We know that early detection of breast cancer saves lives. This legislation will help ensure that cost is not a barrier for women to get the screenings and care they need," said Governor Healey. "I'm grateful to the Legislature for their leadership on this bill, and to the patients, providers and advocates who made their voices heard in support of more affordable and accessible care for Massachusetts residents."

"Preventative care is essential. It helps save countless lives and now, because of this legislation, patients across Massachusetts will have access to the necessary care they need at a lower cost," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We know that this legislation will improve cancer outcomes for so many people across the state."

This legislation would, starting in 2026, require insurers to cover diagnostic exams for breast cancer, digital breast tomosynthesis screening, and medically necessary and appropriate screening with breast MRIs and ultrasounds. This legislation would also prevent any increase in patient cost-sharing, thus removing cost barriers for patients who need more rigorous screenings due to dense breast tissue or

abnormalities seen in their initial preventive screening mammograms.

"Today we tear down a barrier to accessing breast cancer screenings and empower our residents to stay ahead of a cancer that takes far too many lives," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "I am grateful to Governor Healey for her signature, Senator Lovely and Senator Rush for their leadership, our partners in the House, and every advocate who has used the power of their voice to get this issue across the finish line."

"Ensuring that all residents in Massachusetts have access to early detection treatments for breast cancer, regardless of income, is a critical facet of catching cancer early and saving lives. That's why I'm incredibly proud of this legislation, as it will help to prevent vulnerable residents from being denied the care that they need," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Governor Healey for signing this bill into law, along with my colleagues in the Legislature for working hard to move this critical bill through the legislative process."

"We know that in the fight against cancer, early detection is absolutely vital for the long-term success of the patients. We also know that for one out of every ten women, initial mammogram screenings are not sufficient to detect possible indicators of breast cancer. This legislation signed into law by Governor Healey today ensures that all women in the Commonwealth have access to the digital breast tomosynthesis and MRI screening they need to

catch cancer early, without facing financial barriers. I'm grateful to the Governor, Senator Lovely and Chairman Murphy, and Division Leader Balser for championing this issue with me, and to my legislative colleagues, particularly President Spilka and Speaker Mariano for their support. Finally, I thank the dozens of advocates and patients who shared their stories and pushed tirelessly to support women in the fight against breast cancer," said Senator Mike Rush (D-West Roxbury).

"This bill will save lives," said Representative James Murphy (D-Weymouth). "Breast cancer is a major cause of cancer related deaths among women and everything must be done to change this. This groundbreaking legislation will provide life saving health care for women throughout our Commonwealth."

"Today is the culmination of work I have done for nearly a decade to ensure that all women have access to necessary, and possibly lifesaving, breast cancer screenings," said Senator Joan Lovely (D-Salem). "Early detection of breast cancer saves lives. This legislation makes those diagnostic exams used for early detection accessible and affordable, giving women the vital resources needed

to catch breast cancer in its earliest stages. Thank you to Governor Healey for signing this bill into law and bolstering the Commonwealth's commitment to providing higher quality, more equitable, and

more accessible healthcare for women."

"This legislation will ensure that women have access to essential breast cancer screenings and diagnostic evaluations by eliminating significant

financial barriers. Once again, Massachusetts has stepped up to ensure that women's health care needs are met," said Representative Ruth Balser (D-Newton).

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It's the cleanup!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Many home cooks enjoy the cooking aspect of preparing meals, but they don't want the cleanup. We've cooked in large, mico, and small kitchens, all of which have had cleanup issues.

well-designed kitchen, your only helper is a volunteer dishwasher if there is space for one or a dish-washing appliance if you have one.

Less Cleanup Begins with Shopping

When you begin your shopping list for a meal, ask yourself if there are any ingredients you could substitute that would not require another pot, pan, or preparation step. Some minimally processed examples that we use are precooked rice and grains, cans or jars of beans and lentils, and punchy condiments like preserved lemon paste, harissa, tahini, and tapenade.

Our second shopping trick is to delegate some dishes that reheat well to one of our favorite take-out places. Once again this year, we've ordered a fully cooked turkey for Thanksgiving that we will portion and reheat in sous vide packets. Other food items made in advance

will join the turkey in the sous vide pot. Sous vide cooking requires minimal cleanup.

You can also use foil, parchment, and silicone for easy cleaning. Penny often covers a sheet pan with both foil and parchment. For the best fit with parchment, wet it and crinkle it up before you put it in place. It is easier to mold to your container and stays in place better. She always uses a silicone or parchment liner in our air fryer to keep the basket clean.

Use One Pan, Sheet Pan, or Casserole

Penny is always on the lookout for one-pan meals. Many cookbooks and recipes feature this time-saving and clean-up-saving theme. We also maximize the use of casseroles and sheet pans by ensuring they are filled each time we use them. When we want roasted potatoes for supper, we'll add squash, sweet pota-



It's not the cooking. It's the clean-up!

toes, onions, and carrots. All of those reheat well for another meal. Making a double-size casserole is often as easy as making a smaller one, and you will have a second meal or something to add to your freezer stash.

As you look at a recipe, consider if you have one pan you could use for each step with little or no cleaning between ingredients. When making a big batch of our favorite ground

beef, mushroom, and lentil base for many meals, Penny cooked the mirepoix, removed it from the pan, cooked the ground beef, and removed it, then cooked the mushrooms and added canned lentils and the other cooked ingredients.

One final way to avoid having the cook do the clean-up is a combination of a cook who cleans a bit as they go and moving soiled items onto a tray

and out of the kitchen. A volunteer can clean these items during a long pause in active cooking while something simmers or roasts or after the cook is finished with the cooking session.

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

MBTA announces return of subway line managers

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) announced the return of Subway Line Managers as part of a comprehensive effort to maintain the visual appearance and upkeep of subway stations systemwide. With a renewed focus on providing the best in-station experience for the public, the MBTA's Subway Line Managers provide hands-on management of station conditions, ensuring that facilities are clean, safe, and welcoming for all riders.

er, and more welcoming. I hope riders see and feel that improvements are happening, and our team members, under Dennis Varley's leadership, want every rider to take pride in their public transit system right here in Massachusetts. So, I welcome Amanda Bright, Mike Brunache, Alexander Soto, and Jaleesa Turner for being on the team and taking on this challenge."

Elevating Station Management Under the Chief of Stations

Brought back at the direction of General Manager Eng and MBTA Chief of Stations Dennis Varley, the Subway Line Manager position furthers the MBTA's efforts to build a dynamic stations and facilities team that can proactively tackle in-station challenges. The Subway Line Managers report to the MBTA's Deputy Chief of Stations within the Transit Facilities Management team led by Varley. These new managers - Amanda Bright on the

Red Line, Mike Brunache on the Orange Line, Alexander Soto on the Blue Line, and Jaleesa Turner on the Green Line - will ensure that the MBTA's transit stations are maintained to meet the needs of the community. They will report directly to Varley's team, providing continuous feedback and facilitating improvements based on real-time assessments of station conditions.

Subway Line Managers Key Responsibilities

Focused on the rider experience, Subway Line Managers will be responsible for the following on each of their respective subway lines:

- Oversee station appearance: Ensure safety and visual appeal and conduct regular inspections.
- Report and address issues: Identify and report station conditions, make necessary adjustments as needed in order to improve rider experience, and coordinate maintenance, repairs, and cleaning with relevant departments as

needed

- Escalate concerns: Facilitate repairs and promptly escalate any safety-related issues.

"I'm looking forward to all of the great work we'll accomplish together," said Chief of Stations Varley. "Stations are supposed to be inviting and efficient spaces for our riding public and we look forward to working together to ensure they meet the public's expectations."

More about the Subway Line Managers

Red Line Subway Manager Amanda Bright:

A veteran MBTA employee of 17 years, Amanda Bright joined the MBTA in 2007, holding various roles on the Revenue, Vendor Management, and Automated Fare Collection teams. Bright holds extensive experience in coordinating closely with the MBTA's Maintenance Control Center, serving as a leading inter-departmental liaison, and successfully implementing projects and assignments.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Southern New Hampshire University.

Orange Line Subway Manager Mike Brunache:

With strong leadership, program management, and rider communication experience, Mike Brunache joins the MBTA from Keolis Commuter Services (Keolis) where he served as a Commuter Rail Conductor for the last decade, assisting passengers, providing riders with information, and answering questions from the public. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Newbury College.

Blue Line Subway Manager Alexander Soto:

Alexander Soto comes to the MBTA with 15 years of facilities leadership and satisfaction experience in the academic and health-care sectors, most recently working as an Assistant Director of Building Services and Event Support at Babson College since 2020 where he ensured

the service of all on-campus buildings and facilities. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Southern New Hampshire University.

Green Line Subway Manager Jaleesa Turner:

With over a decade in customer service roles, Jaleesa Turner also comes to the MBTA most recently from Keolis where she first served as an Assistant Conductor in 2018 before becoming a Manager of Terminal Operations in 2020, working collaboratively with internal employees and departments to ensure effective rail operations. She holds a Master of Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University and a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Salem State University.

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