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BOB MARRA PHOTO

Melize Siliro (0) accelerates past a Mystic Valley defender and drives to the basket during the recent game against Mystic Valley Regional Charter School. See page 6 for more photos.

Milestones City Manager delivers annual State of the City Address

Special to the Record

City Manager Fidel Maltez gave the annual State of the City Address in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday night. During the address, Maltez looked back at the city's celebration of its 400th anniversary and ahead to the Chelsea Pa'Lante, Chelsea Onward comprehensive planning process that will take place over the next two years. The text of Maltez's speech is below:

Good evening, it is my honor to stand before you today, as your City Manager, and present the state of our city. I start today by extending my deepest gratitude to all the hardworking leaders who have been instrumental in Chelsea's progress over the past year, including the members of our City Council, our School Committee, and our dedicated state delegation - Representative Judith Garcia and Senator Sal DiDomenico. To our City staff, public safety teams, and volunteers, thank you for all that you do to keep our city running. And most importantly, thank you to

the residents of Chelsea who continue to make this city a place of vibrancy and resilience.

In 2024, we reached an incredible milestone celebrating the 400th anniversary of our beloved City. Over a 12 month period, we came together to celebrate our history and honor the generations that have come before us. From the 400th Gala to Chelsea Day and the Chelsea 5k Road Race, this year showed our collective spirit. A special thank you to the Chelsea 400th Committee, our Law Department, Recreation, Fire, Police, Emergency Management, the Chamber of Commerce, and all the volunteers who helped make this year-long celebration a resounding success. Just as we honored the past, we also look toward the future. In alignment with our City Council, we announced Chelsea Pa'Lante, Chelsea Onward. This is our first comprehensive plan since 1970 and will help guide our City over the next 10 years. Chelsea Pa'Lante is

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Chelsea Women's Commission to host International Women's Day event

Special to the Record

The Chelsea Women's Commission will host an event for the International Women's Day on Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Chelsea City Hall Lawn.

This special gathering is an opportunity for the women and girls of Chelsea to come together in community, celebrate their collective strength, and engage in

meaningful conversations. The event will feature a small speaking program, a light breakfast, and a networking exercise, fostering connections and empowering participants to advocate for issues affecting women and girls in the city.

The Chelsea Women's Commission was established to serve as a voice and advocate for the women and girls of Chelsea. As part of its commitment to understand-

ing and addressing their needs, the Commission conducted a community-wide survey in 2024, engaging more than 100 residents to identify key concerns and opportunities for advocacy.

This International Women's Day event marks the Commission's official kick-off, setting the stage for future initiatives that will uplift and support Chelsea's women and girls.

"We are thrilled to launch

the Chelsea Women's Commission first community event with this gathering on International Women's Day," said Lourdes Alvarez, Women's Commission Chair. "This event is about bringing women together, fostering connections, and ensuring that the voices of Chelsea's women and girls are heard. We look forward to building a strong network

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School committee reaffirms sanctuary district designation

By Adam Swift

The school committee approved a resolution originally introduced by member Dr. Sarah Neville reaffirming to support and reaffirm the school district's status as a Sanctuary District in the wake of the presidential election.

The resolution also calls for the district to show its commitment to welcome, affirm, support, and educate students with diverse gender identities, expressions and sexual orientations, includ-

ing transgender and nonbinary students.

Chelsea Teachers' Union President Kathryn Anderson spoke in favor of the resolution during the public speaking portion of last week's school committee meeting. Several letters in support of the resolution were also read into the record.

"I've been impressed by all the different resources we have turned out in favor of our students and our families, and how quickly we

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DiDomenico, colleagues attend DOC reentry simulation

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently joined a Department of Corrections (DOC) simulated training, hosted by Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to experience the journey navigated by individuals re-

turning to their community after being released from incarceration. During the 2-hour interactive training, attendees assumed the role of a returning citizen and simulated the first 30 days post-release.

"I want to thank the

Healey-Driscoll Administration and Secretary Reidy for hosting my colleagues and me to learn what life looks like for individuals after they are released from prison," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "There are many obstacles that people

face when returning to their communities after prison and these are the kinds of events that help inform how we as a state can better support them to ensure everyone has a chance to get ahead and reduce recidivism."



Senator Sal DiDomenico (third from left) with State House colleagues at the reentry simulation event.

The Independent Newspaper Group Office will be Closed on Monday, Feb. 17th in observance of President's Day. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Deadlines are Friday, Feb. 14 at noon

TRASH NOTICE

Trash will be delayed by one day due to Presidents Day holiday on Monday, February 17, 2025

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DO YOU REMEMBER...



This week marks the 47th anniversary of the Great Blizzard of 1978, which dumped a record-setting 27 inches of snow on the Boston area, paralyzing the entire region. This photo by legendary Chelsea Record photographer Arnie Jarmak captured the scene inside the former Beacon Cafe on Lower Broadway, where patrons gathered to ride-out the storm and its aftermath. The Beacon, which was owned at that time by Rose Rudenstein, was a throwback to the pre-Prohibition era with its stamped-tin ceiling, weathered wood flooring, dark wood booths, tables, and paneling, and classic long mahogany bar. A copy of the Chelsea Record can be seen in the lower right of the photo. The sign in the upper left notes a beer special for 60 cents.

Fundraising continues for school project on County Road

By Adam Swift

The renovation of the First Congregational Church at 26 County Road will provide the school district with a new home for the Chelsea Opportunity Academy, the Intergenerational Literacy Program, and the Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy.

In addition to serving as a new home to those programs, the project will also help create a new focal point for the district and community as well as open up space at the high school and the early learning center, according to school officials.

At last week's school committee meeting, Ron Schmidt provided an update on the project. Schmidt is the former principal of the Chelsea Opportunity Academy and now serves as the project manager for the County Road project.

"This is a beautiful church that we now own as part of the City of Chelsea and Chelsea Public Schools, up on a hill, majestic both inside and out," said Schmidt. "We are incredibly excited that this will be the future home of the Chelsea Opportunity Academy, of ILP, and the Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy."

Having the three programs housed in one building will allow for better communication and create more space for the entire district, he said.

"The Chelsea Opportunity Academy, as of yesterday, had 150 students and is growing and needs the space," said Schmidt.

The academy, which provides educational opportunities for students most in danger of leaving the school system, currently uses six classrooms at the high school.

In addition, the ILP, which provides language programs for Chelsea residents of all ages, is not a good fit at the early childhood center, Schmidt said.

"Right now, there are 300 to 400 people on a waiting list," he said. "This will provide dedicated space where they can be installed and have their own classrooms and deliver everything they have."

The renovations will also include office space to have everyone from the Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy in one building.

The renovation plans call for three floors of classroom and administrative space for the three programs, as well as areas for food, childcare, showering, and other services for students in the programs.

Schmidt noted that about 80 percent of the Chelsea students who are parents attend the Chelsea Opportunity Academy, and that having childcare on site will help those students overcome

some barriers to attendance.

While there will be major renovations inside to convert the building from a church to a school, Schmidt said the plan is to keep the four iconic arches with stained glass windows inside the building.

"The architects have done a beautiful job of preserving the iconic architecture that was designed and built over 100 years ago," he said, while also modernizing it for use as educational space.

The original renovation estimate for the building was \$10 million, with a \$5 million commitment from the city and the school department.

In addition, the project recently received \$1 million from Bob Hildreth, the founder of La Vida, Inc., Inversant, Inc., and Hildreth Institute, Inc., towards the renovations.

"We are on the path of meeting with some other people who are also capable of giving large donations," said Schmidt.

In addition, he said the project has a backup plan in place for a low-interest loan from Metro Credit Union if it does not raise the necessary money through donations.

"This has been a real opportunity to bring so many people together; we are very excited about this building," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta.

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The Chelsea Women's Commission (CWC) is dedicated to advocating for the needs and interests of women and girls in Chelsea. Through community engagement, research, and pol-

icy recommendations, the Commission aims to promote equity, empowerment, and opportunity for all. For more information about the CWC, visit www.chelseama.gov/women.

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of support and advocacy in the city."

All women and girls in Chelsea are encouraged to attend and be part of this important conversation. For more information, please contact Devon Fields at

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have worked with community organizations to connect families to resources," said Anderson. "I'm excited to see this resolution pass."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta thanked Neville and those who worked on the resolution.

"I want everyone to know that we care deeply about our families and our students and that we will ensure the privacy of student information as stated by the attorney general's office," said Abeyta. "We will also ensure that if ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) should come to our schools,

that we will follow the proper procedures as outlined by the attorney general."

Abeyta encouraged parents to continue to send their students to school and said the schools are safe.

"We want our children in school and we believe that school is a safe haven, is a sanctuary for our students," she said. "Many of our students need the services that our schools provide ... the social aspect of school, we learned from the pandemic that school is important and we need our children in school."

Neville also discussed the

importance of making sure accurate information is getting out into the community.

"I've seen a lot on social media, and even some media outlets, being irresponsible in the way they are spreading information," said Neville. "It is important to verify the information spreading before you share it and try to rely on factual things. If we are causing panic in the way we are spreading information, then it does more harm than good."

"People need to get to work, they need to get to school, and we can't be making people afraid to go out."

NEWS IN BRIEF

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DENISE JOY KARLIN

Happy Birthday (Feb. 10) to Denise Joy Karlin, valedictorian of the Chelsea High School Class of 1976.

Denise went on to graduate from Harvard College and Harvard Law School. Denise, who grew up on Shurtleff Street and attended the Shurtleff School, is the daughter of the late Reuben and Golda Karlin.

Also celebrating their birthdays on that day were the great CHS basketball star Michael Wozniak and St. John's Prep graduate Scott Feinstein, the outstanding 6-foot-5-inch center for Chelsea YMHA and AZA basketball teams.

COACHES WANTED FOR CHELSEA SPRING & SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMS

The city, in partnership with Chelsea's youth sports leagues, is seeking passionate, community-oriented individuals to fill volunteer coaching positions for its spring and summer sports teams. Coaching opportunities are available for various Chelsea sports teams, including Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Flag Football, and Girls Volleyball.

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to strengthen Chelsea's sports programs, Charlie Guiffrida, Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism, is supporting the community's youth sports leagues by helping recruit coaches.

"We've heard from many in the community who want to get involved, but aren't sure where to start," said Charlie Guiffrida, Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism for the City of Chelsea. "Volunteering as a coach for our community's youth sports leagues is a great way to make a positive impact on Chelsea's young athletes. Please help us support the next generation of athletes in our community and contribute to a more vibrant Chelsea."

Those interested in applying are encouraged to submit a brief letter of interest outlining their qualifications and experience to cguiffrida@chelseama.gov.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO INFORMATION SESSION ABOUT 9-1-1 DISPATCH REGIONALIZATION

The City of Chelsea is hosting a 9-1-1 Dispatch Regionalization Information Session to provide residents with information about the proposed regionalization of the 9-1-1 dispatch operations of Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop into a shared, state-of-the-art Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC).

The information session will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center located at 10 Riley Way. The event will also be livestreamed on Facebook at facebook.com/CityOfChelsea.

Hosted by the City of Chelsea, the information

session will feature a panel discussion led by 9-1-1 communication professionals from the current Metro North RECC and Chelsea's Director of Emergency Management Steve Staffier. It will also include a Question and Answer (Q&A) session.

The city has created a webpage dedicated to hosting information about the proposed regionalization at chelseama.gov/recc. On this page, community members can find answers to frequently asked questions, a proposed budget for the new center, a document clarifying the operational differences between Chelsea's current dispatch operations and operations in a Tier-1 Regional Center, and more.

If approved by the City Council, the operations will be consolidated into a shared, state-of-the-art RECC designed to enhance public safety by improving the efficiency and coordination of emergency dispatch services across the three communities.

The proposed site for the RECC is Revere's McKinley School — located 1.6 miles away from Chelsea City Hall.

By working together at a RECC, the communities can better respond to high-demand periods, reduce the burden on individual dispatch teams, and provide more efficient and consistent emergency services, according to city officials. Additional benefits to regionalization and information can be found at chelseama.gov/recc.

CITY TO HOST LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION SATURDAY

For the first time, a Lunar New Year celebration will be hosted at the Chelsea Public Library on Saturday, Feb 15 at 10 a.m.

Windy Pham, author and founder of Little Ant World, will bring a free celebration with interactive book readings, arts and crafts activities, martial arts performances, and food tastings for all families in Chelsea.

This project is supported in part by a Cultural Council Grant.

ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR UNLAWFUL REENTRY

An El Salvadoran man living in Chelsea was sentenced last week in federal court in Boston for unlawful reentry.

Benancio Martinez-Diaz, 38, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Leo T. Sorokin to four months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. Martinez-Diaz will be subject to deportation upon completion of his sentence. In October 2024, Martinez-Diaz pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful reentry. In July 2024, Martinez-Diaz was indicted by a federal grand jury in this case.

Between 2006 and 2014, Martinez-Diaz was deported/removed from the United States on five separate occa-

sions. He was most recently removed on or about May 30, 2014. On or about Oct. 8, 2023, Martinez-Diaz was arrested on state charges and Immigration and Customs Enforcement was notified and a detainer was lodged.

United States Attorney Leah B. Foley; Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England; and Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne Sullivan Jacobus of the Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.

INDIAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS IN AN APPLICATION FOR A U.S. PASSPORT AND TO FEDERAL AGENTS

An Indian national living in Chelsea was sentenced yesterday in federal court in Boston for making false statements in an application for a U.S. passport and making false statements to federal agents.

Sharn Parzival, 25, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard G. Stearns to time served (approximately five months) and one year of supervised release. Parzival is subject to deportation. In December 2024, Parzival pleaded guilty to an Information.

On Jan. 31, 2023, Parzival submitted an application for a U.S. passport at a post office in Somerville, Mass. In the application he claimed to have been born in Maryland and declared under penalty of perjury that he was a citizen or national of the United States.

As proof of identity and citizenship, Parzival submitted copies of a Massachusetts driver's license and a purported Maryland birth certificate. The investigation revealed, however, that Parzival had entered the country in 2021 from India on a non-immigrant student Visa but had thereafter been expelled by the school he was attending. Further investigation revealed that the birth certificate was fraudulent and that Maryland had never issued a birth certificate in Parzival's name.

On April 26, 2023, Parzival went to the office of the U.S. Department of State (DOS) in Boston to inquire about the status of his passport application. He agreed to be interviewed by DOS agents and made a number of false statements, including that he had been born in Maryland, that he had no affiliation with India and that he had never applied for a Visa. A fingerprint analyst subsequently compared Parzival's fingerprints to fingerprints that he provided when he applied for the Visa in India and concluded that they matched.

United States Attorney Leah B. Foley and Matthew O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service, Boston Field Office made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert E. Richardson of the Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Record encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.

We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to stephen.quigley@reverejournal.com

SENATOR DIDOMENICO TOURS CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently visited Chelsea High School to tour the building and learn about the many programs the students are offered.

This marks one of the many visits Senator DiDomenico is making to each and every K-12 school in his district. Education is a top priority for the Senator and hearing from superintendents, teachers, and students about what is and isn't working on the ground level is key to informing his legislative efforts to support our school system.

"I want to thank Chelsea Superintendent, Dr. Almi Abeyta, and the staff for hosting me," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I had the pleasure of speaking with Chelsea High School students about their interests and ideas for public education. Many of the ideas and policies that I introduce and advocate for are the result of hearing and listening to our students."

Senator Sal DiDomenico with Chelsea Superintendent, Dr. Almi Abeyta, and Chelsea High School staff.

Senator Sal DiDomenico with Chelsea Superintendent, Dr. Almi Abeyta, and Chelsea High School students and staff.

Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking to a Chelsea High School classroom.



Critical and significant drought conditions declared in several regions

Special to the Record

Following nearly six months of below-normal precipitation, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper declared the Central and Northeast regions have been raised to a Level - 3 Critical Drought. The Southeast, Cape and Islands regions have been elevated to a Level - 2 Significant Drought. The Connecticut River Valley and Western regions still have their previous statuses: Level 2 - Significant and Level - 1 Mild Drought.

As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level 3 - Critical Drought, Level 2 - Significant Drought, and a Level - 1 Mild Drought require detailed monitoring of drought conditions. These levels also require ongoing coordination among state and federal agencies to implement water use restrictions.

Additionally, engagement with municipalities, including local Boards of Health, is essential. This includes providing technical outreach and assistance to water suppliers and affected municipalities.

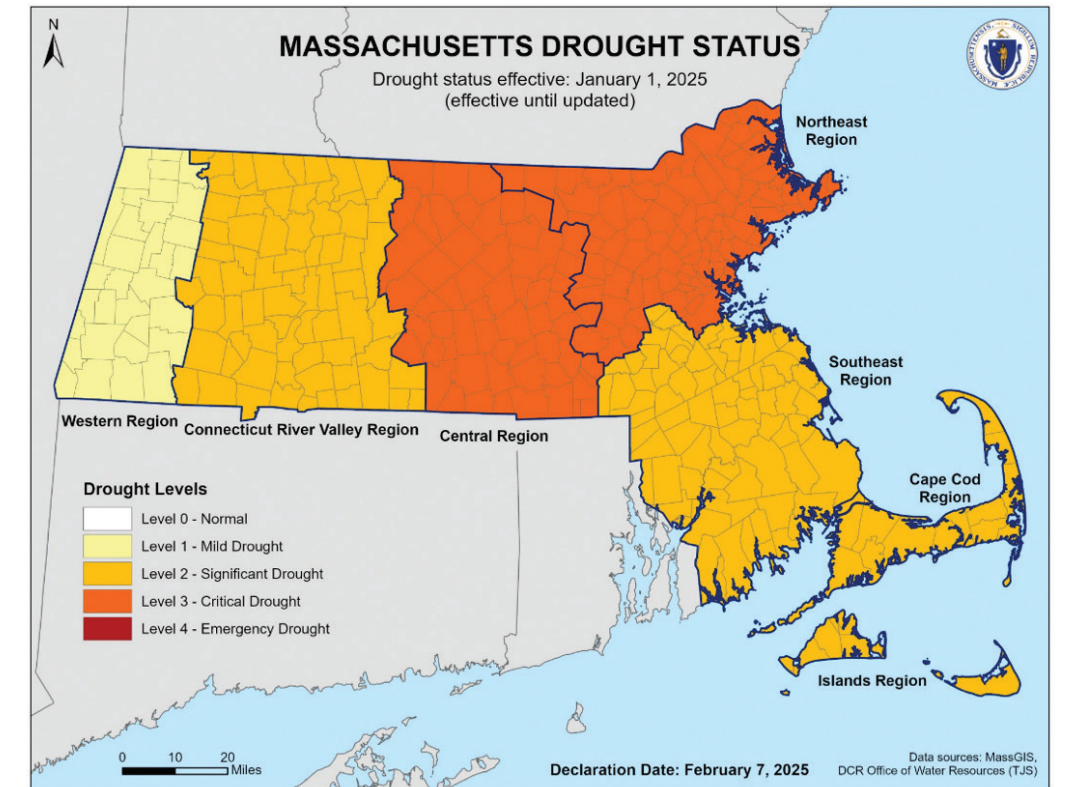
"Even with winter weather, several regions in our state are facing below-average precipitation," said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "To avoid overtaxing our water systems, we must prioritize indoor water conservation. It's essential that everyone follows state guidance and local water restrictions to ensure our drinking water stays available for everyone."

Over the past month, most of the state received between 1-2.5 inches of rain and snow, which is 1-13 inches below normal. Overall, most of the state has been in an 8-13 inch deficit since August. The Cape and Islands region is experiencing a 3.8-6 inch deficit in

precipitation. Despite the recent rain and snowfall, streamflow and groundwater have worsened in nearly all regions, and recharge that typically occurs at this time of the year to reservoirs and groundwater lagging. Residents can report dry environmental conditions they are experiencing and submit photos to support state drought monitoring efforts here.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing their water systems, including assistance on the use of emergency connections and water supplies.

It is important to note that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. However, private well users and other



er sources of water within the same river basins are impacted by drought conditions. All sources of water, regardless of their location or type of withdrawal, ultimately draw from the same river basin. It is important

for all users to do their part to conserve water.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 3 - Critical Drought, Level 2 - Significant Drought,

and Level 1 - Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water

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Region	Drought Level Declaration	Previous Month
Western	Level 1 - Mild Drought	Level 1 - Mild Drought
Connecticut River Valley	Level 2 - Significant Drought	Level 2 - Significant Drought
Central	Level 3 - Critical Drought	Level 2 - Significant Drought
Northeast	Level 3 - Critical Drought	Level 2 - Significant Drought
Southeast	Level 2 - Significant Drought	Level 1 - Mild Drought
Cape Cod	Level 2 - Significant Drought	Level 1 - Mild Drought
Islands	Level 2 - Significant Drought	Level 1 - Mild Drought

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TRAFFIC SPEED CAMERAS ARE A BAD IDEA -- RED LIGHTS ARE BETTER

As our regular readers know, when it comes to the issue of motor vehicle safety, we take a back seat (pun intended) to no one.

However, we believe that the budget put forward by Gov. Maura Healey that would allow local and state authorities to place traffic speed cameras on our roadways is misguided.

In a nutshell, the legislation provides that tickets for \$25 may be issued to persons operating 11 miles or more over the speed limit and \$100 to those driving more than 25 over the limit. A first offense within any two-year period would result in a warning. In addition, the tickets would not go on a person's driving record for insurance purposes. They would essentially be the same as a parking ticket.

Our objections are as follows:

First, state law requires that, absent exigent circumstances, a police officer must issue a citation for a moving infraction at the time and place of the violation. This ensures that the officer is giving the citation to the person who is committing the violation. However, the traffic cameras only will be capturing a license plate, which means that the ticket will be sent to the registered owner without regard to whether the owner was actually the operator of the vehicle. If your child (or spouse, friend, or somebody else) is speeding in your car, you're stuck with the ticket and the hassle of trying to prove your innocence.

Second, local authorities (who are limited to installing one camera per 5000 of population in their communities) presumably will be installing these cameras on their most heavily-traveled roadways. However, this invariably means that non-residents, who may not be familiar with the speed limit on those roads, will be the ones who will be subject to getting a ticket. This will be doubly true because the speed limits on almost every local road in this state are poorly-marked and often change (up or down) without warning. In some communities, there is a discreet sign at the entrance to the town that the speed limit in that community is 25 m.p.h. "unless posted otherwise." Given the scattershot nature of speed limit postings across the state's 351 cities and towns, issuing speeding tickets based on a camera will be inherently unfair and arbitrary.

Third, the cameras will not deter those drivers who are the real problem: Habitual traffic offenders who speed excessively on a routine basis. In fact, the cameras will give them a green light (again, pun intended) to speed. If the tickets under the new system will have no real consequences for either their license or their insurance premiums, these habitual offenders will be able to drive as they like with impunity. For the juvenile-minded members of the Fast and Furious crowd, the ticket will not even be a slap on the wrist.

And that brings us to our fourth problem with the new law: Relying on traffic cameras to enforce the traffic laws on the main roads in our state will make our roadways less safe. Traffic stops by police officers do not merely deter unsafe drivers, but they also remove from our roads persons who have suspended licenses, court warrants, vehicles that are unregistered and uninsured, and drivers who are under the influence -- 40 percent of speeding drivers in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or above. A camera will address none of those issues -- leaving criminals and those under the influence to operate on our roads without fear of the possible consequences.

More broadly, if communities take the cheap way out, so to speak, by replacing officers with cameras, the entire community will be a lot less safe. We realize that every city and town in the state will soon be facing major budget issues and that many cities also are having a hard time filling the ranks of their police departments, but there is no substitute for having police officers patrolling our streets. In our view, if these cameras begin to replace police officers, our communities will be far less safe.

Finally, there is no doubt that most of these speed camera tickets will be issued to otherwise law-abiding and safe drivers, including many seniors, who might happen to exceed by a few miles the statutory threshold for a few seconds. We are being only semi-facetious in suggesting that drivers who obsessively are watching their speedometers and looking for changes in speed limit signs will add immeasurably to the plague of distracted driving. Driving 11 miles over the speed limit on most of our roadways is not unsafe, but the new law would punish normal everyday driving behavior.

But we have a better suggestion: If our state officials want to introduce traffic cameras, we think they should do so at red light intersections. More than 1100 persons nationwide, of whom half were pedestrians and bicyclists, were killed (and more than 100,000 were injured) in 2022 by motor vehicle operators who ran red lights. Statistics show that red light cameras reduce serious accidents of the horrific "T-bone" variety by 25 percent (although there is some evidence that rear-end accidents may increase).

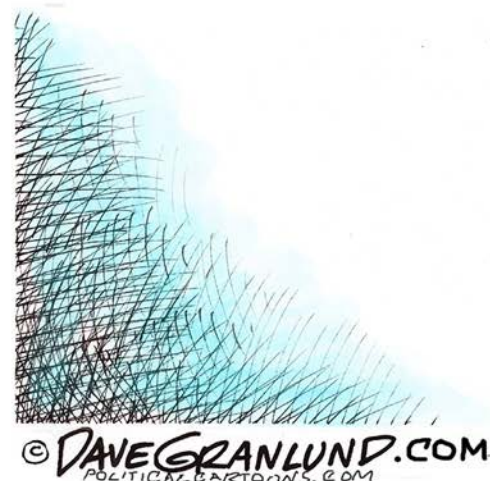
Large, clear signage at every red light intersection claiming that cameras are in use would be a huge deterrent to anyone who might be tempted to run a red light (i.e., every driver on the road).

In addition, by requiring that communities must conform the light signalizations on their local roads to nationally-accepted standards, this will make intersections safer for everybody.

So we urge our legislators, if they are inclined to introduce traffic cameras in Massachusetts, to allow these devices to be placed at red light intersections in order to achieve the goal of improving roadway safety with the least amount of intrusion upon everyday, law-abiding citizens.

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system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

For Regions in Level 3 – Critical Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use;
- Follow state water conservation actions and any local water use restrictions;
- Monitor total household water use shown on your water bill for sudden increases, which often indicate leaks. Use the MA Home Water Use Calculator tool to evaluate household water use;
- Fix any toilet or faucet leaks immediately. Check for leaks in homes and businesses regularly by:

Checking water meters for constant dial movement

Using dye tabs to check for toilet leaks

Conducting regular inspections of all pipes and fixtures, including those located in utility rooms, crawlspaces, and other hidden areas

• Use dishwashers rather than handwashing dishes. Run the dishwasher only on a full load;

• Aggressively reduce indoor water use by:

Reducing shower length and consider using a shower timer

Running washing machines only on a full load

Not letting water run while brushing and shaving

Replacing old fixtures and appliances with water-efficient ones. Make sure toilets, faucets, and showerheads are WaterSense labeled

• Stop all non-essential water use; and,

• Be extra cautious with outdoor fires, grills, and flammable materials.

Immediate Steps for Communities/Municipal-

ties:

- Provide timely information on the drought and on water conservation tips to local residents and businesses taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials;

• Enforce water use restrictions with increasingly stringent penalties;

• Strongly discourage or prohibit washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; and,

• Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users, identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities/Municipalities:

• Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials;

• Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates;

• Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,

• Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use and be particularly mindful of indoor water use;

• Follow local water use restrictions;

• Fix indoor leaks, such as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of indoor use;

• For larger buildings and

businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.

Immediate Steps for Communities/Municipalities:

• Limit or prohibit washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing.

• Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users, identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities/Municipalities:

• Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials;

• Provide timely information to local residents and businesses;

• Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates; and,

• Check emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,

• Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 1 – Mild Drought region.

For Region in Level 1 – Mild Drought

Residents and Businesses:

• Minimize overall water use;

• Follow local water use restrictions;

• Fix indoor leaks, such as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of indoor use;

• For larger buildings and

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• Fix indoor leaks, such as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of indoor use; and,

• For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.

Communities/Municipalities:

• Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials;

• Provide timely drought and water conservation information to local residents and businesses;

• Check emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,

• Develop a local drought management plan (learn more here).

State agencies will continue to closely monitor and assess conditions across the state, coordinate any needed dissemination of information

to the public, and help federal, state, and local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Thursday, March 6, at 10:00AM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, visit the EEA's drought and water conservation pages.

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not just a slogan; it's not just a plan; it is a declaration of our commitment to progress, growth, innovation, and inclusivity. I am pleased to report our City's finances are stronger than ever.

This fall, we received a clean financial audit and reviewed the findings with our City Council. We successfully closed out Fiscal Year 2024 and generated over \$33 Million in Free Cash. Funds we will use to complete major capital improvements and to replenish our rainy day accounts. Our annual comprehensive financial report was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for the 26th consecutive year. S&P Global affirmed the City's AA bond rating and confirmed our stable outlook. We also modernized our finance operations, including rolling out our employee self-service portal and eliminating wasteful printing practices. Our Finance team, led by Michael Mason, are laser focused on ensuring that our City's finances remain strong, while continuing to provide excellent municipal services to our residents.

While we are proud that our finances are strong, we know that uncertain financial times are ahead of us. We will not let our success blind us into unsustainable budgeting. We will rebuild reserves that will see us through the next downturn, whenever it may come. We owe this to our employees and to our residents.

Our efforts to improve communication between the City and its residents have paid off. In collaboration with Chelsea Community Cable, we launched a monthly series called Our Community and hired a rockstar communications manager, Lily Martin. We launched a weekly newsletter called the City News and activated Downtown Broadway Project announcements and a traffic advisory information page. In the last quarter of 2024, our online engagement has skyrocketed, with Facebook and Instagram reaching new audiences. In 2024, we did more than just connect online. We brought people together in person. We partnered with our Chelsea Police Department and local houses of worship to hold many Faith & Blue events. These gatherings fostered stronger community bonds and encouraged meaningful dialogue between residents and law enforcement. We held listening sessions with over 20 local organizations. These conversations were critical in getting City Hall into the community, listening to those that matter most, our community leaders and our residents.

We are excited to announce that in 2025 we will host those listening sessions again. Chelsea is more connected than ever, and as we move forward, we will continue to explore new ways to engage and inform as many residents as possible.

The City Council took a significant step forward in 2024 by establishing the Chelsea Women's Commission. This Commission is an intentional, dedicated group focused on advancing the wellbeing of women and girls in our community. The Commission has hosted monthly public meetings, engaged with Chelsea women and girls at key community events and surveyed residents to inform the creation of a comprehensive Women's Resource Guide.

In 2024 we launched Chelsea Electricity Choice, our municipal aggregation program, which provides



City Manager Fidel Maltez

our residents and small business owners with more stable and competitive electricity prices. In fact, Chelsea Electricity Choice offers some of the most competitive rates in the greater Boston area. This program brings significant savings and the rates are locked in for 24 months, and are not subject to seasonal or political swings, reducing financial uncertainty around energy costs.

Over the past year, we have also strengthened our efforts to hold bad landlords accountable. We heard loud and clear that the City has to fight for our residents. To do this, we formed a Housing Task Force, bringing together staff from Housing and Community Development, Inspectional Services, the Law Department, Police and Fire. This team has been focused on finding practical solutions to Chelsea's housing challenges and ensuring that our residents are protected. This group operates with a 'boots on the ground' approach to problem properties. Most recently, we created a new licensing process to hold property management companies accountable. In partnership with La Colaborativa, we supported free eviction defense for Chelsea residents, and hosted weekly Legal Housing Clinics at the Survival Center on Sixth Street. In the next few months we will launch Made App, a free, self-guided web tool that helps tenants prepare for eviction cases. We will continue empowering our residents and ensuring they have the resources they need to stay in their homes. La Colaborativa has been an invaluable ally in our work to tackle the housing crisis in Chelsea.

We have also seen a significant increase to our affordable housing stock this past year thanks to innovative public and private developments. We celebrated the grand opening of the DUO Apartments on Central Avenue, a \$155 million transformational development that built 330 mixed-income housing units. DUO replaced 96 units of aging public housing with brand new, energy efficient and ADA accessible affordable units. We are proud to have partnered with the Chelsea Housing Authority and private developers to bring this project to fruition. The Neighborhood Developers also developed 56 affordable rental apartments and 6 affordable homeownership units at 25 Sixth Street. The project redeveloped an underutilized industrial site next to the

Silver Line supporting our vision for transit oriented development.

Chelsea continues to grow, and we are committed to making sure affordability is part of that growth. In the fall we announced the launch of our Opioid Abatement Grant Program made possible by the Statewide Opioid Settlement cases. I am pleased to share that we have awarded significant grants to Roca and CAPIC, which will be paid out over the next three years. Additionally, our Micro Grant Program will provide up to \$2,500 to local groups through Fiscal Year 2038. A portion of these funds will also support Chelsea Police's Critical Incident Management System enabling the sharing of non-fatal drug overdose data across communities. I want to express my gratitude to Dan Cortez, Flor Amaya, Tracy Nowicki and Devon Fields for their work with opioid funds. Their dedication to tackling one of our community's most pressing challenges has been nothing short of extraordinary.

This year we also created our Lead Task Force. The task force is raising awareness about the dangers of lead and working to eliminate lead service lines in Chelsea's water system. Over the past year, our Task Force created a dedicated webpage; partnered with Clean Water Action and GreenRoots to enhance community outreach and education; Knocked on over 1,000 doors, engaging directly with residents and booked more than 300 service line inspection appointments. While we are pleased that over 200 lead service lines have been replaced, and more than 3,000 safe copper lines have been confirmed, our goal is clear: we will eliminate lead from Chelsea's water system and will ensure that every resident has access to safe drinking water.

Public safety is always top of mind in our community. We are proud to announce that in 2024, the Safe Streets Task Force, a partnership between the Chelsea Police Department and the FBI, made significant progress in dismantling gang leadership and reducing gang activity. Through Operation Eight Ball, the task force disrupted organized crime, leading to significant arrests and the seizure of weapons, currency, and property. The Downtown Task Force, a collaboration with Chelsea Police, local businesses, and service providers, also saw success. Thanks to proactive efforts, we have reduced graffiti, public drinking, and criminal activity in our downtown. The Chelsea Police-led HUB initiative continued to address complex social issues by offering coordinated interventions. In 2024, the HUB provided resources to over 1,000 residents, improving safety and strengthening community trust. Finally, our Police Department launched a Female Officer Enrichment

Program to empower our female officers with leadership skills in decision-making, crisis management, and community engagement, paving the way for a more inclusive leadership team in the department. Thank you Chief Houghton and the men and women of our Police Department for serving and protecting our community around the clock.

This past year, the Chelsea Fire Department welcomed Fire Chief John Quatieri. Under his leadership, collaboration and innovation have flourished, particularly with the launch of our SafetyNet Tracking Program. This program equips individuals with a tracker bracelet, allowing emergency personnel to locate them quickly when they are reported missing. Last month, the program was successfully road-tested when a missing child with autism was located within 20 minutes. This fall, the Fire Department also introduced a Fire Safety Education Program to teach residents and local groups critical fire prevention techniques. This includes in-person visits from the Fire Prevention team and tours of the Central Fire Station. In addition to these impressive efforts, the Fire Department responded to 13 working fires in 2024, including 8 multiple alarm fires. Multiple alarm fires involve large and fast-spreading blazes, demanding backup teams, and mutual aid from neighboring cities to extinguish the fire safely. I am grateful for the heroic efforts of our firefighters.

As the saying goes, "Not all heroes wear capes." And this past year, we celebrated the heroic actions of several firefighters. Lieutenant Omar Frometa, Firefighters Jamal Ahmed, Andrew Cerretani, and Christian Avelaneda were recognized for their bravery in rescuing two colleagues from a burning building. Firefighter Jeff Flores was recognized for saving lives while off duty, and Firefighter Euclides Barahona was honored for rescuing three occupants from a fire. Finally, Firefighter Miguel Acosta was recognized for performing life-saving CPR after a motor vehicle accident. We are also proud of our investments in infrastructure and sustainability.

In December, we launched our solar-powered microgrid project that will help us become more energy independent and resilient. This initiative is part of our broader strategy to protect the city's essential services and ensure the safety of our most vulnerable residents. Our microgrid project would not have been possible without the invaluable support of GreenRoots.

We also made significant progress on the Downtown Broadway Project, a \$30 million investment transforming our city's downtown with new roads, utilities, and pedestrian-friendly spaces. This project will make our downtown more accessible, vibrant, and wel-

coming. We look forward to completing Phase 1 of this project and beginning Phase 2. In 2024, the City continued our Storefront Improvement program, investing \$100,000 to enhance the storefronts of local businesses while supporting the local economy. Six businesses, including Lope-sa, Pupusas Las Delicias, and M&Y Jewelry, each received grants for storefront improvements, along with technical assistance from the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. A special thanks to Omar Miranda and the Chamber of Commerce for their partnership in this effort.

Art and culture play a crucial role in shaping the identity and vibrancy of our community. It enriches the daily lives of our residents, attracts visitors, supports local businesses, and spurs economic development. This year we hired our first dedicated Arts and Culture Manager, Lourdes Alvarez. This role will amplify our city's cultural offerings, foster artistic collaboration, and create programs that engage residents and visitors alike. In 2024 we focused on enhancing our parks and open spaces to improve our community's wellbeing. We hired our first Park and Open Space Manager, Bladimir Hernandez. Bladimir will manage all municipal parks, trees, and open spaces and oversee grants for park improvements and ADA upgrades. We took an underused lot and transformed it into Forsyth Pocket Park, a vibrant space with a patio, umbrellas, shade trees, native plants, and improved drainage. We renovated Bosson Park, which now has shaded lawns, new seating, new play equipment, a picnic area with a splash pad, a new basketball court, and, thanks to our dedicated DPW staff, dozens of healthy shade trees. Lastly, Highland Park underwent major upgrades and now features a new synthetic turf soccer field, improved drainage and bleachers.

I'd like to give a special shout out to Ben Cares, Emily Granoff, and the entire Housing & Community Development team. Your work fosters a healthier, more connected environment where residents can gather, play, and thrive together. In response to the community's call for a greater focus on youth sports, we hired Charlie Giuffrida as our Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism. Charlie has connected our leagues, coaches, and players to invaluable resources, including new sources of funding, equipment, and expertise. He has taken a

community-first approach, meeting with hundreds of students, parents, and stakeholders to create programs that truly reflect Chelsea's needs and aspirations.

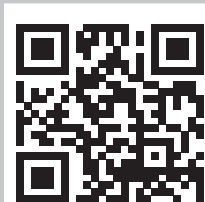
I am pleased to report that the City's relationship with Chelsea Public Schools is stronger than ever. Under the excellent leadership of Superintendent Dr. Almi Abeyta, Chelsea Public Schools continues to serve all students, including our most underserved populations. In 2024, the City purchased a vacant church, which, once renovated, will house the Chelsea Opportunity Academy and the Intergenerational Literacy Program, freeing up much-needed space at our Chelsea High School and the Early Learning Center. Over the summer, we renovated the Chelsea High School Cafeteria, expanding its seating capacity and kitchen space, resulting in a significantly improved student dining experience. We look forward to continuing to support Chelsea students from "cradle to career" in partnership with our Superintendent Almi Abeyta and the dedicated Chelsea Public Schools staff.

While there is uncertainty surrounding national policy, please rest assured that Chelsea will continue to protect the dignity and rights of every resident. We will continue to work with our legal partners so residents can understand their rights and protections under Massachusetts law. I am proud of the diverse community we have built here in Chelsea. We are stronger because of our immigrant population, and we will not let fear or misinformation divide us. I am confident that together we will overcome these challenges. We have done it before. We are a city of resilience, of strength, and of determination. This is the spirit that drives us onward—Chelsea Pa'Lante. In this spirit, we recorded the State of the City in Spanish, and it will be made available after this meeting by Chelsea Community Cable via Youtube.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for your dedication to the City of Chelsea. Thank you City Council for your continued support and engagement. Thank you to our staff and our community partners who continue to grow, innovate, and build a brighter future for us all. 2025 will bring us even greater achievements, and we will continue to honor our past while shaping a prosperous future. Thank you and May god bless the City of Chelsea.

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Sports

CHS GIRLS BASKETBALL FALLS TO MYSTIC VALLEY REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

Chelsea's two-game win streak was snapped in a 56-30 loss to Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in girls basketball competition Friday night at Chelsea High.

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Taylor Solano (10) plays close defense and blocks a shot by a MV forward.



Fatuma Iman, (14) and Jolaynnie Zayas (21, obscured) put a stop to a Mystic Valley offensive effort.



Monica Cespedes-Cruz (1) looks for a path to the basket.



Monica Cespedes-Cruz (1) looks one way and passes another



Fatuma Iman (14), Melize Siliro (0), and Jolaynnie Zayas (21) reach for a rebound.



Jess Bayarsakhan (7) looks for an outlet as she is double-teamed in the corner.



Jess Bayarsakhan(7) gets control of a rebound.

CHS Roundup

SIMON, RAMIREZ-VILLATA ARE GBL CHAMPIONS

Chelsea High sophomore Thania Simon won two GBL titles and senior Kiara Ramirez-Villata won another at last Monday's Greater Boston League (GBL) Championship Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Thania sprinted to victories in both of the dash events. She took first place in the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.56 seconds and in the 300m with a clocking of 43.41. Thania also took second place in the long jump with a leap of 15'-4" to score 28 points for the Lady Red Devils.

Ramirez-Villata won the shot-put in convincing fashion. Kiara's throw of 34'-0"

was more than five feet further than the second-place girl.

Sophomore Lilly Serrano turned in a superlative performance in the meet, scoring 6.25 points in three events with a fifth-place effort in the 55m dash in 7.95, a fourth-place in the 300m in 5.96, and running a leg of the sixth-place 4 x 200 relay team.

Also adding points to the CHS total and bringing home medals were: Angely Meia-Martinez with a fifth in the shot-put with a throw of 25'-6" and Hazel Hatleberg with a sixth in both the 1000 in a time of 3:42.97 and the two-mile with a clocking of 15:13.64.

The 4 x 200 relay team of Lilly Serrano, Ashly Damas Ruiz, Emelin Rosales, and Ashley Gomes earned sixth place medals with a time

of 2:06.61, as did the 4 x 400 relay team of Katherine Benitez, Cesia Flores, Emelin Rosales, and Ashly Damas Ruiz in a clocking of 5:10.2.

The Lady Red Devils tallied 50 points to finish in the top half of the eight-team GBL table behind Revere (124 points), Somerville (106 points), and Medford (55 points) and ahead of Lynn English, Everett, Malden, and Lynn Classical.

Members of the team who qualified will compete in the Division 3 State Meet tomorrow (Friday) at the Reggie Lewis Center.

BOYS 4 X 400 TEAM IS GBL CHAMPION

The Chelsea High 4 x

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BOSTON ANNUAL DINNER WAS A TREMENDOUSLY HAPPY OCCASION

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Held at the Omni Hotel Boston Seaport on Thursday, January 30, the Annual Dinner celebration finale was a performance by the Boys and Girls Club of Boston (BGCB) Clubhouse Band, with a young soloist from the Gerald and Darlene Jordan Club of Chelsea. The young fellow with great stage presence and a voice and dance moves to match singing Pharrell Williams' Happy song had the more than 900 attendees leaping out of their seats to sing along and groove with the young performer.

This final act was an apt ending to a festive and compelling evening of both kudos for its current successes and new challenges for the Boys & Girls Club for our city and its neighborhoods. The evening's theme of Transforming Tomorrow showcased the Club's more recent focus on expanding services for their teen members. As one Board member explained members join as kids and stay, so we need to provide opportunities for them across their stay with us. Dinner Co-chairs Thomas N. O'Brien and Kendalle Burlin O'Connell, along with Board Chair Melissa Weiner Janfaza,



Chair of the Board of Directors, Melissa Weiner Janfaza, gives her opening remarks.

underscored the need for both internships from local companies and contributions for those internships. The high energy format of the program was a late night talk show type set up, think Johnny Carson or David Letterman style interviews, nicely delivered by co-hosts, Rick Aggeler, Executive Director of Teen Strategy for the overall Club, and Tea, a long-standing now high school member of the Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center.

The program participants, including Jailah, a member of the Gerald and Darlene Jordan Club, shared the impact the teen programs have had on their lives. What this year's Annual Dinner truly highlighted is that, while the



Music Program Managers and Club Members from across Boys & Girls Club of Boston pose for a group photo after their performance.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston have been delivering fun and games for many years, they have added another element of teen services: tutoring, after school help, job readiness programs and internships to its older members, providing a full spectrum for youth development in the Boston area.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston CEO and President, Robert Lewis Jr., greeting guests.



A member of the Gerald and Darlene Jordan Club performing "Happy" by Pharrell Williams.



Ashley Freeman, Music Program Manager at the [Club Name], performs on stage at Annual Dinner.



Quincy Miller, President and Chief Operating Officer of Eastern Bank, Eneida Román, President & CEO of Amplify Latinx, Rose Staram, founder and CEO of RoseMark Production, and Herby Duverné, Principal and CEO of Taino Consulting Group pose for a photo at Annual Dinner.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

BEANPOT AND MORE...

Hockey fans will likely suffer withdrawal effects the next two weeks, as the NHL regular schedule is paused. There is a cure for that ailment, it is the 4 Nations Face-Off, instead of an All-Star Weekend, which will feature teams of NHL players representing the four nations of, Canada, Finland, Sweden and the United States facing off in Montreal and Boston. The tournament will consist of a total of seven games played over a nine-day period from February 12th to February 20th. Four games will be played at the Bell Centre in Montreal, and three games, including the championship match, at Boston's TD Garden in Boston. All games will be played in accordance with NHL rules. Each team will play three tournament games in a traditional Round Robin format, under the following points system: 3 points for a win in regulation time; 2 points for a win in overtime/shootout; 1 point for a loss in overtime/shootout; and 0 points for a loss in regulation time. The two teams with the best tournament record will then advance to a one-game Final.

The tournament begins in Montreal tomorrow night (Wednesday Feb. 12) at 8:00pm, with host Team Canada facing Team Swe-

den.



The second match will have Team USA taking on Team Finland on Thursday (Feb. 13), also at 8:00pm. Saturday (Feb. 15) will feature a pair of games, beginning with Team Finland battling Team Sweden in a 1:00pm matinee, and the second half of the pairing will have Team USA matching up against Team Canada at 8:00pm. Bruins players on Team USA will be goaltender Jeremy Swayman and defenseman Charlie McAvoy. Team Canada's roster will include Bruins captain Brad Marchand, and Elias Lindholm will appear on Team Sweden's roster.

The remaining three games, including the Championship Game, will be held at TD Garden. The opening contests will have the remainder of the games that will determine the two teams with the most points. Team Canada and Team Finland will begin the proceedings on Monday (Feb. 17), in a 1:00pm matinee, and the 8:00pm contest will have Team Sweden and Team USA battling to deter-

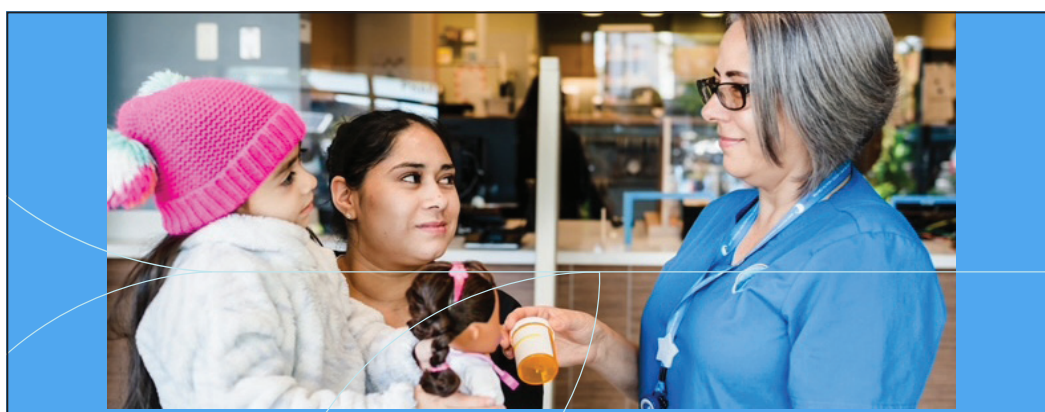
mine a winner. The Championship Game will be held on Thursday (Feb. 20), with the two teams with the most points will play for the 4 Nations Face-Off Trophy.

Men's Beanpot trophy won by Boston University

Cole Hutson scored what proved to be the game-winning goal, as Boston University bounced back from a one-goal deficit to down number one ranked Boston College by a score of 4-1, earning BU their 32nd Beanpot win. Hutson was rewarded with tournament MVP honors for his night's work. On a night with many highlights, including excellent performances by both goaltenders, Boston College net minder Jacob Fowler (40 saves) and Boston University's freshman puck stopper Mikhail Yegorov (43 saves) in a stalwart effort. Several solid penalty kills, and Boston University ended the night with a 200-foot empty net goal by Gavin McCarthy to put the final nail in Boston College's coffin.

Boston College scored first to take the lead early in the game, Boston University tied it up at 5:43 on a Boston College turnover. The Terriers added to their lead just over a minute later, as Hutson fired a wrist shot that

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North Shore Philharmonic Winter Concert Features music of Ravel, Barber, Rachmaninoff

Special to the Record

Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff's demanding Symphony No. 3 and Maurice Ravel's delightful "Mother Goose Suite" highlight the program when Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its Winter Concert Sunday, February 23 at Swampscott High School auditorium.

Concert time is 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at www.nspo.org for \$30, \$25 for seniors and students. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

Also on the concert program is the First Essay for Orchestra by American composer Samuel Barber.

Rachmaninoff, renowned for his works for piano, wrote three symphonies, with some 40 years separating the first and third. Critics claimed that the Third was too much a "modern" piece and it was not well-received by audiences. Over the years, however, Rachmaninoff's Third Symphony has earned its place in the symphonic repertoire for its orchestral color.



Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra "Winter" concert Sunday, February 23 at Swampscott High School.

Ravel, well-known his affection for children and animals, originally wrote a piano suite for four hands based on the famous Mother Goose stories in 1908 and four years later wrote the Orchestration. The imaginative, medodic music evokes the wonderment of the characters "Pavane for Sleeping Beauty", Tom Thumb, the Laideronette—Empress of the Pagodas, "Beauty and the Beast", and, finally, a celebration of nature in The Enchanted Garden.

Barber wrote the Essay for Orchestra in 1937—it was later retitled "First Essay for Orchestra"—apparently at the invitation to the celebrated Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini, who conducted the first performance with the NBC Symphony Orchestra in a program that included Barber's now-famous "Adagio for Strings." The Essay form of musical composition develops a complex and thoughtful work from a single thesis.



The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra performs its "Winter" Concert Sunday, February 23 at Swampscott High School.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra is playing its 76th season. Staffed largely by volunteer players, the NSPO is committed to providing affordable ac-

cess to quality classical music. The Orchestra strives to develop, train, and provide opportunities for young musicians, while providing a large range of programs

covering the full range of symphonic and pops repertoire for a diverse public. For full concert information, visit www.nspo.org or contact info@nspo.org.

Fire safety tips to keep your Valentine's Day safe

Special to the Record

This Valentine's Day, make sure your romantic gestures stay memorable for the right reasons. When lighting candles and cooking a special meal, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) says to closely monitor food cooking on the stove or in the oven, and to use candles with caution.

"If you're celebrating Valentine's Day at home this year, your plans likely include a special meal and candles," said Lorraine Car-

li, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Our goal is to help ensure that everyone enjoys the holiday with fire safety in mind."

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries year-round. Unattended cooking is a factor in over one-quarter (29 percent) of reported home cooking fires and half of the associated deaths.

Simple cooking safety tips include the following:

- Stay in the kitchen when

frying, grilling, or broiling food.

- Have a "kid and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove.

- Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

- Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

Candles are also a leading cause of home fires and must be used with caution and supervision. NFPA data shows that half of all candle fires started when a flamma-

ble object — such as furniture, bedding, curtains, home décor, or clothing — was too close to a lit candle. In 21 percent of home candle fires, the candle was either left unattended, discarded, or otherwise misused. More than one-third of candle fires (36 percent) started in the bedroom.

Consider using batter-operated flameless candles, which proved a similar look and feel to real candles while eliminating the risk of fire.

If you do plan to use real candles, NFPA recommends

the following:

- Don't use lit candles in bedrooms, bathrooms, and sleeping areas.

- Use stable candle holders and place candles where they can't be easily knocked over.

- Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.

- Keep hair and loose clothing away from the flame.

- Don't burn a candle all the way down --- put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.

- Store matches and lighters up high, out of children's reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

- Never leave a burning candle unattended.

- Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to bed.

For more information about cooking and candle safety, visit our cooking safety and candle safety pages.

In addition, NFPA encourages the public to make sure they have working smoke alarms and develop and practice a home escape plan.

Valentine's Days tips for finding love, romance or just a dinner date

Special to the Record

Whether you're in a committed relationship, swiping to find that special someone or taking a break from dating, as Valentine's Day approaches it's obvious that love is in the air. Experts from the University of New Hampshire share some advice to pinpoint your partner's passion, design dating that fits you—no matter your age—and how to navigate today's technology to better make that love con-

nection.

Skip the Grand Gestures

"Valentine's Day can feel like a big test of how romantic we are and how much we love our partners," said Tyler Jamison, associate professor of human development and family studies. "Trying to figure out the right balance of things to do and say can rob any joy Valentine's Day may bring."

Jamison, a family and relationship expert focusing on how people learn the skills they need to build and

maintain strong relationships, said one of the keys to a happy partnership is asking your partner for what you need and want. Take the guessing out of the mix and use Valentine's Day as motivation to practice communicating more openly. For example, take the pressure off by letting them know what would make the day special—a dozen tulips, eating pizza in sweatpants or even skipping the holiday altogether. Valentine's Day can be a minefield of expect-

tations but if you focus on what is important to you as a couple, it can be an opportunity to develop healthier, more authentic relationships and share a little love that might get lost in everyday life.

It's also an opportunity to show that you have the pulse of your partner's favorite things. Rather than gifting chocolate and flowers, think of something that your partner loves, like watching a favorite movie (even if you don't like it) or gifting them the next book in a series they can't put down. The best gifts are not necessarily the most elaborate or expensive, but ones that show you understand and appreciate your partner.

"Six or seven years ago, I told my husband that the best gift he could ever give me was writing down how he felt about me," said Jamison. "Now, for Valentine's Day and sometimes our anniversary, he will gift me with a typed list of things he likes about me or reasons he will never get tired of me. They are funny and sweet and I never would have gotten them without asking."

Looking for Love...

Later in Life

Dating, especially for older adults, can be daunting and exhausting. But if you're single and ready to mingle, Lauren Harris, assistant professor of human development and family studies has some advice.

"It's important to remember that you are never too old to find love," said Harris. "Dating can be a great way to meet new people

and find someone you just like spending time with—whether you are seeking a friend for an occasional dinner or a spouse to share the next chapter of life—and you can design the dating and relationship experience that fits you best."

Ready for romance? Time to get out there.

Harris, who researches how gender and age shape older adults' dating experiences, said meeting new people will increase your chances of finding someone special. Here are her tips:

- Determine what you're looking for. What is important to you—attraction, sense of humor, lifestyle, spending time with family.

- Are you looking for companionship or marriage? Many older adults, particularly women, are just seeking a companion—someone they can spend time with, travel, see a movie and share a dinner—while others are hoping to find a life partner.

- Join a new group, volunteer or take a class—it can help find people with like interests.

- Tell your friends and family you are ready to start dating.

- Consider online dating—people over 50 are the fastest growing group of online daters.

Tik Tok NO!

Swiping your phone to find a date may be exciting and effective, but technology can impact relationships for the better and the worse. Marissa Mosley, assistant professor of human development and family studies,

said when building a healthy relationship it's important to realize that there is a time and place for technology.

"Looking for love online, and communicating via email and text once you connect, can open up dating possibilities and help get to know someone, but once you're on that date, it's time to put the phone down," said Mosley who is also a marriage and family therapist. "A sweet text or emoji can be fun flirting when courting but if you're out to dinner, or living together, it's important to communicate—in person—to each other to build a healthy relationship."

Mosley's research explores the role of phubbing—paying more attention to a cell phone than a partner—and how that can affect both partners. While it can help increase emotional connections it can also drive a wedge between partners if one is feeling neglected.

Mosley's advice to make the most of this Valentine's Day:

- Go phub-free—turn off cell phones as you enjoy a romantic dinner for just two.

- Arrange a movie night to watch a favorite flick—make popcorn, cuddle on the couch and share the experience—no phones or tablets allowed.

- If your partner spends too much time online or on their phone because they experience the fear of missing out (FOMO), it's important communicate how that makes you feel.

Clinton Street park named for Jaime M. Hernandez

By Adam Swift

One of the city's newest parks, a 27,000-square-foot space in the Mill Hill Neighborhood at 88 Clinton Street, will be named for the late Chelsea resident Jaime M. Hernandez.

The city council approved naming the park after Hernandez, who died last October, at its meeting on Monday night.

"In the fall of 2024, the City and GreenRoots launched a robust community naming process, engaging over 500 residents in selecting a name for the park," stated City Manager Fidel Maltez. "The community overwhelming chose to honor Mr. Jaime M. Hernandez, a beloved Chelsea resident and community leader whose 30-year jour-

ney in Chelsea made a lasting impact on our city, and who sadly passed away on October 21, 2024."

Hernandez was born in San Vicente, El Salvador and was a devoted family man whose love for his wife, Reina, and their children, Danielamarina and Jaime Jose, was the foundation of his life, Maltez said.

"His deep ties to Chelsea and his tireless support for his hometown in El Salvador reflected his commitment to serving others," Maltez stated. "Jaime's passion for sports, volunteer work, and fostering community connections inspired all who knew him. He was a vibrant leader whose generosity continues to resonate within our community."

Naming the park after Hernandez reflects not only his legacy, but also the city's commitment to integrating the diverse cultures and stories of its residents in the fabric of Chelsea's future, Maltez added.

The project at 88 Clinton Street was completed at the end of December.

"This new open space will serve as a refuge from extreme heat, a place for community gathering, and a celebration of the natural beauty of Mill Creek," said Maltez.

The park is designed to promote climate resilience through green infrastructure, provide spaces for intergenerational use, and offer opportunities for reflection, education, and community connection.

CHELSEA TURNS OUT TO SUPPORT JOSH KRAFT AT MAYORAL CAMPAIGN RECEPTION

Chelsea residents and community leaders joined a capacity crowd of supporters at a campaign reception for Josh Kraft, who has announced that he is running for Mayor of Boston.

Kraft is a well known figure in the city of Chelsea for his incredible work as the founder and executive

director of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club. Kraft led a fundraising drive for the construction of the state-of-the-art \$11 million clubhouse on Willow Street.

Mark White, son of former Boston Mayor, the late Kevin H. White, introduced Kraft to the large and enthusiastic crowd.



Mark White, Josh Kraft, and Mark Robinson.



Josh Kraft and Cataldo Ambulance President Dennis Cataldo.



Former state senator Frank Mastrocola, Michelle Perez, and Judy Mastrocola.



Mayoral candidate Josh Kraft, with Arlene Robinson, and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Shelagh Mahoney McNamee, Josh Kraft, and Jennifer Meehan.



Well-known Chelsea resident and community leader Carolyn Boumila-Vega and Josh Kraft.



Hilton Garden Inn Sales Manager Steve Haley, Boston mayoral candidate Josh Kraft, Hilton Garden Inn Catering Manager Gina Guange, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Past President Joseph Vinard.



The McNamee family welcomes Josh Kraft to the Eastern Minerals community room where the fundraiser was held. From left, are Joseph McNamee, Josh Kraft, Shelagh Mahoney McNamee, Sean McNamee, and Michael McNamee.

Bruins Beat // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

found the back of the net. It was 'game over' from there, as Boston University held their ground and the lead, to earn themselves well-deserved bragging rights. Boston University head coach Jay Pandolfo heaped praise on his team, stating, "They are a competitive bunch of guys, I'm just so proud of them, and I'm really happy for them."

In the consolation game, Harvard outlasted Northeastern by a score of 4-3, in a physical game, full of penalties. The Huskies were hit with a five-minute major penalty to Joaquim Lemay, for crosschecking, Harvard was unable to capitalize on it, and it resulted in a tightly contested game right up until the final minute. Harvard was able to pot four power play goals, two off the stick

of Mason Langenbrunner, a Bruins fifth round draft pick from the 2020 NHL Draft, and it proved to be the difference in the consolation game's outcome.

Charlie Jacobs Joins The USA Hockey Foundation Board of Directors

The USA Hockey Foundation announced that Charlie Jacobs, chief executive officer of both the Boston Bruins and Delaware North, will join its Board of Directors. An influential leader in the sports and entertainment industry, Jacobs, who also serves as alternate governor for the Bruins, brings extensive experience in sports management and philanthropy that will be invaluable in furthering The USA Hockey Foundation's mission of supporting grassroots hock-

ey development, player safety initiatives, and access to the game for all. Jacobs founded the Boston Bruins Foundation in 2003 and since its inception more than 67 million dollars has been raised to help in supporting a strong support system for children and families in the community though education, athletics, and health and wellness. Jacobs joins a distinguished group of leaders committed to advancing the Foundation's efforts in strengthening hockey across the country. His involvement will support ongoing initiatives to enhance opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels, while also promoting the values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.



BU Law School students Jack Leary, Lila Norris, and Ellery Robinson greet mayoral candidate Josh Kraft at the campaign reception.



The Robinson family turned out to support mayoral candidate Josh Kraft at the campaign kickoff reception.

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Healey-Driscoll Administration announces DCR's free family programming for school vacation week

As part of the agency's commitment to providing safe and fun recreational opportunities for young people across the state, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced its lineup of February school vacation week programming. This year, the agency is offering families 79 free, engaging and educational programs at 20 state parks and watersheds ranging from guided hikes to animal tracking, craft making, and maple sugaring. Programs will run from Saturday, February 15, through Sunday, February 23, with the goal of inspiring kids to get outdoors and experience the beauty of the Massachusetts State Parks system.

"School may be closed for the week, but we're continuing the learning in outdoor classrooms. Our February school break pro-

gramming is a great way for us to teach kids about the natural world around them and help inspire the next generation of environmental stewards," said DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo. "We hope this slate of fun and educational programming brings some new and curious minds to our properties next week. Our team of park interpreters looks forward to meeting and welcoming students across the state."

To celebrate school vacation week, DCR is waiving parking fees at parks offering programming. In addition to offering programming DCR is extending public skating hours during the week at its agency-managed rinks from 10 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. daily. DCR will also continue to offer its regular programming, including self-guided hikes,

and visitor centers will be open for people to enjoy exhibits. For details about staff-led programs and self-guide activities, visit DCR's website.

Additionally, DCR is offering adaptive programming during February vacation week.

DCR encourages participants to tweet, post, and tag photos on social media using @MassDCR. DCR is promoting this year's February break programming with engaging videos and fun graphics on its social media channels, including X (Twitter), Instagram and Threads. For a full list of all programming offered during school vacation week visit DCR's website.

Highlights from next week's February break programming include:

Boston Region

Dream Street StoryWalk® at Roxbury Heri-

tage State Park, 183 Roxbury St., Boston

Saturday, February 15 - Tuesday, February 25, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Visit Dream Street, where everyone is special, and children believe their dreams will come true! This magical story celebrates the Roxbury neighborhood where the author and her cousin, award-winning illustrator Ekua Holmes, grew up.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

Ice Skating Party at Steriti Rink, 561 Commercial

St., Boston

Friday, February 21, 12 - 4 p.m.

Join DCR and Boston Harbor Now as part of the Highland Street Foundation's Winter Camp for a day of ice skating at the Steriti Memorial Skating Rink in Boston's North End neighborhood. Choose from sessions lasting 45 minutes each, starting at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Rental skates will be provided for free! Skate and dance along with music by DJ WhySham, enjoy Regina Pizzeria, Munchkin Donut Holes, and drinks when not on the rink. Don't forget to bring a water bottle!

Pre-registration is highly* encouraged for groups of 10 or more or if you have a time constraint, but there will be capacity for walk-ups during all skating sessions. Ice

Skating Party at Steriti Memorial Rink! at Highland Street Winter Camp Tickets, Fri, Feb 21, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. | Eventbrite

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner Brian Arrigo, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the wellbeing of all. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2024-26

In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A and Section 34-108(b) of the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 6:00 PM

For Special Permit seeking approval to construct a planted screen of less than ten feet between the BR and R2 Districts at the premises known as: 105-115 Park Street, 12 Essex Street, 1 Ellsworth Street

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. 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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M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 2/13/25

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. SU24P1069GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114

In the interests of: Geraldine Martin of: Chelsea, MA

RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian of the Respondent. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

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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 the Court.

Date: January 30, 2025
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

2/13/25

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS HOUSE DOCTOR ENGINEERING & DESIGN SERVICES

FOR CHELSEA PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Qualifications for "House Doctor Engineering & Design Services for Chelsea Public Buildings and Grounds".

Request for Qualifications will be available on or after February 13, 2025 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php.

Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "House Doctor Engineering & Design Services for Chelsea Public Buildings and Grounds" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, March 06, 2025. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Announcement of Invitation to submit a REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The enclosed REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) and accompanying Specifications are for your convenience in submitting a proposal for the enclosed referenced products and services: Locker Room Renovation 65 Nahant Ave Revere, MA 02151

CAPIC CLOSING DAY AND TIME: Sealed proposals will be received no later than: March 7, 2025 at 10:00AM

Small and minority firms are encouraged to apply. The advertisement is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the request for proposals. CAPIC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Agency.

PLEASE MARK SEALED ENVELOPE: "Locker Room Renovation" RETURN PROPOSAL TO: Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. Attn: Richelle Cromwell, Executive Director 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14 Chelsea, MA 02150

Organizational Overview Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) invites qualified vendors to submit proposals to perform renovations for the locker room at the CAPIC Head Start Program in Revere, MA. CAPIC is a private, non-profit corporation chartered in 1967 and designated to identify and eradicate the root causes of poverty in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. CAPIC has been designated by the State and Federal Government as a Community Action Agency and currently employs approximately 115 employees. CAPIC's After School Program provides Project Description Demolish existing locker room space and renovate it into two classroom spaces with a connecting bathroom. The current structure measures 904 square feet. The perimeter is 273 feet. There is 1,423 square feet of ceramic wall. Currently there are 6 shower heads, 2 toilets, 1

urinal, and 4 sinks. They will need to be demolished to create space for the classrooms. A new sink and toilet will need to be installed in the new bathroom. New dry wall, flooring, lights, and an outside window will need to be installed. This project includes plumbing and electrical work.

Required Documents On 8.5" by 11" white paper in portrait orientation, include:

1. Your company name and address
2. Net terms
3. The list of above equipment, with unit, and extended pricing.
4. SOW for installation, including scheduling, and fees or penalties for termination

TAXES

CAPIC is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales tax; therefore, tax must not be included in the proposal price.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

* CAPIC reserves the right to accept any proposal or alternative proposal proposed in whole or in part, to reject any or all proposals or alternatives proposals in whole or in part and to waive irregularity and/or informalities in any proposal and to make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of CAPIC.

* CAPIC reserves the right not to consider any proposal which it determines to be unresponsive and deficient in any of the information requested within the RFP.

* CAPIC reserves the right to determine whether the scope of the project will be implemented entirely as described in the RFP, a portion of the scope, or that a revised scope be implemented. CAPIC appreciates your time and effort in preparing this proposal. Please note that all proposals must be received at the designated location by the above referenced deadline. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for the award of the contract, and will be considered void and unacceptable.

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Arbaiza Castellon of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Lourden Magdalena Castellon Arbaiza

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 02/20/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 28, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate

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be available on or after February 13, 2025 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php.

Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "On-Call Ordinary and Emergency Tree Work" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."

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grant was awarded for public social services and infrastructure improvements for Bloomingdale Street. Public social services funding supports Community Schools ESOL classes, a citizenship and immigration services program, the REACH program for at-risk middle and high school students and senior food delivery.

Comments will also be solicited on the use of remaining FY22/23 CDBG money for infrastructure improvements on Cottage Street, and on the upcoming FY25 application. The FY25 program is planned to include the renovation of the Tot Lot at Voke Park and improvements to Chelsea Housing Authority buildings. Public social services funding supports Community Schools ESOL classes, a citizenship and immigration services program, and the REACH program for at-risk middle and high school students. The City of Chelsea is a Mini-entitlement community that receives CDBG funds on a non-competitive basis for eligible activities. The City of Chelsea's Department of Housing and Development staff will implement the CDBG program. Staff from the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development will be present to hear any and all recommendations. All persons or organizations wishing to comment will be given an opportunity to be heard. You may also submit comments in writing by March 28, 2025 to the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA 02150. Attn: CDBG Program, or via email to bcres@chelseama.gov

Benjamin Cares Director, Housing and Community Development City of Chelsea 2/13/2025, 2/27/25

de Desarrollo Comunitario propuesta para el año y generar aportes públicos. Esta Audiencia Pública es requerida por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de Massachusetts antes de someter una solicitud a los fondos de CDBG. Los fondos CDBG pueden usarse para proyectos/ actividades elegibles en las categorías - incluidas pero no limitadas - rehabilitación de viviendas, desarrollo económico comunitario, instalaciones / infraestructura públicas, planificación y/o servicios públicos/sociales. La subvención del año fiscal 2024 se otorgó para servicios sociales públicos y mejoras de infraestructura para Bloomingdale Street. Los fondos de servicios sociales públicos apoyan las clases de ESOL de las escuelas comunitarias, un programa de servicios de ciudadanía e inmigración, el programa REACH para estudiantes de secundaria y preparatoria en riesgo y la entrega de alimentos para personas mayores. También se solicitarán comentarios sobre el uso del dinero restante del CDBG del año fiscal 22/23 para mejoras de infraestructura en Cottage Street y sobre la próxima solicitud para el año fiscal 2025. Está previsto que el programa del año fiscal 2025 incluya la renovación del Tot Lot en Voke Park y mejoras en los edificios de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Chelsea. Los fondos de servicios sociales públicos apoyan las clases de ESOL de las escuelas comunitarias, un programa de servicios de ciudadanía e inmigración y el programa REACH para estudiantes de secundaria y preparatoria en riesgo. La ciudad de Chelsea es una comunidad con mini-beneficios que recibe fondos CDBG de forma no competitiva para actividades elegibles. El personal del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Chelsea va a implementar el programa CDBG. Personal del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario va a estar presente para recibir cualquier y todas las recomendaciones. Todas las personas u organizaciones que deseen comentar tendrán la posibilidad de ser escuchadas. También puede enviar comentarios por escrito antes del 28 de marzo de 2025 al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario, 500 Broadway, Oficina 101, Chelsea, MA 02150. Attn: CDBG Programa, o por email a bcres@chelseama.gov. Ben Cares Director de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario Ciudad de Chelsea 2/13/2025, 2/27/25

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Chelsea Emergency Shelter and Homelessness Prevention

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "Chelsea Emergency Shelter and Homelessness Prevention".

Request for Proposals will be available on or after February 13, 2025 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php.

Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Chelsea Emergency Shelter and Homelessness Prevention" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

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This Request for Proposals is in accordance with

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. SU24P1069GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114

In the interests of: Geraldine Martin of: Chelsea, MA

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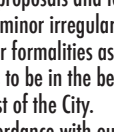
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Date: January 30, 2025
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

2/13/25

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Landscaping Services for Chelsea Public Schools".

Invitation for Bids will be available on or after February 13, 2025 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php.

Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Landscaping Services for Chelsea Public Schools" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, March 06, 2025.

The City of Chelsea

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Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 2/13/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Docket No. SU25CO075CA

In the matter of: Lourden Magdalena Arbaiza Castellon A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Lourden Magdalena

Arbaiza Castellon of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Lourden Magdalena Castellon Arbaiza

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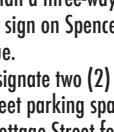
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Date: January 28, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate

2/13/25

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION FOR BIDS

On-Call Ordinary and Emergency Tree Work

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor, equipment and materials for "On-Call Ordinary and Emergency Tree Work".

Invitation for Bids will

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grant was awarded for public social services and infrastructure improvements for Bloomingdale Street. Public social services funding supports Community Schools ESOL classes, a citizenship and immigration services program, the REACH program for at-risk middle and high school students and senior food delivery.

Comments will also be solicited on the use of remaining FY22/23 CDBG money for infrastructure improvements on Cottage Street, and on the upcoming FY25 application. The FY25 program is planned to include the renovation of the Tot Lot at Voke Park and improvements to Chelsea Housing Authority buildings. Public social services funding supports Community Schools ESOL classes, a citizenship and immigration services program, and the REACH program for at-risk middle and high school students. The City of Chelsea is a Mini-entitlement community that receives CDBG funds on a non-competitive basis for eligible activities. The City of Chelsea's Department of Housing and Development staff will implement the CDBG program. Staff from the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development will be present to hear any and all recommendations. All persons or organizations wishing to comment will be given an opportunity to be heard. You may also submit comments in writing by March 28, 2025 to the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA 02150. Attn: CDBG Program, or via email to bcres@chelseama.gov

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de Desarrollo Comunitario propuesta para el año y generar aportes públicos. Esta Audiencia Pública es requerida por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de Massachusetts antes de someter una solicitud a los fondos de CDBG. Los fondos CDBG pueden usarse para proyectos/ actividades elegibles en las categorías - incluidas pero no limitadas - rehabilitación de viviendas, desarrollo económico comunitario, instalaciones / infraestructura públicas, planificación y/o servicios públicos/sociales. La subvención del año fiscal 2024 se otorgó para servicios sociales públicos y mejoras de infraestructura para Bloomingdale Street. Los fondos de servicios sociales públicos apoyan las clases de ESOL de las escuelas comunitarias, un programa de servicios de ciudadanía e inmigración, el programa REACH para estudiantes de secundaria y preparatoria en riesgo y la entrega de alimentos para personas mayores. También se solicitarán comentarios sobre el uso del dinero restante del CDBG del año fiscal 22/23 para mejoras de infraestructura en Cottage Street y sobre la próxima solicitud para el año fiscal 2025. Está previsto que el programa del año fiscal 2025 incluya la renovación del Tot Lot en Voke Park y mejoras en los edificios de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Chelsea. Los fondos de servicios sociales públicos apoyan las clases de ESOL de las escuelas comunitarias, un programa de servicios de ciudadanía e inmigración y el programa REACH para estudiantes de secundaria y preparatoria en riesgo. La ciudad de Chelsea es una comunidad con mini-beneficios que recibe fondos CDBG de forma no competitiva para actividades elegibles. El personal del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Chelsea va a implementar el programa CDBG. Personal del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario va a estar presente para recibir cualquier y todas las recomendaciones. Todas las personas u organizaciones que deseen comentar tendrán la posibilidad de ser escuchadas. También puede enviar comentarios por escrito antes del 28 de marzo de 2025 al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario, 500 Broadway, Oficina 101, Chelsea, MA 02150. Attn: CDBG Programa, o por email a bcres@chelseama.gov. Ben Cares Director de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario Ciudad de Chelsea 2/13/2025, 2/27/25

Tips to celebrate Valentine's Day with a loved one living with dementia

Valentine's Day can present unique challenges to relationships; loved ones living with dementia may not be able to express themselves or remember things as they did before the onset of the illness. To help caregivers affected by dementia, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) is encouraging families to follow H.E.A.R.T.—five tips on how to celebrate Valentine's Day with a loved one.

Help your loved one reminisce: Reminiscence activities provide valuable cognitive stimulation for someone living with dementia. Go through old photos together with your loved one and describe them—who the people are, where it was taken, what the occasion was, etc. Talking about moments you happily

enjoyed together—whether it's a vacation, celebration, or another occasion—is a great way to celebrate the love and special bond you share. Avoid asking the person questions such as “do you remember this?”

Enjoy flowers together: The time-honored Valentine's Day gift of flowers can have therapeutic benefits for someone living with dementia—the scent can be uplifting and can also stimulate the brain. Purchase a bouquet of fresh flowers (preferably ones which are non-toxic to humans or pets, such as roses, orchids, or sunflowers), set it on a table, and enjoy the fragrance together.

Adapt intimacy: Dementia's impact can make it difficult to do some things as you once did, but there are

numerous ways to maintain, restore or create intimacy, love and connection. Sharing a meal, watching a familiar movie, enjoying favorite music, or just taking a walk together are all ways to help stay connected. Non-verbal cues, such as gentle touching, smiles, and eye contact, can also maintain or strengthen connections with someone who may no longer be able to verbalize their emotions as before.

Reaffirm your feelings. Write a Valentine's card and read it out loud to your loved one. Even if they can no longer grasp the full meaning, they might feel the sentiments you are expressing. The act of writing it and communicating your love can also raise your own spirits.

Talk in the person's “love

language”: People give or receive love through “love languages,” such as touch, words of affirmation, quality time, gifts, and acts of service. Know what types of gestures your loved one responds positively to and try to “speak to them” in that love language. Keep in mind that these may change over time as the dementia-related illness progresses.

AFA's Helpline, staffed entirely by licensed social workers who are specifically trained in dementia care, can provide additional information and support for families. The Helpline is available seven days a week by phone (866-232-8484), text message (646-586-5283), and web chat (www.alzfdn.org).

OBITUARIES

Helena Bishop

1961-2024



Helena Elizabeth Bishop, 63, passed away peacefully on December 26, 2024, following a brief hospitalization at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Helena was born in Chelsea on March 6, 1961 to Maureen (Hearing) Bishop and Joseph Bishop. She grew up in Chelsea and Billerica and attended Billerica schools. She lived in Lowell for several years and again in Chelsea near the end of her life.

Helena liked making arts and crafts, especially ceramics; she loved her cats, especially Simba. Above all Helena was the proudest of her daughter, Brittany, who was the light of her life.

Helena is survived by her daughter, Brittany (Jordan) Pimental of LaCrosse, Florida; her mother, Maureen (Bishop) Halpin of Chelsea;

sisters: Deborah (Wayne) Follansbee of Florida; Maureen Russo of Lowell; brother, John Bishop of Florida and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father, Joseph Bishop and a brother, Rudy Ludemann.

Final arrangements were made in Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Helena's memory to the Massachusetts Humane Society (www.masshumane.org).

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400 quartet of Sherwin Kim, Joao Cassim, Bryan Amaya-Yanes, and Xavier Guzman brought home first-medals at last Monday's Greater Boston League (GBL) Championship Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

The foursome finished with a time of 3:43.89, barely edging the second-place Revere squad by 0.78 of a second.

In another relay event, the Red Devil 4 x 800 crew of Kyle Leong, Carlos Perez-Acosta, Eric Anderson, and Ivan Irias earned fourth-place medals with their time of 9:38.59.

The top individual finisher for Chelsea was Ariel Chacon-Aracena, who scored eight points and brought home a second-place medal in the shot-put with a throw of 46'-6". Teammate Adonis Alvarez-Umana earned a fifth-place medal in the shot with a toss of 39'-6".

Joao Cassim scored two points with a fifth place performance in the 300 dash in 38.70.

Xavier Guzman scored two points with a fifth-place effort in the 600m with a time of 1:29.50 and Sherwin Kim grabbed a sixth-place medal in the 600 in 1:33.35.

Carlos Perez-Acosta added a point and earned a medal with his sixth-place finish in the 1000m with a clocking of 2:56.00.

The Chelsea boys tallied 30 points at the meet to finish in fifth-place among the eight GBL teams who were competing.

CHS BOYS NEED TO RUN THE TABLE TO REACH TOURNEY

The Chelsea High boys basketball team will need to run the table in its final five games of the season if they hope to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

Coach Cesar Castro's Red Devils stand at 5-10 on the season and need to win out in order to finish with the .500 record that is needed to qualify for the post-season state tournament.

After pulling out an exciting 62-59 victory in overtime over Tech Boston in which junior Mo Osman paced Chelsea with 20 points and sophomore George Chappell made the game-winning basket, a win that Castro described as a “tough, gritty game,” the Red Devils came up short in contests this past week with Boston English and Lynn Tech.

The Devils were scheduled to begin their tourney quest last night (Wednes-

day) at East Boston and will host Medford tomorrow (Friday) evening at 6:00. They will play in a vaca-

tion week tournament at Lincoln Sudbury on Sunday and Monday and will wrap up their season by

hosting Lynn Classical next Wednesday for a 6:00 opening tip in the CHS gym.

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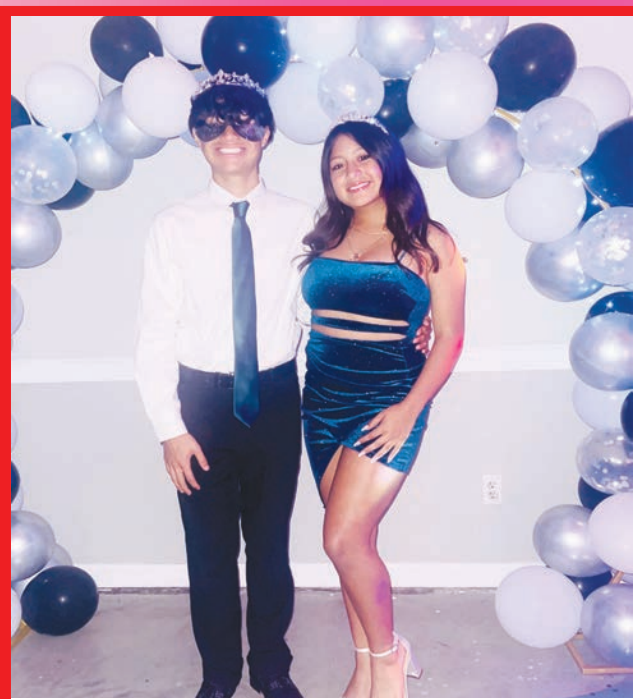
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