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## CHELSEA'S SPRING EGG HUNT HELD AT MARY C. BURKE COMPLEX



Children enjoy a meeting with the Easter Bunny at the Spring Egg Hunt Saturday at the Mary C. Burke Complex, hosted by Chelsea Recreation and Cultural Affairs and the Kiwanis Club. Shown right, Incoming Kiwanis Lt. Governor Eliane Monge and her daughter, Elianni Monge, are pictured at the Spring Egg Hunt Saturday at the Mary C. Burke Complex. See more photos on Page 3.



## Rep. Judith Garcia congratulates Chelsea on All-America City nomination

By Record Staff

State Rep. Judith Garcia said Chelsea's selection as a finalist for the All-America City Award "is a testament to the power of unity."

"It reflects the tireless dedication of our residents, organizations, small businesses, and leaders," said Garcia. "No challenge is too great when we face it together. I'm proud to stand with

Chelsea as we celebrate this remarkable achievement."

The National Civic League's All-America City Award Ceremony will be held in June in Denver, Colorado.

## Groups chosen as potential developers of Forbes property

By Adam Swift

The saga of the abandoned Forbes property took a major turn this spring.

In a letter to the city council earlier this month, City Manager Fidel Maltez stated that the receiver of the property approved a sale of the Forbes site to MassAudubon, who will be working with local groups GreenRoots and The Neighborhood Developers on the development of the site. However, the property owner has filed an appeal to that decision.

In 2019, the city approved a 585 residential unit project for the Forbes site, a significantly scaled back version of a plan first introduced by developers, YIHE Forbes of China, in 2015. The proposal also included some commercial development on the 17-plus acre site.

However, the international developer never made

any significant progress with the project and the site remained unused for years.

Last year, there was a massive 9-alarm fire on the property. Following the fire, Maltez said the Chelsea Law Department petitioned for the property to be placed into receivership.

"The courts granted the petition and a receiver was appointed to address the concerns in the property," stated Maltez. "The receiver has been working with our public safety teams to ensure that the property is in safe condition. The receiver has hired a company to board up the vacant buildings, and has hired a security company to complete patrols of the property."

Maltez said the receiver has also been working on selling the property to a responsible owner.

"After showing the property to several potential buyers, the receiver moved

forward with a motion to approve a sale to MassAudubon," stated Maltez.

At this time, Maltez said it is unclear when the appeal from the property owner will be resolved.

Councillor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera said the potential development is an exciting opportunity for the entire community.

"We are really going to be looking to do something with this property and open it up to not just the people who are going to be living there, if there are going to be housing developments, but also to the general public," said Jimenez-Rivera. "We are going to be doing something with this property, which is one of the largest areas of open space we have in the city. I want to highlight how exciting this is for our city."

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## Market Basket Update

### Maltez informs council about potential project plans

By Adam Swift

The future of the Market Basket property could include a new zoning overlay district to encourage development on the site.

City Manager Fidel Maltez provided the city council with an update on the development of the Market Basket property at last week's city council meeting.

"I am excited to share that the city received a \$1 million grant from the MBTA Community Catalyst Fund," stated Maltez. "This grant will focus on improving infrastructure on Second Street and Spruce

Street, paving the way for development on the Market Basket property, as well as development on Spruce Street that currently houses Bunker Hill Community College."

Market Basket has hired an architectural consultant to conduct a planning analysis for the property.

"The city has not seen this analysis yet, but we expect to receive them in a few months," stated Maltez. "Part of this analysis could include the creation of a new zoning overlay district to encourage development."

The draft of that potential overlay district includes

proposals raising the density to 150 units per acre and the maximum building height to 14 stories.

"Our staff has not completed their review of the proposed zoning, and the zoning has not been reviewed by our boards," Maltez said.

The city manager said once the review is completed, the administration will provide a recommendation on how to move forward.

"The city manager and I had met a while back with Market Basket to keep them on track to what the

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## Dorchester man charged in Chelsea explosion

Chelsea Police, in collaboration with the Chelsea Fire Department and Massachusetts State Police assigned to the State Fire Marshal's Office, made a swift arrest following a deliberate explosion on Sunday, April 6 in the vicinity of 1016 Revere Beach Parkway.

The suspect, identified as Douglas MacMillan, 40, of Dorchester, was apprehended on Tuesday, April 8, following a joint investigation that began immediately

after the incident. Surveillance footage and coordinated efforts by local and state agencies led to MacMillan being charged with possession of an incendiary device and malicious explosion — both felony offenses under state law. The incident, which involved a homemade explosive detonated near a residential walkway, caused a significant public disturbance. Fortunately, no injuries were reported, according to Chelsea police.

Investigators determined the device was purposefully ignited and left to explode next to a tree between apartment complexes.

"This arrest is a direct result of outstanding collaboration between the Chelsea Police Department, the Chelsea Fire Department, and the Massachusetts State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit," said Chelsea Police Chief

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COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Chelsea Zonta Club donating \$500 to the Chelsea Police Department's prom dress initiative.

## Zonta Club donates \$500 to Police prom dress initiative

The Chelsea Police Department recently announced a generous \$500 donation from the Zonta Club to support its "Chelsea's PROMise," an effort aimed at helping local students attend prom without the financial burden of buying or renting a dress.

Launched by the Chelsea Police Department and supported by the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, the initiative has already collected nearly 100 formal dresses through community donations. The goal is sim-

ple yet powerful: to ensure students in Chelsea have the opportunity to experience prom with confidence and style—regardless of financial barriers.

"We wanted to do more than just protect and serve—we wanted to uplift," said Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, who, along with the department's social media team, spearheaded the Prom drive. "With the help of local organizations and businesses, we've turned a simple idea into something truly impactful. The gen-

erosity of the Zonta Club brings us one step closer to making prom a dream come true for so many deserving young students."

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in coordinating fundraising efforts and will host a few special dress selection events throughout the month of April where Chelsea High School students can browse and choose their perfect gown in a boutique-style setting. As

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# Community invited to help create guidelines for new buildings in downtown

To protect and preserve Chelsea's historic districts in the downtown area, the Chelsea Historical Commission wants to create guidelines for how new buildings should be designed in these districts and is inviting the Chelsea community to participate in the process by attending a series of three community meetings:

The final meeting in the series will be held in person on Tuesday, April 29. Community members are encouraged to attend to provide their feedback on the

draft guidelines that were shaped by input from two previous meetings. Design guidelines play a crucial role in shaping the future of new development, influencing the aesthetics, character, and overall feel of neighborhoods and street-

scapes. The goal of this meeting is to ensure that the community's voice is heard and included in the development of these guidelines. Community participation will help shape the future of Chelsea's historic districts and ensure that new devel-

opments are both sensitive to the area's heritage and align with the community's vision for its future. Upcoming Meeting Details: In-person evening meeting Date: Tuesday, April 29

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Location: Chelsea Senior Center, 10 Riley Way For questions or more information, please contact William Cecio at [wccocio@chelseama.gov](mailto:wccocio@chelseama.gov) or (617) 466-4186.



The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy recently earned reaccreditation from the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, better known as the Pro Board. Pictured from left during a Pro Board site visit are Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier; Assistant Certification Coordinator Vashon Robinson of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy; Pro Board representatives Martinez Jacobs, Matt Sherwood, and Daniel Smith; MFA Registration Coordinator Kevin Robinson; and Dr. Sara Praguski Walsh, the MFA's instructional design and curriculum development specialist

## Firefighting Academy earns international reaccreditation

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announced that the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has received reaccreditation by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, better known as the Pro Board. "The Pro Board is the world's leading fire service accreditation organization," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The Academy's reaccreditation reflects our commitment to the highest standards of firefighter training and development at every level of experience, from recruits to veteran officers."

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is a division within the Department of Fire Services. It is also the operational arm of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is the sole certifying authority for Massachusetts fire service training. Certification is based on a student's knowledge, understanding, and execution of job performance requirements promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association. The Pro Board's 18-month process examined and validated the training, exam development, and testing processes that the Academy uses when assessing firefighters for more than 40 levels of professional certification. This entailed a comprehensive review of the job performance requirements for everything from fundamentals such as Firefighter I/II to specialized disciplines such as Hazardous Materials/WMD Technician. It also included a two-day site visit by members of the Pro Board Committee on Accreditation from Florida, Hawaii, and Texas, who met with Academy staff and DFS leadership, observed on-campus training, and examined test-

ing materials. The reaccreditation period will run for five years. "Pro Board accreditation is the gold standard for agencies like ours and I want to recognize the staff whose efforts led to this recognition," said State Fire Marshal Davine. He praised the professionalism of Academy instructors and administrative personnel, highlighting in particular the contributions of Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, Dr. Sara Praguski Walsh, Certification Coordinator Kevin Robinson, and Assistant Certification Coordinators Scott MacArthur and Vashon Robinson. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy recorded more than 12,500 course enrollments last year, with training delivered at campuses in Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater; on location at local fire departments; and online.

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plan is for development," said Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson. "This goes back to 2005 when we had a memorandum of understanding that they were going to develop the property. It lay dormant for a number of years, and we were able to restart it a couple years ago and it is heading in the right direction."

"One of my comments to them was that if they had started in 2005, we might have had an Assembly (Row) at Market Basket at this point in time," Robinson continued. "Hopefully, this property will be developed in a manner that will benefit the city overall."



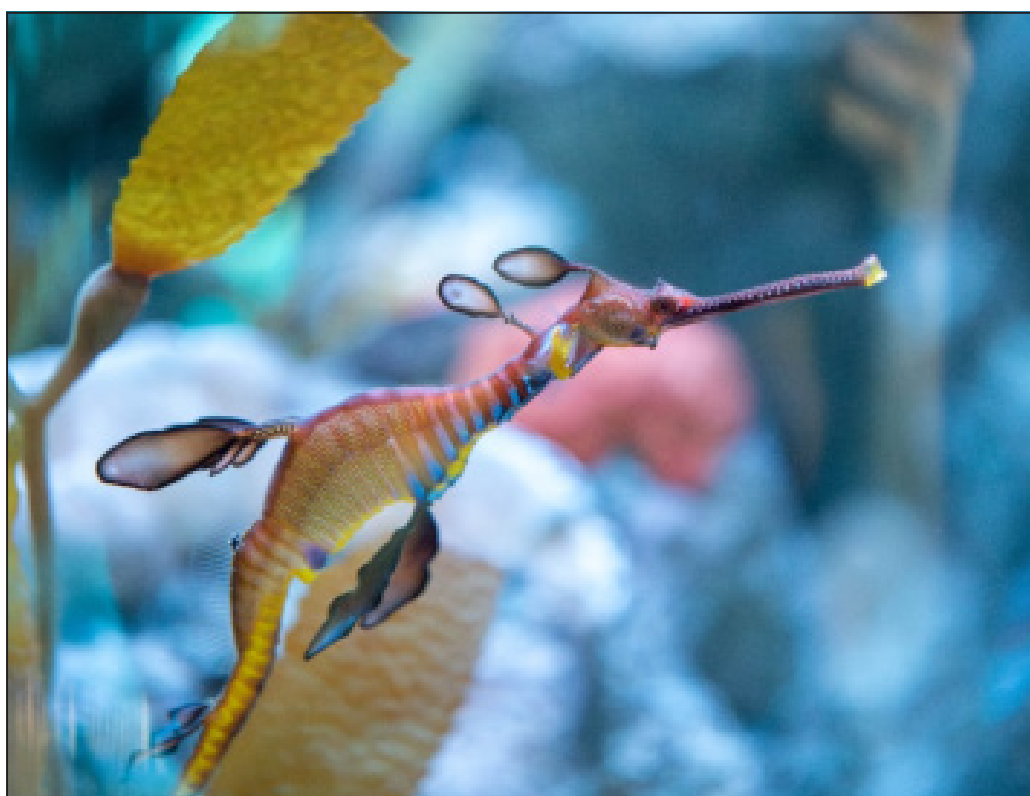
City Manager Fidel Maltez

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Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson said that the group will have the opportunity to develop the property, which should bring in a healthy amount of tax revenue for Chelsea. Precinct 1 Councillor Todd Taylor said he is happy that the Forbes property has changed hands, but said there needs to be an appropriate plan for the site moving forward.

"I think that everybody likes open space and parks that everybody can use, and I do, too," said Taylor. "But there has to be a balance with the financial. I look forward to seeing the plans, and I think people should be cognizant of the fact that this is the last big undeveloped parcel in Chelsea where we really need to make it count financially."

Council President Norieliz DeJesus said she can see the Forbes property through her back window, and that she is glad for the people in the community who have endured the years of neglect on the site.



A seahorse is one of the many living creatures featured at the Aquarium.

## Aquarium looking forward to welcoming vacationing families

The New England Aquarium is looking forward to welcoming guests during the upcoming April school vacation week with extended hours, exciting animal encounters along the exhibit path, and special educational programming on Massachusetts Right Whale Day, plus the return of Boston Duck Tours to Central Wharf plaza. The Aquarium will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily the week of April 20 when public schools in Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont are on spring break. Hours of operation during vacation week for Connecticut and Rhode Island (April 14-18) and New Hampshire (April 28-May 2) public schools are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests can purchase tickets to reserve timed ticket slots online at [neaq.org](http://neaq.org). New England residents receive \$5 off standard Aquarium admission or admission and movie combinations. Highlights include: Daily presentations and interactive programs • Aquarium guests can enjoy daily presentations with the penguins, sea lions, harbor seals, and residents of the Giant Ocean Tank, including Myrtle the green sea turtle. Full schedule available here. • Join an educator along the exhibit path for an up-close experience with one of the Aquarium's animal ambassadors. Learn more about the secret world of

lobsters, local turtle species, or axolotls during animal encounters happening daily at 10:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. • Guests can also stop by an interactive educational space on the third floor called the Exploration Station, which offers both guided and self-led themed activities. Families can engage with sensory activities, pretend to be an Aquarium veterinarian, and spend some down time reading books. Massachusetts Right Whale Day programming • On Thursday, April 24, the Aquarium will offer special programming free of charge on Central Wharf plaza to mark Massachusetts Right Whale Day. On Central Wharf plaza, guests can learn from scientists with the Aquarium's Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life, meet a life-size inflatable whale, and engage in hands-on educational activities. For those with an Aquarium admission ticket, programming indoors will include presentations by educators, kid-friendly right whale activities in the Exploration Station area, and scientist talks at the top of the Giant Ocean Tank. Film showings in Simons Theatre • The Aquarium's Simons Theatre will offer daily showings of three films: Secrets of the Sea, Animal Kingdom, and Call of the Dolphins. The newest film, Call of the Dolphins, takes

viewers beneath the ocean's surface for an up-close exploration of how dolphins live, play, and interact—both with each other and with us. • Tickets and show times are available at all Aquarium ticketing locations by calling 617-973-5206 or by visiting [neaq.org](http://neaq.org). Boston Duck Tours Return • Boston Duck Tours, the city's most popular sight-seeing tour, has returned with a stop in front of the Aquarium. The tours depart hourly from Central Wharf. Duck Tours guests receive \$3 off New England Aquarium standard price tickets at the Aquarium's Box Office. Ben & Jerry's • The beloved ice cream maker returns to Central Wharf Plaza this spring. The kiosk outside the Aquarium is open throughout Massachusetts school vacation week and Saturdays and Sundays until June. • The kiosk will operate Saturdays from 12-7 p.m. and Sundays from 12-6 p.m. during the spring. Newly renovated café and gift shop • The newly renovated Harbor View Café and gift shop is open daily, where guests can enjoy delicious new menu items and find the perfect souvenir. The café is open from 9:00 a.m. until one hour before closing, and the gift shop is open during regular Aquarium hours.

## Prom Dresses // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a boutique-style setting. As the initiative enters its next phase, the Chelsea Police Department continues to accept dress donations and financial contributions to help offset additional prom-related costs. Zonta is a non-partisan, non-religious organization. Zonta Clubs are found across the USA, and worldwide, and virtually.

Members work together on projects and advocacy to improve the lives of women, locally, nationally and internationally. Zonta is a Consultative member of the UN, active in policies and work that improve women's lives. They provide scholarships for women and girls, and they support International and local service projects. For more informa-

tion on Zonta, visit: <https://chelsea.zontadistrict1.org/> For more information or to get involved, please contact the Chelsea Police Department through its social media pages or via email at [communityservicescpd@chelseama.gov](mailto:communityservicescpd@chelseama.gov) or the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce at (617) 884-4877.

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CHELSEA'S SPRING EGG HUNT HELD AT MARY C. BURKE COMPLEX



Photos by Cary Shuman

Chelsea Recreation and Cultural Affairs and the Kiwanis Club teamed up to hold a fun and enjoyable Spring Egg Hunt April 12 at the Mary C. Burke Complex.

The event was originally scheduled to be held outdoors but the rainy weather altered plans, relocating the event to the gymnasium.

Children, ages 2-10, enjoyed a visit with the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt, and plenty of refreshments.

Some of the many participants, parents, and organizers of the Spring Egg Hunt are pictured at the holiday-themed event.

Chelsea Ward 2 to hold Democratic Caucus to elect delegates and alternates

Special to the Record

Chelsea Ward 2 Democrats will be holding their Caucus on April 26, at the Chelsea Public Library. Registration starts at 9:30 am, meeting at 10 am. The purpose is to elect delegates and alternates for the State

convention scheduled for Saturday, September 13, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. This year's Convention will be a platform convention, where we will meet to vote on the party priorities for the next four years. Those interested in get-

ting involved with the Chelsea Ward 2 Committee, or have questions about membership, should feel free to reach out to Calvin Brown at 617-466-1548 or Beth Novak at bgolibersuch@gmail.com.



Representing the Chelsea Kiwanis Club are Jessica Wynns, David Hahesy, Cassandra Thompson, Carolyn Boumila-Vega, and Joe Carreiro, who played a key role in the success of the event.

NeighborHealth, community partners host 'Stronger Together' conference to address gender-based violence in Boston's Latinx communities

Special to the Record

NeighborHealth, Massachusetts' largest community-based primary care health system, united with La Colaborativa and other community partners last week for "Stronger Together," a conference focused on strengthening gender-based violence prevention, intervention, and healing that attracted more than 200 attendees and over 20 orga-

nizations from across the Commonwealth. "Stronger Together" brought together health-care providers, community organizations, and advocacy groups to address gender-based violence specifically within Boston's Hispanic and Latinx communities. The conference, which took place at La Colaborativa's new Survival and Economic Development Center in Chelsea,

included speakers from NeighborHealth, ROCA, La Colaborativa, the Boston Public Health Commission and Boston Medical Center. "As a community partner and healthcare leader, we recognize the profound importance of a collaborative approach to ending gender-based violence" said Mimi Gardner, NeighborHealth Vice President and

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Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez Rivera, his wife, School Committee member Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville, and their children, Gloria and Robi, are pictured at the Spring Egg Hunt.



From left to right: Mimi Gardner, Vice President and Chief Equity Officer of NeighborHealth; Jessica Espiritusanto, CCHERs Senior Program Manager at Northeastern University's Bouve College of Health Science; Kourou Pich, Chief Executive Officer of HarborCOV; Gladys Vega, President and CEO of La Colaborativa.



Kiwanians David Hahesy, Carolyn Boumila-Vega, Joe Carreiro, and Cassandra Thompson join Police Officer Nicole McLaughlin for a photo at the Spring Egg Hunt.

Explosion //

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Keith Houghton. "Their professionalism and rapid response ensured this individual was taken into custody swiftly. At a time when our region is preparing for major events like the Boston Marathon and Chelsea's own 250th celebration, it's critical that a clear message is sent — acts of this nature will be met with decisive enforcement."

The investigation was spearheaded by Detective Thomas Broman of the Chelsea Police Department, with key support from fire and bomb squad personnel, including Captain Brian Capistran (CFD) and members of the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

MacMillan was taken into custody in Dorchester and arraigned in Chelsea District Court.

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# Forum

## HAPPY PASSOVER

Passover, which began at sundown this past Saturday evening and continues for eight days through sundown on this Sunday, celebrates the biblical story of the Exodus, when the Israelites were freed from slavery after the 10th plague on Egypt (each of which was more devastating than the last). God spared the Israelites' firstborn by having them mark their doorposts with lamb's blood, which informed God's Angels of Death to "pass over" the Israelites' homes.

This 10th plague, which claimed the Pharaoh's own first-born son, demonstrated God's power and ultimately compelled Pharaoh to give the Israelites their freedom.

Passover commences with the First Seder, which is a special dinner that includes the recitation of the Kiddush, the Motzi, and other blessings in Hebrew. The story of Passover is retold during the Seder and the youngest person at the table recites, "The Four Questions" that provide the answers to the primary question: "Why is this night unlike all others?"

The Four Questions, which are universal in their application to all humanity, are:

On all other nights we eat either leavened or unleavened bread. On this night, why do we eat only unleavened matzah (a bread made with flour and water that is baked quickly to prevent it from rising)?

Answer: To remind us of the haste with which our ancestors left Egypt.

On all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs. On this night, why only bitter herbs?

Answer: To remind us of the bitterness of slavery.

On all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once. On this night, why do we dip them twice?

Answer: Some say to remind us of our coming and going from Egypt.

On all other nights we eat sometimes sitting and sometimes reclining. On this night, why do we all recline?

Answer: To remind us of how free people relax.

We wish all of our friends and readers of the Jewish faith a Happy Passover.

## HAPPY EASTER

This Sunday is Easter, the holiest and most significant day of Christianity, which marks Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead after his crucifixion two days earlier on Good Friday.

Christians believe that Christ died to redeem us from our sins. His resurrection represents the victory over death and sin, a testament to the power of God and a promise of eternal life, offering hope that they too, can have eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

We wish all of our friends and readers of the Christian faith a Happy Easter.

## "THE FATE OF A NATION WAS RIDING THAT NIGHT"

This week (April 19 to be exact) marks the 250th anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord in which civilian militia, known as the Minute Men, routed British troops who had marched from Boston overnight in search of munitions that were being concealed by the colonists.

Paul Revere and two others rode from Boston ahead of the British troops to spread the warning that the British were coming -- a feat immortalized in the poem, "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

With the Minute Men having been forewarned, hundreds of them were prepared for the arrival of the British troops, eventually confronting the hated Redcoats in the pitched battles on Lexington Green and at the North Bridge in Concord (where the first volley by the Americans famously was referred to as "the shot heard 'round the world" by Ralph Waldo Emerson in his poem, The Concord Hymn), lighting the fuse of revolutionary fervor that had been building in the American colonies, especially in Massachusetts, for a number of years.

We recall the 200th anniversary celebration in 1975 when then-President Gerald Ford gave an eloquent speech in which he said, "When all is said and done, the finest tribute that may ever be paid to this nation and people is that we provided a home for freedom."

However, as we approach the 250th anniversary of the historic events that marked the birth of our nation, President Ford's words are being put to the test.

Rather, it is the sentiments of another American President, Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address, that seem most relevant today: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure."

In view of the recent events occurring throughout our country and the world, the question facing all Americans at this crucial juncture in our democracy is simply this: Will those principles for which the Minute Men put their lives on the line survive another 250 years?



## Museum of African American History | Boston & Nantucket needs you!

**Dear Editor:**

On March 27, the White House issued an executive order titled "Restoring Truth and Sanity in American History." On its surface, this directive may appear to target the Smithsonian Institution and the National Park Service, institutions under direct executive control. However, as with previous executive actions on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and the Department of Education's letter regarding race in public education, the implications reach far beyond Washington. This executive order gives credence to the practice of minimizing, de-prioritizing, and potentially erasing African American history. We have already seen the scrubbing of African American history on a number of federal government websites.

This is a direct challenge to our mission, our work and our future.

The Museum of African American History (MAAH) stands as a living testament that Black people were not only present but instrumental in the creation and advancement of this nation. MAAH also reflects a long history of multiracial coalitions that fought for justice. The African Meeting House in Boston is the founding site of the New England Antislavery Society, established by William Lloyd Garrison, which hosted numerous interracial anti-slavery events. Inspired by Boston's African Meeting House, Nantucket's Black

community established its own African Meeting House in 1825.

Historically, the Black community has preserved its legacy through oral traditions, historic buildings, art and objects, as well as the unwavering commitment of a community of historians and scholars. Our preservation efforts were made possible by the diverse cadre of supporters from the historic synagogue that occupied the African Meeting House - Boston and later sold the building to MAAH in 1972 to the family of Florence Higginbotham, last property owner of our Nantucket campus.

As you may know, last June, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded MAAH a transformational grant of \$500,000, to be distributed this fiscal year, to help build our organizational capacity—support that was timely and essential. A small portion of the grant was dispensed at that time. However, recently IMLS staff have been placed on administrative leave, had their email accounts disabled, and the vast majority of our grant funds withheld without explanation.

Now, we've received official notice that our IMLS grant has been terminated. The letter cited that our work is "no longer consistent with the agency's priorities and no longer serves the interest of the United States and the IMLS program." We understand that

receiving this notice requires us to return the initial installment we received.

Make no mistake, these efforts are designed to marginalize and destabilize the Museum of African American History, and African American public history institutions like us. We are all in danger of being erased. MAAH is at a critical juncture.

MAAH will not be erased. We will continue to fight for the preservation, conservation and interpretation of the contributions of people of African descent in New England. But we cannot fight this fight alone. We need your help.

MAAH stands as a beacon of truth, resilience, and cultural pride. It is where generations come to learn the real, often untold stories of African American struggle, triumph, and contribution to American history.

But now, with the Administration's elimination of crucial funding, this vital institution faces unprecedented financial challenges. Without immediate support, the ability to preserve, educate, and inspire may be compromised.

Here's how you can help:

**DONATE:** Urge your friends, colleagues, and community members to financially support the Museum. Now is the time for people to match their words of support with meaningful action. Donations are a direct investment in protecting our history and sustaining our mission.

Engage Your Elected Officials: Contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives. Encourage them to defend IMLS and ensure full funding for MAAH. Share what this Museum means to you and your community. This Call & Write link from American Alliance of Museums (AAM) provides simple and easy access to Congress ensuring that they receive your message urgently.

Spread the Word: Amplify our message—on social media, in your organizations, and across your personal and professional circles.

Join MAAH's Membership: Become an annual member of the Museum. Show your solidarity at a critical moment while accessing exclusive member benefits. Already have a membership? Give one to a friend!

The time to act is now. In the words of noted orator Frederick Douglass:

"Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."

We are living in uncertain times, but as history has shown us, resilience is in our DNA. Just as the Black communities of Beacon Hill and Nantucket persevered in the face of adversity, we too will press forward.

We ask that you stand with us because history should never be silenced.

With appreciation and resolve,

**Dr. Noelle Trent**  
President & CEO

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# City Manager's monthly message highlights FY26 budget

City Manager Fidel Maltez has placed an emphasis on communicating with residents since he took office last year. Earlier this week, Maltez recorded the latest in his series of public outreach videos to air on Chelsea Community TV. The text of his April video, which focuses on the city's FY26 budget, is below:

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

Today, I want to talk with you, residents, families, business owners, and community leaders, about our Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Preparing and adopting Chelsea's annual operating budget is the most important responsibility we share. Our annual budget funds critical services like our police, fire, public works, our senior center, our library, and Chelsea public schools among many others. Our annual budget isn't just a financial document, it's a reflection of our community's values, priorities, and future direction. Our budget is guided by key policy objectives. The first is financial stability, which means ensuring a balanced budget, maintaining strong reserves, and managing debt responsibly.

Second is economic development which means supporting local businesses, fostering job growth, and making strategic investments in the city's future. Third is neighborhood enhancement which means replacing aging infrastructure, improving public spaces, and enhancing the quality of life for residents. Fourth is community development which means expanding access to resources, social services, and public programs that benefit all Chelsea residents. And most importantly, Public Safety, which means strengthening emergency response, increasing staffing in police and fire departments, and ensuring a safe community.

Now let's discuss how the budget is funded. Approximately 55% is funded through state aid, primarily from Chapter 70, that supports Chelsea Public Schools. Our second largest revenue source, approximately 40%, comes from taxes, including property taxes, excise taxes, meals and hotel taxes. Property Taxes in Massachusetts are controlled by Proposition 2½, which limits annual increases to 2.5%. The re-

maining 5% of the budget consists of charges for services, such as trash fees, licensing and permit fees, interfund transfers, and earnings from city investments. All of these revenue sources collectively support Chelsea's operating budget, ensuring that we can maintain and enhance city services while balancing financial responsibility and long-term sustainability. While revenues are currently healthy, we recognize the incredible

uncertainty around the economy, both locally and globally.

Next let's look at how our expenses are divided. First, we are investing in our future, in our children. Education accounts for over 58% of the city's budget, demonstrating our dedication to providing quality public education. The second largest expenditure category is public safety,

with over 12%, allocated to police, fire, and emergency management services, highlighting our commitment to keeping our residents safe. State mandated costs account for 9% of the budget.

These are required payments beyond local control. 8% of the budget goes to city employee benefits, such as healthcare and retirement. General government, including health and human services, accounts for 5% of the budget. 4% of our budget goes to public works. 1.6% goes to debt payments for previous loans.

Our budget this year faced significant challenges. First, our Chelsea Public Schools' requires additional support to prevent funding cuts to school services. Supporting our schools is central to our values. Second, Chelsea received a significant increase in Health Insurance costs. This is a trend that is affecting many cities in Massachusetts. Third, debt payment for the new Northeast Vocational School is significantly going up, as the new school nears completion. We

are excited about this new facility and the benefits it will bring Chelsea students. Fourth, we received an increase in our retirement appropriation, which is our payment for retirement benefits for employees. Finally, we signed five-year contracts for trash hauling and trash disposal, and while these contracts will result in long-term savings, we are seeing higher costs this year.

In our Police Department,

we have added an additional Staff Sergeant, to accommodate a new Police Schedule, which was successfully rolled out in January 2025. This new schedule involves working 4 10-hour days, followed by 4 days off. This new schedule has been increasingly adopted by police departments in our region. It provides consistent coverage across all shifts while allowing officers time to rest and recover, contributing to better mental and physical health, reduced burnout, and higher morale, which in turn improves performance.

In our Fire Department, we have added four new firefighters. This is step 1 of a multi-year effort to get our Fire Department to 106 firefighters. Today, Chelsea operates with three engines, located strategically throughout the City. Adding a fourth engine, called Engine 4, will expand our ability to keep our city safe, particularly when there are multiple incidents at the same time.

This additional engine will be critical in responding to large fires. Last year, our fire department responded to 13 working fires, including 8 multiple alarm fires. Launching Engine 4 is a proactive effort that will add much needed capacity to our firefighting efforts.

In Public Works, we propose bringing vehicle maintenance in-house. The city has outsourced vehicle maintenance since receivership in the 1990s. Over the years, the city has slowly taken back services in-house, when it is prudent and financially feasible. In the fiscal year 2026 budget, we have incorporated two positions, a mechanic supervisor and a mechanic, that will allow us to complete this transition. This transition will ultimately result in cost savings for our city, but more importantly it will result in more local control and improved service for our vehicles.

An important part of our budget is our Capital Improvement Plan which continues to invest in the infrastructure that supports daily life in Chelsea. Our plan invests \$1.2 Million in public safety, replacing police cruisers, fire equipment, radios, and making traffic safety improvements.

We will invest close to \$2 Million to replace roadways and sidewalks, as well as support streetscape enhancements and transportation improvements. \$6.5

million is committed to improving and expanding the city's open space resources, along with planning and designing for

climate resilience. \$3.7 million will fund important infrastructure investments, including utility replacements and stormwater drainage improvements. Finally, \$5 million will go toward major renovations in public buildings such as City Hall, Chelsea High School, and the Early Learning Center.

This year, we are mindful of economic challenges and the need to find efficiencies while still making key investments that move Chelsea forward. I want to reassure you that a great deal of thought and effort goes into developing a budget that serves the needs of our community.

Federal decisions may have significant impacts on both the state of Massachusetts and the City of Chelsea, but we cannot build a budget around worst-case scenarios that we cannot predict.

We are committed to funding essential services and critical infrastructure. Given the uncertainty at the federal level, we are not including discretionary or "nice-to-have" items in this budget.

The budget process isn't something we want to do in isolation at City Hall. Your voice matters. This year we have scheduled Community Budget Presentations - the first held in March and the

next on April 15. In May, we'll hold budget meetings with the City Council, where you can follow the conversations and share your feedback. We deeply value community input in shaping

Chelsea's budget priorities. We encourage you to ask questions, provide feedback, and share ideas on how we can continue to improve our city's financial planning and services.

We are releasing our detailed FY26 Budget Book in April, alongside an interactive website the budget team has been working on with OpenGov.

In June, we will host a public hearing, leading up to the City Council's vote on the FY26 budget. The new budget will officially take effect on July 1, 2025.

Finally, please join us on April 26 at 9 a.m. for our Chelsea Day Clean Up, and at 1 p.m. for our Annual Peace Vigil in the City Hall lawn.

See you next time on Our Community. Thank you and May god bless the City of Chelsea.

# ZBA approves modified residential addition on Marlboro Street

By Adam Swift

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a modified plan for an addition at 82-84 Marlboro St. at its regular meeting last week.

Carolina Linares initially requested special permits and variances to add two stories for two additional rental units at the existing two-unit, two-story property on the property.

The basis for her proposal is that the property is very expensive to maintain, it's old and she works hard to keep it up to code. She said her attorney, David Mindlin.

In order to make major renovations to the property feasible, Mindlin said she was seeking to add the two floors for additional units. He said the renovations would not change the existing footprint of the building.

However, City Councillor Lisa Santagate previously said there were concerns she and some other residents had about the size of the project and parking on the property.

ZBA Chair Janice Tartarka noted that if Linares wanted to reconsider adding only one additional floor, it would then meet the parking requirements for five spaces on the property and would likely address some

of the issues that had been raised.

Linares and Mindlin agreed to move forward with the proposal for only one additional floor for the building, and the special permit and variances were approved by the ZBA.

In other business, the ZBA approved special permits for new driveway openings for 57 and 75 Palmer St.

The ZBA had previously approved the construction of a new two-unit building at 57 Palmer St. The parking relief was approved at last week's meeting for the side yards of both the properties.

The ZBA also ruled that several modification plans presented to them last week were minor modifications and did not require additional approvals from the board.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car on Marginal Street was seeking some modifications to its property to allow for the rental of trucks at the business. Representatives from Rent-a-Car said the trucks would be box trucks similar to U-Hauls.

The ZBA also determined that the request from La Colaborativa at 244-248 Arlington St. to convert a conference room to a space for limited healthcare services was a minor modification.

# Two men arrested on drug charges following multi-department effort

A coordinated effort by the Chelsea Police Department, in collaboration with the Everett Police Department, Lynn Police Department, and the DEA Task Force 2, resulted in the arrest of two local men and the recovery of illegal narcotics, a loaded firearm, and cash stemming from a street-level drug operation.

On Friday, April 11, Chelsea detectives, alongside members of Everett and Lynn Police narcotics units and DEA Task Force officers, executed a well-planned surveillance operation targeting individuals suspected of drug trafficking and illegal firearm possession, according to the Chelsea Police Department. The investigation culminated in a motor vehicle stop and foot pursuit near Lash Street in Chelsea, where one suspect allegedly attempted to flee with a satchel containing a loaded .45 caliber handgun, over \$900 in cash, and approximately 14 grams of cocaine.

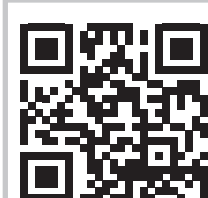
A second suspect was apprehended at the scene, and further evidence recovered from the vehicle included approximately 30 grams of a substance believed to be crack cocaine, multiple burner phones, and a digital scale—items commonly associated with drug distribution, according to police.

"This arrest is a testament to the effectiveness of multi-agency cooperation and a shared commitment to public safety," said Chief Keith Houghton. "I want to thank our law enforcement partners at the Everett and Lynn Police Departments, as well as DEA Task Force 2, for their professionalism and dedication in helping us disrupt a dangerous operation that posed a threat to our neighborhoods."

Both men, Brandon Baez, 27, of Chelsea and Marc Rodriguez, 22, of East Boston face multiple charges including firearm violations, drug trafficking, and motor vehicle offenses.

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# Sports

## CHS Roundup

### CHS GIRLS TRACK OPENS WITH TWO WINS IN TRI-MEET

The Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team opened its 2025 season on the right foot with a pair of victories over Greater Boston League rivals Everett and Medford last Tuesday in a tri-meet at a chilly Chelsea Stadium.

Leading the way for the Lady Red Devils was sophomore sensation Thania Simon, who scored a total 32.5 points on the day. Thania captured first place vs. both rivals in three events and anchored the winning 4 x 100 relay team.

Simon won the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.1 (edging her chief GBL foe, Medford's Norah Berson, by 0.5 of a second); the long jump with a leap of 16'-6.5"; and the triple-jump with a final landing of 32'-5".

Senior Kiara Ramirez-Villata was a double-winner vs. both rivals, capturing the shot-put with a throw of 31'-6" and the discus with a toss of 78'-10".

Lilly Serrano, another star sophomore for the Lady Red Devils, defeated all of her rivals in the 400 dash with a clocking of 1:07.4. Lilly also won the high jump with a leap of 4'-0" and ran a leg of the winning 4 x 100 relay team.

Lauren Nadow defeated the field in the 100 hurdles with a time of 20.2 and took first vs. Everett and second vs. Medford in the 400 hurdles.

The girls' winning 4 x 100 quartet of Serrano, Leanny Sanchez, Emelin Rosales, and Simon came across the line in a time of 59.1, which was 0.6 faster than Everett and 3.4 faster than Medford.

Additional point-scorers for Chelsea in the meet were:

200 dash: Emily Singh took second place vs. both Medford and Revere. Liani Romero captured third place vs. Medford;

400 dash: Emelin Rosales, 2nd vs. Everett;

800: Hazel Hatleberg, 1st vs. Everett and 2nd vs. Medford; Katherine Benitez, 2nd vs. Everett, 3rd vs.

Medford;

1-mile: Angely Mejia-Martinez, 2nd vs. Medford, 3rd vs. Everett;

2-mile: Aly Perez, 1st vs. Everett, 3rd vs. Medford;

100 hurdles: Margi Valero, 2nd vs. Medford;

Shot-put: Angely Mejia-Martinesa, 2nd vs. Everett and Medford; Dieunie Cademus, 3rd vs. Medford;

Discus: Angely Mejia-Martinez, 2nd vs. Medford and 3rd vs. Everett; Jennifer Ramirez-Mejia, 3rd vs. Medford;

Long jump: Leanny Sanchez Ynoa, 3rd vs. Everett.

The Lady Red Devils were scheduled to meet Revere this past Monday and will be off until April 29.

### BOYS TRACK OPENS WITH DOUBLE-VICTORY

The Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team started its 2025 season in superb fashion with a pair of victories over Greater Boston League rivals Medford and Everett last Tuesday at Chelsea Stadium.

Sherwin Kim delivered a first-place finish vs. both opponents in the 400 hurdles with a clocking of 1:04.9. Sherwin also took second place vs. both rivals in the 110 hurdles and first vs. Everett and second vs. Medford in the triple jump.

Ariel Chacon-Aracena won the shot-put vs. Everett and Medford with a throw of 121'-2". In addition, teammate Kevin Romero-Molina captured second place vs. both Medford and Everett and Red Devil Ugalii Thomas finished third vs. Medford.

Chelsea also went 1-2 vs. both Medford and Everett in the discus, with Nathan Pleitez winning the event with a toss of 72'-6" and Eddi Macario finishing second. Xavier Iraolo grabbed third vs. Medford.

Adonis Alvarez-Umana topped the field in the javelin with a throw of 109'-11". Teammates Juan Portillo and Zakaria Moubtassim went 2-3 vs. Medford.

The 4 x 400 relay team also earned a victory, with the quartet of Ivan Irias, Eric Anderson, Bryan Amaya, and Carlos Perez defeat-

ing Medford by 3.6 seconds with a time of 4:10.2.

Additional point-scorers for the Red Devils in the tri-meet were:

100 dash: Nathaniel Ramos Quijada with a 2nd vs. both Everett and Medford;

400 dash: Xavier Guzman, 1st vs. Medford, 2nd vs. Everett;

800: Bryan Amaya-Yanes, 1st vs. Everett, 2nd vs. Medford

1-mile: Carlos Perez-Acosta, 1st vs. Everett, 2nd vs. Medford; Ivan Irias, 2nd vs. Everett;

2-mile: Kyle Leong, 2nd vs. both Everett and Medford;

110 hurdles: Younes Sharif, 3rd vs. Everett;

400 hurdles: Leeandro Castro, 2nd vs. Medford and 3rd vs. Everett;

Long jump: Leeandro Castro, 1st vs. Medford; Tiago Antunes, 3rd vs. Medford; and

Triple jump: Tiago Antunes, 2nd vs. Everett, 3rd vs. Medford.

"Both the boys and girls teams had a great first meet of the season," said CHS head coach Matt McCormick. "It was a cold day for a meet, but everyone came ready to compete and both sides came away with two victories. We can't choose the weather, but we can choose how we respond to it, and our team responded extremely well.

"I think we have the toughest, most resilient team in the GBL and it showed," McCormick added. "We have a young team this year and I was impressed with their resolve and the performances they were able to put up given the conditions, so I am excited to see how we improve as the season goes on."

The Red Devils were scheduled to meet Revere this past Monday and then are off until April 29.

### YOUNG CHS BASEBALL WORKING HARD, WILL HOST TWO GAMES NEXT WEEK

The Chelsea High School baseball team suffered a tough 14-1 loss to Greater Boston League rival Ever-

ett, but the score doesn't tell the full story. Despite the final result, there were moments of promise and determination — particularly from starting pitcher Louis Soto, who battled through a challenging afternoon with poise.

"Louis showed flashes of potential, working efficiently on the mound and throwing strikes consistently," said CHS head coach Mike Lush. "Though we struggled defensively, committing eight errors, Louis continued to compete and kept his head high throughout the game. His performance stood out as a bright spot in an otherwise difficult outing."

Lush acknowledged the team's struggles, especially in the field, but was quick to highlight the context behind the errors and the scoreline.

"This is a really young team," said Lush. "More than half of our players have never played baseball before this season. They're learning the fundamentals, adjusting to the speed of the game, and gaining experience every time they take the field."

Lush emphasized that while the scoreboard didn't favor Chelsea, the development happening behind the scenes is what truly matters at this stage of the season.

"I'm proud of the work these players are putting in every day," Lush said. "They come to practice ready to learn, they're giving effort, and they're sticking together through the ups and downs. That's all I can ask of them right now."

As the Red Devils continue to grow and build chemistry, Lush and his coaching staff remain focused on laying the groundwork for long-term success. With more game experience and continued hard work, Chelsea hopes to turn the corner and become more competitive as the season progresses.

The Red Devils are scheduled to host two morning games during the holiday week: Lynn English on Monday and Lynn Classical on Wednesday. The opening pitch for both contests is set for 10:00 at Carter Park.



Chelsea High starting pitcher Louis Soto turned in a strong effort for the Chelsea High baseball team in the Red Devils' recent contest against a strong Everett squad at Carter Park. According to CHS head coach Mike Lush, "Louis showed flashes of potential, working efficiently on the mound and throwing strikes consistently."

*Sending good tidings to all during this special time of year.*



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### Genevieve R. "Gen" Burke

October 9, 1962 – April 7, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Genevieve R. "Gen" Burke, who departed this life unexpectedly at the age of 62 in her home on April 7, 2025.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Gen was a beloved daughter of Priscilla M. (Joyce) Burke and the late John G. Burke. Throughout her life, she demonstrated remarkable courage as she faced the challenges of kidney disease, inspiring those around her with her unwavering spirit.

Gen dedicated her life to caring for her home and family, embodying the values of love and devotion. While she spent several years living with her sister in Salisbury, she returned to her roots in Chelsea six years ago, cherishing both the community and memories of her upbringing.

Known for her passion for jigsaw puzzles and her love of science fiction and supernatural television programs, Gen found joy in the little things that brought her happiness. A devoted Boston Bruins fan, she exhibited her spirited enthusiasm for the game with pride, sharing that passion with family and friends.

Genevieve is survived by her loving mother, Priscilla Burke; She was a dear sister to Kelly Burke-Anderson and her late husband, William and Helen Spencer and her husband, Barry; a beloved and cherished aunt to Hunter Anderson and his companion, Savanah Hall, their daughter, Micah Anderson, and Michelle Anderson and her companion,



Jared Fuller. In addition, she leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous extended family members and friends whose lives she touched.

Relatives and friends attended a memorial gathering in honor of Genevieve R. "Gen" Burke on Saturday, April 12th. at the Welsh Funeral Home, located at 718 Broadway, Chelsea.

In Lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in Gen's name may be made to Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston MA 02115. Children's Hospital Donate. or The American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville Md. 20852 DONATE The American Kidney Fund

As we gather to celebrate the life of Gen, we will remember her kindness, her humor, and the light she brought into the lives of those who knew her. In the presence of family and friends, we will reflect on her legacy and the indelible mark she has left on our hearts.

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### James V. Nardizzi

December 31, 1934 – April 8, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of James V. Nardizzi, Sr., affectionately known as Jimmy, who departed this life peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on April 8, 2025 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House, at the age of 90. Jimmy left behind a legacy of love, kindness, and culinary artistry that will be cherished forever.

Born on December 21, 1934, in Revere, the beloved son of the late Vincent Nardizzi and Eleanor (Palladino) DeLupple, Jimmy was a devoted husband to his wife, Carol Ann (Brennan), who predeceased him in 2010. Together, they shared 50 wonderful years of marriage and raised a beautiful family of two daughters and two sons in Chelsea.

A talented culinary artist, Jimmy began his career as a sous chef at the Sheraton Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, where he showcased his skills at the New York World's Fair and gained recognition for his exceptional talents in food and ice sculpture. In the early 1970's, together with his father and uncle, they established Nardizzi's Restaurant, first in Revere and later in Chelsea, where he nurtured a vibrant community of patrons and friends with his passion for cooking.

Jimmy had an unwavering love for the outdoors, enjoying activities such as hunting and fishing that brought him joy and a sense of peace. He is remembered as a man who valued family above all, treasuring the moments spent with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy was predeceased by his beloved sister, Olympia Cardillo. He leaves behind a loving family, including his cherished daughters: Mary Ann Cimino and her husband, "Patsy" of Revere and Donna Forgione



of Chelsea; his sons, James V. Nardizzi, Jr. of East Boston, and Vincent Nardizzi, PhD, of Vancouver, British Columbia. He will be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Adrianna Forgione, Shannon Nardizzi, Jennifer Hallissey and her husband, Keith and Michael Cimino, along with his great-grandchildren, Gianni Cimino, Johnny, Max, and Grace Hallissey. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for James V. Nardizzi, Sr. on Sunday, April 13th at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. His funeral service took place on Monday, April 14th from the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea. Services concluded with entombment at Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum in Malden.

As we celebrate the life and memory of a remarkable man, we are comforted by the knowledge that his spirit lives on in the hearts of those who loved him dearly. May he rest in eternal peace.

Should friends desire, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Jimmy's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. [WWW.St-Jude.org/Donate](http://WWW.St-Jude.org/Donate)

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## TSA begins REAL ID full enforcement on May 7

Special to the Record

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced the imminent implementation of its REAL ID enforcement measures at TSA checkpoints nationwide.

"Secretary Noem and the Trump administration are enforcing the 2005 REAL ID Act and regulations on May 7, as directed by Congress and the American people," said Adam Stahl, TSA Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Administrator. "The Real ID requirement bolsters safety by making fraudulent IDs harder to forge, thwarting criminals and terrorists. TSA will implement REAL ID effectively and efficiently, continuing to ensure the safety and security of passengers while also working to minimize operational disruptions at airports."

On May 7, TSA will no longer accept state-issued identifications that are not REAL ID compliant at TSA security checkpoints. All airline passengers 18 years and older, including TSA

PreCheck® members, must present REAL ID-compliant identification or another acceptable ID, such as a passport, at TSA security checkpoints. Noncitizens illegally present in the U.S. who are voluntarily self-deporting on international flights will not be denied boarding under this requirement.

Passengers who present a state-issued identification that is not REAL ID compliant and who do not have another acceptable alternative (e.g., passport) can expect to face delays, additional screening and the possibility of not being permitted into the security checkpoint.

Currently, 81% of travelers at TSA checkpoints present an acceptable identification including a state-issued REAL ID. TSA expects the number of passengers obtaining REAL IDs to steadily increase and will continue with additional screening measures for those without a REAL ID until it is no longer considered a security vulnerability.

More information on REAL ID can be found at this link [TSA.gov/real-id](http://TSA.gov/real-id).

To place a memoriam in the Chelsea Record please call 781-485-0588

## Youth Rise Festival set for May 3

Special to the Record

On Saturday May 3, the Chelsea teen community will come together for the first annual Youth Rise Festival! A vibrant and empowering free event organized by the Chelsea Youth Commission, GreenRoots Eco, and local youth organizations held at Chelsea High School, 299 Everett Avenue from 12:00-4:00pm.

Organized to raise awareness around the growing concerns of youth mental health, the festival will feature a wide range of resources, programs and interactive opportunities, aimed at supporting teens. Local organizations will be on site offering information on jobs, programs, sports, career opportunities, inter-

active arts, stress relief, and civic engagement stations.

A key highlight of the event will be the Youth Speak Out, where teens will share their experiences, perspectives, and ideas directly with community leaders – including the City Manager of Chelsea – creating a powerful platform for youth voices to inform and shape the future of local policies and resources. The Youth Rise Festival is free and open to teens in the community to support the mental, emotional, and social well-being of Chelsea youth.

For more information, please contact the Department of Chelsea Recreation & Cultural Affairs at 617-466-4070 or [youthcommission@chelsea.ma.gov](mailto:youthcommission@chelsea.ma.gov).

## State awards over \$20,000 in fire safety grants to CFD

Special to the Record

Last week, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that more than 300 Massachusetts fire departments will receive over \$3 million dollars in grants to support safety equipment for firefighters and life safety education for kids and older adults.

Chelsea is set to receive about \$22,000 in those grants – \$12,234 for the Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program, \$7,199 for the SAFE Program, and an additional \$2,599 for the Senior SAFE program.

"Massachusetts firefighters do much more than fight fires – they're our first line of defense in any emergency," said Governor Maura Healey. "These grants will help firefighters protect themselves from injury and illness, rescue people in danger, and keep our most vulnerable residents safe from fires and other hazards at home. We are proud to be able to support these vital first responders who never hesitate to answer a call for help."

The awards are drawn from three grant programs coordinated by the Department of Fire Services.

The Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program reimburses local fire departments for purchases of turnout gear, hazardous gas meters, SCBA components, accountability systems, thermal imaging cameras, and more. This round of grants will provide \$1.63 million in funding to fire departments in 266 communities. In many cases, the reimbursed purchases will help them attain compliance with Occupational Safety & Health Administration or National Fire Protection Association safety standards.

"Firefighters train tirelessly for every conceivable emergency so that they can be prepared to help those in need," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Through this program, we acknowledge that tremendous commitment by investing in the equipment they need to be safe in any situation."

The Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Grant Program funds firefighter-educators who de-

liver age-appropriate fire and life safety education to school-age children.

"I am very pleased to report that our department was recently awarded a SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) grant in the amount of \$9,799," said Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri. "This funding will be used by our Fire Safety and Education Unit to support and expand fire safety programming in our schools and throughout the community. These outreach programs are critical to helping prevent fires and injuries through education."

Since the grants' inception in 1995, the number of Massachusetts children who die in fires has dropped to historically low levels, from two dozen or more per year to zero for nearly three consecutive years. This year's awards will deliver more than \$1.1 million to 204 local fire departments.

"For 30 years, the SAFE grants have delivered life-saving lessons to Massachusetts' kids and teens through our local firefighters," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy. "This is just one of the powerful local-state partnerships that make Massachusetts one of the safest places in the nation to live, work, and raise a family."

In 2014, DFS launched the Senior SAFE Grant Program, which is geared toward another vulnerable population – older adults, who face a disproportionate risk of death or serious injury in a fire. Nearly \$485,000 will support alarm installation, fire safety education, fall prevention strategies, and other resources delivered by 203 local fire departments in partnership with local senior centers, councils on aging, and other community partners.

"People aged 65 and older are at greatest risk of death or serious injury in a fire at home," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "The Senior SAFE grants make a difference by sending trained firefighters to conduct home safety assessments, install or replace smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and help our seniors age in place safely and independently."

## LOST PET?

FREE RESOURCES AND HELP ON FACEBOOK:

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LOST AND FOUND PETS NETWORK:

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# Ready For The Big Day

## Emerson, Di Mauro of GreenRoots set to run the Boston Marathon on Monday

By Cary Shuman

Jojo Emerson and Joe Di Mauro of Chelsea-based GreenRoots will be running the 26.2-mile course from Hopkinton to Boston in the Boston Marathon on Patriots' Day Monday.

Emerson, 31, is the coordinator of GreenRoots Teaching Kitchen within the Food Justice Program and has worked at the agency for one year. Di Mauro has been the director of development at GreenRoots since August 2024.

The Chelsea Record reached out to GreenRoots' dynamic and athletic duo for a few of their thoughts as they prepare to participate in the world's most famous marathon.

Following are their responses to our questions:

### Jojo Emerson

1. Is this your first run in the Boston Marathon?

Yes, this is my first Boston Marathon, but will be the fourth marathon I've run.

2. What inspired you to participate in the Marathon?

Running Boston has been a dream for me since I moved here in 2012. It is my favorite day of the year, and I have been volunteering at



Jojo Emerson

the marathon for 8 years.

3. Are you running in support of a charity?

No, I am running as part of the BAA's Community Runs program, which gives small local running clubs, community organizers, and individuals who might not otherwise have an opportunity to run the Boston Marathon.

4. How long have you been in training for the Marathon, where have your training runs taken place, and with whom have you been training?

I began my training January 1. This winter was particularly bad for running, as January and February were much icier than the past few years - I would have rather run in some fluffy snow! Most of my training has



Joe Di Mauro

taken place in and around East Boston, making use of the bike path that goes from LoPresti Park up to Constitution Beach. I'll often go out to run along the Charles River to get inspiration from all the other runners there as well. I mostly train on my own - I like using it as my "me" time.

5. What is your sports background (high school, college)?

I played Ultimate Frisbee all through college and after with the local (national championship-winning) club team, Boston Brute Squad. I unfortunately tore my ACL and had to pivot to running in straight lines instead, which led me to distance running.

### Joe Di Mauro

1. Is this your first run in

the Boston Marathon? Yes!

2. What inspired you to participate in the Marathon?

Running the Boston Marathon had always been on my bucket list when I was younger. When GreenRoots' Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni told me about the application to run for Dana Farber I was really excited by the possibility. I love the work Dana Farber does so the opportunity to run and raise money for their work means a lot to me.

3. Are you running to support a charity?

I'm running for Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

4. How long have you been in training for the Marathon, where have your training runs taken place, and with whom have you been training for the Marathon?

I have been training since December 2024. My runs have been everywhere from Cape Cod to the actual marathon route - of which I've done 18 miles.

5. What is your sports background (high school, college)?

I played soccer, lacrosse, and volleyball.

## Eligible Massachusetts households can now apply for financial assistance for the 2024-2025 heating season

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season will open on October 1. This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

HEAP is a free, statewide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by

paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies. Starting Oct.1, homeowners and renters can apply online or through local administering agencies across the state. The assistance period runs from Nov. 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

"No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the winter," said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities

Ed Augustus. "With high costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program is more critical than ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or

visiting the nearest administering agency. Please share this valuable information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months."

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including

household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural

gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

For more information find your local HEAP agency or apply for HEAP online.

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# Rep. Judith Garcia votes in support of education and transit investments

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a \$1.3 billion supplemental budget that consists of surplus funds generated from the Fair Share surtax. This supplemental budget includes \$353 million for education related investments, and \$828 million for transportation related investments.

"This supplemental budget reflects our shared values as a Commonwealth," said Representative Judith García (D-Chelsea). "Investing in the future of students and ensuring safe and reliable access to transportation will help us close opportunity gaps and strengthen the infrastructure we rely on every day."

"Ensuring that every Massachusetts resident has

access to a safe and reliable public transportation system, and that every student in the Commonwealth receives a high-quality education, are two of the most fundamental responsibilities that we have as elected officials. The investments being made in this supplemental budget are representative of the House's continued focus on meeting those responsibilities, and were made possible as a result of years of fiscally responsible, consensus driven budgeting," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy).

"The use of these one-time surplus of funds are a unique opportunity for us to better strength the Commonwealth in numerous ways. By further improving our educational and trans-

portation sectors we will build off the work we have done in the last several budget cycles with a judicious use of the Fair Share funds," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means. "I want to thank Speaker Mariano and all our House colleagues for their input and support on this critical funding legislation."

The supplemental budget passed today includes revenues generated from the Fair Share ballot initiative voters approved in November 2022, which established a new surtax of four percent on annual income above \$1 million and invests these new public dollars to improve the state's education and transportation sectors.

**Key investments include:**  
Education  
\$190 million for Circuit Breaker reimbursements, which provide financial assistance to public school districts to offset the cost of delivering high-cost special education services to students.  
\$50 million for capital improvements at vocational schools  
\$40 million for early education and care (EEC) workforce, affordability, and quality improvement supports  
\$10 million for universal school meals for every public-school student in the Commonwealth  
\$10 million for DHE Endowment Match  
\$10 million for University

of Massachusetts Endowment Match  
\$10 million for Green SchoolWorks to decarbonize and increase efficiency in our schools through green energy projects  
\$8.5 million for ESOL services waitlist

**Transportation**  
\$400 million for MBTA Workforce and Safety Reserve  
\$300 million for MBTA Deficiency Fund  
\$60 million for MBTA physical infrastructure  
\$25 million for MTTF Transfer RTA Workforce Development  
\$20 million for reduced MBTA fares for riders with low incomes  
\$13 million for MBTA Sumner Tunnel reimburse-

ment  
\$10 million for unpaved roads  
**Additional Investments**  
\$58 million from the Student Opportunity Act (SOA) Investment Fund for payment of additional reimbursements in FY25  
\$5 million for the Holocaust Museum Boston  
This supplemental budget also tasks the Inspector General with publishing a report on best practices for providing transportation services, including the procurement of those services, to help contain ever-increasing costs to cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth.  
The bill passed the House of Representatives 140-14. It now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

# Many events are being planned for Boston 250 celebration

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the launch of Boston 250, a yearlong commemoration honoring the city's foundational role in the American Revolution and its ongoing legacy of activism, innovation, and community leadership. The kickoff event, Paul Revere's Ride, is planned for Friday, April 18 to bring residents and visitors together across the North End and Charlestown, marking 250 years since the historic ride of Paul Revere. The event will feature historic reenactments, a performance by musicians of the Boston Pops, a lantern procession to Boston Harbor, a drone show over

the Harbor, and more. By marking this milestone with community-based events in the very places where the Revolution began, the City is inviting all Boston residents to reflect on their role in a living history that continues to unfold.  
"Here in Massachusetts, we've always been a state of firsts. 250 years ago, the regular, ordinary people of Massachusetts sparked the Revolution that changed the world," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Today, we're excited to recognize the role Massachusetts played in our nation's founding with everyone in the City of Boston.

While this event serves as an opportunity to celebrate our state's storied past, this is also our moment to celebrate the next 250 years and celebrate the revolutionary spirit that'll guide our next generation of leaders."  
Paul Revere's Ride on April 18 will kick off at 5:30 p.m. with a historic reenactment at Paul Revere House, followed by a table read of the original play "Revolution's Edge" at Paul Revere Mall in the North End. At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Wu will officially launch Boston 250 and headline a short program at the Paul Revere Mall, alongside special guests and performers including a brass quintet from the Boston Pops. NBC10's Latoyia Edwards will emcee the event and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll will also attend. The lanterns in the Old North Church will be lit, and a lantern procession will follow Paul Revere to the Harborwalk at Langone Park. Beginning at 8:30 p.m., a drone show over the Harbor will further illuminate the evening, and can be viewed and heard at both Langone Park in the North End and Pier 1 in Charlestown Navy Yard. Dunkin' will also be onsite at Langone Park with free samples for attendees. The

drone show will be immediately followed by Paul Revere's row from the North End across the Harbor to Charlestown, where Paul will mount his horse and begin his famed midnight ride.  
In Charlestown, children can decorate lanterns at the USS Constitution Museum, there will be talks at City Square to further contextualize the evening, and Paul Revere will visit various bars and restaurants along Main Street as he rides. The night will conclude with the illumination of Bunker Hill Monument. All of these events are free and open to the public. A full schedule

of events can be found on [boston.gov/boston250](https://boston.gov/boston250).  
"Boston made up the heart and soul of the American Revolution, leading the rest of the colonies towards independence. So, it is only fitting that we honor the individuals who made that happen by kicking off the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride in the North End," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston).  
For more information on Boston 250 and upcoming events, visit [boston.gov/boston250](https://boston.gov/boston250).

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# LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2025-04  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
Chelsea Senior Center, 10 Riley Way, 6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the application of: Alex Monterrey  
For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a roof deck which does not meet the minimum requirements for front yard setback, rear yard setback, side height setback and side combined setback at the premises known as: 13 Medford Street  
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. to noon  
4/17/25, 4/24/25

Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
Chelsea Senior Center, 10 Riley Way, 6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the application of: Joseph Perlatonda  
For Variance seeking approval for the construction of a rear addition which does not meet the minimum requirements for rear yard setback and side yard setback at the premises known as: 89 Clinton Street  
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. to noon  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
LEASE OF 324 MARGINAL STREET  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "Lease of 324 Marginal Street".  
Request for Proposals will be available on or after April 10, 2025 by visiting the City's website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_solicitations.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php).  
Sealed proposals for the "Lease of 324 Marginal Street" will be received at the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts until 10:00 AM, May 09, 2025.

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2025-03  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any response, to reject any or all responses and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.  
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.  
The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.  
Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
4/17/25

### LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA  
Invitation for Bids  
CDBG COTTAGE STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "CDBG COTTAGE STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS".  
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after April 17, 2025 by visiting the City's website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_solicitations.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php).  
An optional pre-bid conference and site tour is scheduled for 4/24/2025 @ 11:00 AM, meeting on site at the corner of Cottage & Highland Streets, Chelsea MA.  
Invitation for Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "CDBG COTTAGE STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS" and submitted to the Office of the

Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, May 01, 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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This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M.  
Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
4/17/25

### LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304  
Docket No. SU25PO769GD  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114  
In the matter of: David Souder of: Chelsea, MA

RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated 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 alleging that David Souder is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Albertina Cerveira-Hajjar, Esq. (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 04/24/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for

a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 7, 2025  
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate  
4/17/25

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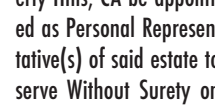


Re:Unity Beverages, Inc. d/b/a Heller's Liquor 429 Broadway, Chelsea, MA  
Chelsea Licensing Commission, May 8, 2025  
Notice is hereby given that a Disciplinary Public Hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, as to the non-compliance with the All Alcoholic Beverages License as to the Rules and Regulations, #2.02, #2.03(a), #2.04(g), #2.05, #2.08(b)(p), #2.09(a)(c)(e)(h), and #2.13(a)(5), of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission, in regards to Police Report #25-738-OF (attached) to Unity Beverages, Inc. d/b/a Heller's Liquor at 429 Broadway, Chelsea, MA.  
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administrator  
4/17/25

### 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 FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU25PO790EA  
Estate of: Rachel Baker  
Also Known as: Rosalyn Baker Cholfin, Rosalyn Rachel Cholfin  
Date of Death: 11/20/2023  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gilad Elbaz of Beverly Hills, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that: Gilad Elbaz of Beverly Hills, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/22/2025.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and

### LEGAL NOTICE



Re:Rise Holdings Inc. d/b/a Rise  
200 Beacham Street, Chelsea, MA  
Chelsea Licensing Commission, May 8, 2025  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to Change Corporation name to Rise Holdings, Inc. and amend the recreational marijuana establishment license by adding medical marijuana for Rise Holdings,

objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 10, 2025  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate  
04/17/25

### LEGAL NOTICE



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### LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE  
In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on April 1, 2025, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:  
To signalize the Silver Line busway exit onto Central Avenue.  
To install a handicap sign at Betty's Flower & Botanical Shop, located at 791 Broadway.  
To install a Commercial Loading and 15-minute Parking Zone at 311 Chestnut Street.  
To remove the handicap sign at 8 Reynolds Avenue.  
To remove the handicap sign at 32 Tudor Street.  
To remove the handicap sign at 72 Addison Street.  
To remove the handicap sign at 22 Blossom Street.  
To remove the handicap sign at 309 Spruce Street.  
To remove the handicap sign at 3 Clinton Court.  
To remove the handicap sign at 132 Congress Avenue  
To remove the handicap sign at 107 Marlboro Street.  
Jeannette Gintron White  
Parking Clerk  
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## Housing and community development director completes Claremont leadership program

Ben Cares, the City of Chelsea's Director of Housing and Community Development, is among the inaugural cohort of distinguished civic leaders who have successfully completed a transformative six-month leadership program in collaboration with Claremont Lincoln University (CLU) and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (LILP). The Lincoln Vibrant Communities Fellows Program is dedicated to enhancing local governance and cultivating sustainable communities by offering immersive education and hands-on learning experiences for civic leaders.

"The Lincoln Vibrant Communities Fellows Program was a meaningful opportunity to connect with civic and communi-

ty development leaders from across the country," said Ben Cares, Director of Housing & Community Development for the City of Chelsea. "Sharing ideas and tackling common challenges alongside such a talented group was both energizing and truly inspiring. The privilege of this experience has strengthened my perspective and passion for public service and will continue to shape the way I approach my work with the City of Chelsea."

The program, which concluded this spring with a dynamic closing event in Chicago, provided participants with extensive leadership training, policy discussions, and strategic planning methodologies. Through a combination of expert-led webinars, group coaching,

and peer networking, fellows gained valuable insights into tackling critical urban challenges, including housing, climate resilience, and infrastructure.

"Lincoln Fellows now represent more than 100 communities and 38 states. In fact, the pioneer Inaugural Lincoln Fellows have paved the way for capacity building and leadership to address complex city and county issues," said Dr. Lynn Priddy, President and CEO of Claremont Lincoln University. "With key skills, policies, and innovative practices from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, these Fellows are poised for local impact that builds vibrant communities."

Cares serves Chelsea as the Director of Housing & Community Development.



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Chelsea Director of Housing and Community Development Ben Cares (center) at the Lincoln Vibrant Communities Program



Ben Cares at a meeting.

## ELC Teacher Stacey Gurska receives school award

Stacey Gurska, a Pre-K teacher at the John Silber Early Learning Center, received a Name, Strength and Story Award from Chelsea Public Schools. The award was presented at the regular meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on Wednesday, April 9.

In addition to her teaching duties, Gurska works multiple days a week in the ELC's afterschool program

for kindergarten and first grade students. Gurska was born and raised in Chelsea, graduating from Chelsea High School in 1985.

"Stacey takes the time to get to know her students by name, strengths, and story, ensuring she understands their interests, families, and backgrounds as much as possible. As a result, Stacey is well-equipped to motivate and engage her students in

their social-emotional and academic Learning" said ELC Principal Margo DiBisio.

The ELC's administrative team added that students respond well to Stacey's "caring and empathic nature." Prior to working at the ELC, Stacey owned a local childcare agency in Chelsea.



Stacey Gurska received her Name, Strength and Story Award in a ceremony during the regular meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on Wednesday, April 9, at Chelsea City Hall.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Stacey pictured with family members after receiving the award, including her husband Captain Michael Gurska of the Chelsea Fire Department

A community development and planning practitioner for over eight years, Cares brought his experience and insight to the program, contributing meaningfully to discussions around affordable housing, economic development, and climate resilience. He focused much of his work on advancing equity and access to housing while also navigating the complexities of public service—including its political dimensions—and the thoughtful community engagement required to drive meaningful change.

Claremont Lincoln University, founded in 2011, was created to foster ethical leadership, collabora-

tion, and respect across differences. The university develops leaders who address social, economic, and environmental challenges within their communities. An accredited, private non-profit, Claremont Lincoln University offers programs that integrate the research, cases, and advanced practices of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, established in 1974, focuses on land economics, urban planning, property rights, and policy issues related to property valuation and taxation. It merged with the Lincoln Foundation in 2006, becoming a private operating

foundation.

"Our first cohort of Lincoln Vibrant Communities Fellows is wrapping up, but their work is just getting started," said Dr. George 'Mac' McCarthy, President and CEO of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. "This program was designed to equip our fellows with the leadership skills, the hands-on experience, and the support they need to take on the biggest challenges in their communities. And now, they are ready to take home real strategies to influence policies, bring people together, and drive meaningful change across the country."

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### TEMPLE EMMANUEL HOLDS PASSOVER SEDER CITY MANAGER MALTEZ ATTENDS FESTIVE DINNER



Seated are Stuart Bell, Karen Poverman, Sandra Padulsky, and Lynda Diamond. Standing are Kristen Padulsky and daughter, Elizabeth Chang, Alison Roth, and Sarah Diamond.



Seated are Arthur Colpack and Peter Colpack. Standing are Lewis Wegman, Esther Wegman, Nicole Harmon, Marcia Katz and Ed Katz.



The Catering Crew did a great at the Passover Seder. From left, are Madeline Rivera, Susan Kelly, James Kelly, Michelle Rubino, Daysi Gomez, Magdalena Ochoa, Kiana Rivera, and Mary Mason.

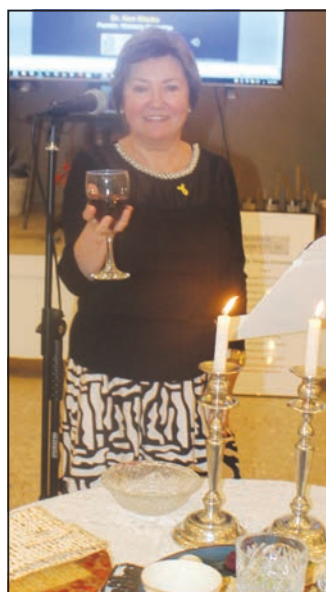
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Temple Emmanuel held a Passover Seder Sunday night inside the Elaine and Larry Smith Social Hall. Rabbi Oksana Chapman led the group in Passover blessings and songs.

City Manager Fidel Maltez joined members of the Temple congregation and guests at the Seder, a festive dinner that marks the begin-



Event Chair Cindy Millman (left) and Rabbi Oksana Chapman welcome City Manager Fidel Maltez and City Councilor Lisa Santagate to the Passover Seder at Temple Emmanuel.



Rabbi Oksana Chapman recited the Blessing of the Wine during the Passover Seder at Temple Emmanuel.

ning of the Jewish holiday of Passover.

"It's a true honor to join Temple Emmanuel here in Chelsea to celebrate Passover Seder, a time that reminds us of the enduring strength, resilience, and faith of the Jewish people," said Maltez. "The story of liberation and hope that Passover represents resonates deeply in a city like Chelsea, especially in times like this. I'm incred-

ibly grateful for the warm welcome extended from Temple Emmanuel and the entire community. I am inspired to see how tradition and community continue to shape Chelsea's identity in such meaningful ways."

Chelsea resident and longtime Temple member Cindy Millman was the chairperson of the Seder.

District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate was a guest at the celebration.



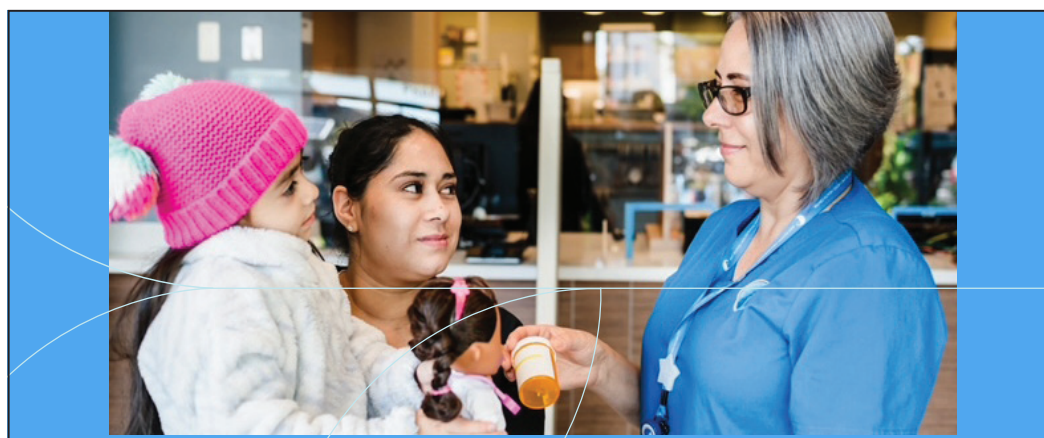
Seated are event chair Cindy Millman, Dotty Novak, and Murray Novak. Standing are Scott Sternberg, Ronda Winer, and Stephen Vider.



Seated are Sandra Turyn, Rena George, and Janice Doherty. Standing are Ken Wacks and Howie Sorokin.



Seated are Sam McSweeney, Ralph Turransky, Carole Turransky, and Judy Fox. Standing are Sue Huberman, Esther Berkowitz, Todd Finn, and Sharon Minkovitz.



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Chief Equity Officer. "With our partners we can create a stronger, more comprehensive safety net for survivors. Together our community is instilling hope, healing and recovery as we build a safer and more equitable community for everyone."

Featuring keynote addresses on violence prevention as well as expert panel discussions on health impacts and legal considerations, the event fostered collaboration between many

of Boston's key stakeholders.

"Gender-based violence is a public health issue and everyone's business. It does not discriminate based on race, socioeconomic status, language, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression," said Kourou Pich, HarborCOV Chief Executive Officer. "We must realize that this type of violence affects all of us, and we need to take a stand to support and educate our

friends, neighbors, and families."

The event also included stories from survivors of gender-based violence and community healing sessions.

"In unity, there is strength; in shared purpose, there is power" said Gladys Vega, La Colaborativa President and CEO. "By coming together, we can transform our communities, break the cycle of violence, and create a safer, more equitable future for all."

Other event speakers included Donna Bright of Northeastern University's Center for Community Health and Education, Research and Services (CCHERS); Sunindiya Bhalla of ROCA; Hema Sarang Sieminski of Jane Doe-Inc (JDI); Kim Mendoza Iraeta of Boston Public Health Commission; Monica Mendiola, MD of NeighborHealth; Rehana Rahman Kiani of Newton-Wellesley Hospital; and Joanne Timmons of Boston Medical Center. The event was made possible with support from La Colaborativa, ROCA, HarborCOV, the City of Winthrop, and CCHERS.



Lorraine Lafata, of CCHERS of Northeastern University leads a panel discussion on the Impact of Gender Based Violence on Health and Wellness with (from left to right) Joanne Timmons of Boston Medical Center; Rehana Rahman Kiani of Newton-Wellesley Hospital; Monica Mendiola, MD, NeighborHealth and Kourou Pich, CEO of HarborCOV. NeighborHealth Communications Director Emily Martin attended as well.



"Stronger Together" conference participant Sara Stanley of HAWC (Healing Abuse Working for Change) participates in group discussions on addressing gender-based violence.



NeighborHealth's Vice President and Chief Equity Officer, Mimi Gardner stands with Cindy Cruz, Public Education Specialist, HarborCOV, and Erin Bourgault, Director, Community Healing Response, NeighborHealth.

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