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City and police officials address ICE activity in Chelsea

By Adam Swift

The national battle over immigration policies has taken a sizable human toll in Chelsea.

Over the past month, actions by federal immigration officials in the city have made headlines across the state. Three weeks ago, three teens were arrested by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) officials outside the Chelsea police department as they were released by police after being detained for allegedly firing pellet guns.

On Mother’s Day, a Chelsea father was arrested by ICE officials after leaving church. Video obtained by Telemundo showed ICE agents forcibly removing the man from his car and wrestling him to the ground while several family members were still in the car.

While those stories and videos made the local newscasts, several city officials stated that many Chelsea residents remain fearful every day about what will happen to them or their family members because of their immigration status.

The actions have also raised questions from residents about the role the police department, state, and local officials play in enforcing immigration policies. As a sanctuary city, Chelsea police do not enforce ICE policies or assist them with arrests, however, they cannot obstruct immigration actions.

Last week, the police department released a statement seeking to clarify its role when federal law en-

forcement agencies, including ICE, are present at the station while releasing individuals from its custody.

“The Chelsea Police Department does not participate in civil immigration enforcement and does not notify federal agencies of an individual’s release,” the statement read. “All persons taken into custody on criminal charges are, by law, fingerprinted, and those fingerprints are immediately entered into state and federal databases as part of the standard booking process. These databases automatically generate alerts to relevant federal law enforcement agencies if the individual is of interest to them.”

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COURTESY PHOTO

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and Police Chief Keith Houghton were among those who took part in a community meeting to address federal immigration actions in the city on Monday.

Maltez addresses overnight parking enforcement issues

By Adam Swift

Parking issues are never far from the forefront of city council and resident concerns.

Recently, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero filed a motion requesting that the city manager look into ways to increase overnight parking enforcement.

“One of the biggest problems we have is parking, and one of the ways we can eliminate people from parking all over the place is going out at night and enforcing the parking program,” said Recupero. “I don’t see too many people enforcing it, I don’t even know how many we have.”

City Manager Fidel Maltez said the city has a contractor that provides enforcement of the regulations working in tandem with police.

Overnight, he said there is one car with two employees who patrol for parking violations, along with one police officer. Maltez said the police handle issues such as towing cars that park in front of hydrants, while the parking enforcement contractors issue tickets to cars that violate the city’s parking permit program.

“Today, our parking enforcement contractor provides overnight enforcement seven nights a week, excluding holidays,” Maltez stated in a letter to the council in response to Recupero’s request. “The contractor is very efficient given our density. Over a five-hour window, the contractor does their best to cover the entire city.”

Over the first 11 days in May, Maltez said the parking enforcement contractor issued over 1,000 overnight parking tickets.

“The parking enforcement staff work daily with our parking clerk to address any issues or patterns they notice during the overnight shifts,” Maltez continued. “While the contractor does not cover every street on a nightly basis, the contractor ensures that citywide needs are addressed holistically. Anytime our residents or Councilors inform us of areas where extra attention is needed, parking enforcement makes it a priority to visit the location, whether that be during the daytime or overnight shifts.”

The city manager said there are always areas for improvement, and that the city will continue to evaluate if additional resources should be added to overnight enforcement.

“We believe the impending transition to digital residential parking permits will make a huge difference in the efficiency of our overnight parking enforcement,” Maltez stated. “This change will allow our overnight enforcement team to maximize the use of technology to get through the city at a much faster pace and to address issues in a timely fashion.”

ZBA continues Park Street development project to the June 10 meeting

By Adam Swift

With two of the bigger cases before it continued until next month, the zoning board of appeals was able to make quick work of its regular meeting last week.

The proposal for a 120-unit mixed-use development on several lots, including 105-115 Park Street, was continued until the ZBA’s June 10.

That project is scheduled to come before the planning board on May 27. During the April meeting, planning board members raised concerns about the scope of the project and parking and asked if the developer could consider making some changes to the plans.

The ZBA also continued the proposal for 18-24 Grandview Road to its June 10 meeting.

Like the Park Street project, the proposal for a two-family home on the lot was continued to the May 27 planning board meeting for further discussion. Some board members and neighbors had concerns about the size of the house and potential parking issues it could create.

In new business at last week’s meeting, the planning board opened public hearings on two smaller projects.

Joe Perlatonda is seeking a special permit and variance to construct an addition to his Clinton Street home for use by his in-laws. One neighbor did raise some concerns about privacy and additional parking concerns as a result of the request.

See ZBA Page 2

City celebrates the Battle of Chelsea Creek this Saturday

By Adam Swift

Lexington and Concord get a lot of the glory when it comes to the story of American independence.

But this Saturday, Chelsea gets its day in the historical sun with a festival at Port Park on Marginal Street, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the important, but often overlooked, Battle of Chelsea Creek from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Battle of Chelsea Creek took place from May 25 to May 27 in 1775, shortly after the shots heard ‘round the world in Lexington and Concord. In addition to being the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War, the battle marked the first instance in which American forces captured a British warship—the HMS Diana.

The festival kicks off this Saturday with an official opening ceremony featuring fife and drum, remarks from city and elected officials, followed by a special presentation by John McGough of Historical Services, The Adjutant General’s Office.

Events planned throughout the day include:

Parade: From 11.30 a.m. - noon at Marginal Street

Opportunity to explore the SSV Ernestina-Morrissey, the 1894 schooner from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, as you learn about the first British vessel captured and destroyed—the HMS Dian

Artillery demonstrations (12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.)

Revolutionary-Era Militia Encampment

Musket Firing Demonstrations thru the day

A Children’s Spot with colonial games, historical schoolmaster station, and a balloon artist

In addition, there will be a Bent Water Brewery beer Garden and local food vendors from Tawakal Halal Cafe, Bella Isla Express, Antojitos Latinos Chelsea, Orlando’s Fully Baked, Boba Tea & Snow Ice House, and Lily Jello’s Factory. There will also be a merch stand hosted by the Chelsea Chambers of Commerce.



The latest 250th Battle of Chelsea Creek celebration event was held at the Williams School and included a petting zoo. See Page 4 for more photos.

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Our Offices will be closed Mon. May 26th in observation of Memorial Day. Ad deadline for next weeks' paper is Friday at noon.

DiDomenico secures \$750,000 in funding for local education, transportation projects

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to pass a \$1.33 billion plan to invest in public education and transportation across the Commonwealth. The Senate’s bill directs funding to expand career and technical education opportunities, bolster construction projects at local schools and college campuses, as well as support public transit and road and bridge funding for cities and towns throughout the state.

DiDomenico secured \$750,000 to support education and transportation projects across every community in his district. His funding will go towards projects such as playground enhancements, athletic and theater programs, creating sensory classrooms, assisting with repairs in our schools, new bleachers in a high school gym, after

school programming, traffic calming measures on our streets, and new signalization to create a safer environment for drivers and pedestrians.

This bill prioritizes regional equity by providing support statewide for K-12 school district special education programs, roads and bridges, capital improvements for public bus transportation, and infrastructure upgrades at Massachusetts’ public colleges and universities.

The overwhelming success of the Fair Share amendment to the Constitution—voted for by residents in 2022—generated more than \$1 billion over initial projections in fiscal years 2023 and 2024. This legislation contains restricted one-time investments in public education and transportation initiatives and primarily uses funds from that surtax, which is paid by households in Massachu-

setts earning more than \$1 million per year. The Senate will debate its annual general budget later in the month.

“I am thrilled that I could bring such a significant investment home to my district to improve and support school programs, public infrastructure, and transit projects,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “I am excited to witness new projects improving daily transit across our communities and the new education initiatives that will support countless students of all ages. I want to thank Senate President Spilka and Chair Rodrigues for this bill that will have far reaching benefits in our state in the near term and long into the future.

Education

Education investments in the supplemental budget include funding for:

Special Education Costs. \$248 million, including circuit breaker reimbursements to local school dis-

tricts.

Public Higher Education Deferred Maintenance. \$190 million for higher education overall, including \$10 million for lab resources for community colleges following the success of MassEducate.

Career Technical Education Capital Grants. \$100 million to expand capacity and accommodate additional career technical education opportunities.

Local School Construction Relief. \$50 million to support cities, towns and school districts experiencing extraordinary school construction increases due to inflation or the impacts of tariffs.

Literacy Growth. \$25 million to support accelerated literacy growth for students in kindergarten through grade 3.

English Language Learning Programs. \$10 million for educational grants to reduce the waitlist for services

for speakers of languages other than English to learn English and subsequently help fill in-demand jobs.

Transportation

Transportation investments in the supplemental budget include funding for:

MBTA Improvements and Infrastructure Upgrades. \$370 million for improvements and infrastructure upgrades across the MBTA system, comprising:

\$200 million to replenish the MBTA budget reserve after the MBTA’s recent use of reserve funds for operations support.

\$100 million in workforce and safety training to implement Federal Transit Administration improvement recommendations.

\$50 million for commuter rail system maintenance and infrastructure upgrades.

\$20 million for the MBTA’s low-income fare relief program.

Local Road Improvements. \$190 million for

shovel-ready transportation improvements to roads, bridges, and culverts.

Regional Equity in Transportation. \$105 million for regional transit initiatives composed of:

\$50 million for capital improvements to equipment and facilities at Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) that serve and connect all regions of the Commonwealth.

\$25 million for RTA workforce recruitment and retention improvement efforts.

\$20 million for ferry infrastructure improvements.

\$10 million for on-demand micro-transit shuttles and Last Mile grants to foster an innovative multimodal transit system.

World Cup Preparations. \$5 million for transportation improvements associated with the upcoming 2026 World Cup.

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Hector Prieto said he is seeking to replace the previously approved permeable pavers for the driveways at the address with a regular driveway. City planning

officials agreed that the proposed additional wells that will be added to the project will address drainage concerns at the address.

Prieto said that because

of the slope of the driveways, the permeable pavers would not be able to properly settle and could create future issues.

Early trash pick-up a concern for councilor

By Adam Swift

One city councilor wants to make sure that private trash haulers are aware that 2 a.m. is not the best time to be picking up trash.

Earlier this month, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero filed a motion requesting the city manager and public works director send out a letter to private trash haulers operating in the city to remind them that trash may not be picked up in Chelsea before 7 a.m.

“It has come to my attention that there has been somebody hauling trash out of District 6 at two o’clock in the morning,” Recupero said. “They are picking it up on Maverick Street, around that area, they told me they were picking up trash at two in the morning. I was always wondering who picks

up trash at two in the morning, that is the craziest thing I ever heard.”

In response to Recupero’s motion, City Manager Fidel Maltez sent a letter to the council stating that the city strictly monitors the start time of the contractor that picks up the city’s solid waste. However, he said there are occasionally issues with the private haulers in the city.

“Private trash companies do have contracts with large buildings or commercial properties and periodically the City receives a complaint of an early pick-up, particularly in a residential neighborhood,” Maltez stated.

All private haulers are required to obtain a permit from the inspection services department to pick up

dumpsters in Chelsea.

“Every year, Inspectional Services reminds haulers of our local noise ordinances,” Maltez stated.

That department also investigates and addresses each complaint the city receives about early pick-ups and noise.

“We have received very valuable pictures showing a particular company picking up a dumpster on Maverick Street,” Maltez said. “We have reached out to this company regarding this particular incident. We will continue monitoring this particular company.”

In addition, Maltez stated that the inspectional services director will be sending a letter to all haulers reminding them of the city’s local noise ordinances.

City manager proposes digital parking permit system

By Adam Swift

City Manager Fidel Maltez is proposing a digital residential parking permit system.

Maltez recently presented the proposal to the city council.

“This proposal means that residents will no longer have to show a printed sticker on their vehicle,” stated Maltez. “Instead, we will leverage the parking enforcement software we have today, which already tracks and maintains an electronic database of all approved vehicles. This will result in operational efficiencies, but more importantly, it will result in a better customer service experience for our residents.”

This year, Maltez said the city made improvements in shortening lines in city hall by emphasizing the online renewal process.

“Our community is made up of hard-working resi-

dents, who may not have the time to apply in person,” stated Maltez. “The online process saves a lot of time and frustration for many of our residents. This year we also extended the hours of operation between the last week of February and the first week of March.”

That change provided residents with more flexible hours.

“In 2026, the City would like to introduce new Digital Residential Parking Permits,” Maltez stated. “Residents who apply and are approved online will no longer wait to receive a physical sticker in the mail. Applicants will receive an email confirmation of their approval from our online portal.”

This will eliminate the risk of a sticker being lost or damaged in the mail, and residents will no longer need to place a physical sticker on their windshields if the proposal is approved.

Maltez said it will incentivize residents to use the online portal rather than waiting in line.

However, the proposed program will not eliminate the ability to apply in person.


“The City Clerk’s office will continue helping residents who would like to apply in person,” Maltez stated. “Residents will receive a printout receipt that their vehicle is registered in the Residential Parking Program, instead of a sticker.”

Maltez noted that other nearby communities, such as Revere and Salem, have rolled out digital parking permits.

“We will propose this change to the Traffic and Parking Commission, and will ask them to hold a public hearing on the matter,” said Maltez. “We welcome feedback from the City Council on this proposal.”

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Shown above is a Battle of Chelsea Creek event map on Marginal St.

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A highlight of the event will be the original cannon captured from the HMS Diana, on display for the first time in Chelsea. This historic artifact was taken by Groton's Asa Lawrence and his men in May 1775.

The Governor Bellingham-Cary House Museum (34 Parker St, Chelsea) will host a free Open House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., offering exhibits and storytelling about Chelsea's Revolutionary past.

In East Boston, there will be a community celebration at Condor Street Urban Wild.

“The Battle of the Chelsea Creek is not something that we talk about a lot, but we think that the Battle of Chelsea Creek ... it really was one of the starting

points of the American Revolution,” said City Manager Fidel Maltez. “What we are really looking forward to is acknowledging that history that Chelsea played, and also, through reenactments, bringing that history back.”

In addition to highlighting the historical importance of the Battle of Chelsea Creek, Maltez said the day will also be a great opportunity for the community to come together.

"It's going to be a really good time to bring the community out, have some fun, really celebrate the history that Chelsea has played, not only in the Commonwealth, but in this country," said Maltez.

Maltez pointed to the hard work many have put into making the day a real-

ity, including Lourdes Alvarez, the city's arts, culture, and creative economy manager.

“Personally, I am grateful for the opportunity to live and work in a city with such a rich history,” said Alvarerz. “The Battle of Chelsea Creek is a story that deserves to be told for generations to come, including to my own young child. Especially in times like these, when we must continue to defend freedom and democracy as core values of our society, it’s an honor to play a role in this historic moment.”

Alvarez said preserving our city's history is a task that cannot be achieved without community-driven efforts, and that it's a true privilege to witness

firsthand the dedication and passion from reenactor groups, elected officials, our city staff, police, fire, emergency management, DPW, small business owners, local stakeholders, the East Boston Museum, the Revolution 250 team, and the state MA250 group; all coming together to make this a once-in-a-lifetime event.

“A special thanks to the Eastern Minerals team and the captain Tiffany Krihwan and crew of the Ernestina-Morrissey for joining us in this adventure,” Alvarez said. “These celebrations have been in the making for over nine months, and we can’t wait for the public to enjoy all the activities we’ve coordinated with so much love and care.”

This event is funded by a MOTT grant and is sponsored by Eastern Minerals.

Transportation and Parking Information

Taking Information
For easy access to the event, attendees can choose from various transportation options, including public transit via the SL3, 104, 111 and 112 bus routes, Uber services, or personal vehicles.

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The event is accessible via the SL3 and 111 bus routes:

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Stop: Woodlawn Park St
@ Williams St

0.5-mile walk via Williams St and Marginal St
104 and 112 Bus:

Stop: Central Ave @
Lynn St

0.3 mile walk via Lynn St

Parking

Parking will be available at Eastern Minerals (located at Marginal St, between Shawmut St and Highland St) and at Chelsea Point (Marginal St @ Willow St). If you're using GPS to navigate to Chelsea, please enter the address: 99 Marginal St, Chelsea, MA. Additional parking options are also available throughout Downtown Chelsea.



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MEMORIAL DAY

Although the Memorial Day weekend signifies the start of the summer season and is observed by families and friends who gather for barbecues and similar festivities, we should keep in mind that Memorial Day is our most solemn national holiday.

Memorial Day reminds us that freedom isn’t free. The holiday makes us aware of the Supreme Sacrifice that has been made by so many of our fellow citizens, providing us with an opportunity to honor their sacrifice.

Memorial Day has its roots in what originally was known as Decoration Day in the aftermath of the Civil War, when the women of communities in the North decorated the graves of the soldiers who perished in that horrific and tragic conflict.

Decoration Day became an official holiday with the proclamation by Gen. Logan on May 5, 1868, in which he declared:

“The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation’s gratitude, the soldier’s and sailor’s widow and orphan.”

In keeping with the spirit of Decoration Day (and the 160th anniversary of the end of the Civil War), we are reprinting below President Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, considered by many to be one of the greatest speeches of all time and which states far more eloquently than we ever could the debt that each of us owes to the brave men and women who have fought and died to defend our nation’s freedom and liberty.

We trust that our readers will agree that Lincoln’s words are as inspiring today as they were when he uttered them in November of 1863 at Gettysburg -- and have special resonance today, when the democratic values and institutions for which so many of our fellow Americans gave their lives are being challenged more so than at any time since the end of the Civil War:

“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. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

“But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate — we can not consecrate — we can not hallow — this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

ENJOY THE WEEKEND --
SAFELY

Memorial Day weekend marks the traditional start of the summer season, bringing with it the anticipation of sunshine and warmth, of vacations, and of time spent with family and friends.

So we ask our readers to stop right now — and think for a moment — about all of the good times that we will be sharing with our friends and our loved ones over the next three months.

But then think for a moment about how quickly all of that can dissolve in the blink of an eye if we make a wrong choice — if we drink and drive a car or a boat while under the influence, if we abuse drugs, or if we use fireworks or other dangerous incendiaries. If friends or family members are showing clear signs of intoxication, we should not hesitate to take their keys, whether from a car or a boat, to prevent a tragedy from occurring.

It is inevitable that the TV and newspapers will inform us of the hundreds of tragedies that will occur this holiday weekend because of poor choices made by our fellow Americans. It is up to each of us to ensure that we do not become just another sad statistic.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Memorial Day weekend.

250th Battle of Chelsea Creek celebrations in full swing

The 250th Battle of Chelsea Creek celebrations are in full swing, with a series of events bringing our community together to explore and honor this important moment in history.

Our latest event held at the Williams School, Ani-

mals of the Revolution: A Living History Day, was a great success. Families enjoyed a petting zoo and horse rides, designed to help children and youth connect with the vital role livestock played during the Revolutionary War. It was a day

filled with history, learning, and celebration.

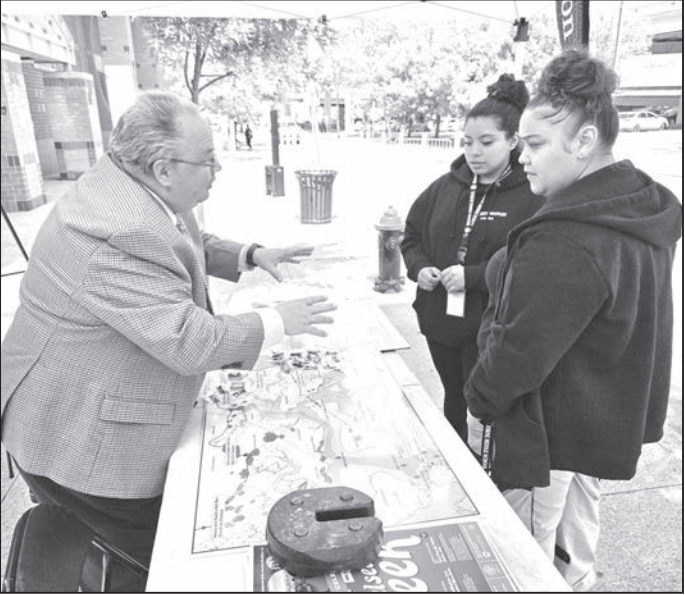
One of the most memorable moments was seeing how kind and gentle the kids were with the animals. Their curiosity and care made the experience truly special.

This is just the beginning! Join us for our next event at the Governor Bellingham-Cary House Museum for a special presentation by Mimi Graney.

For more information and the full event schedule, visit chelseaprospers.org.



Families enjoyed a petting zoo, horse rides and battle history during the Williams School event .



COURTESY PHOTOS



THE CHELSEA SCOOP

By Angie Agostini

Angie Agostini, 18, is a current senior at Chelsea High School and an intern in the city manager’s office. In her free time, she enjoys reading, writing, and playing with her cat and birds.

Welcome back to this week’s edition of The Chelsea Scoop! First off--a huge shoutout to all the mothers out there; your love, hard work, and dedication do not go unnoticed! Happy Mother’s Day to all of our wonderful mothers!

Chelsea’s digital future

The City of Chelsea is modernizing! From parking permits to the Inspectional Services Department

(ISD), more city services are moving online. No more dreadfully long lines at the Clerk’s Office: residents can now renew their permits online, making the process convenient and accessible. And better yet, say goodbye to car window stickers—they’re going digital too!

Permitting and enforcement will improve for all residents. The ISD is also adopting a new software system that will streamline the permit application process for residents and contractors. This will enhance efficiency, data transparency, and accountability.

For many residents, this may be a new and strange shift. Thankfully, the City is committed to complete

transparency throughout this process, so if you have any concerns, don’t hesitate to reach out to City Hall or the City Manager’s Office with questions!

Upcoming events

Budget hearings with the City Council took place this past week, bringing us one step closer to the official budget vote on June 2nd. Stay tuned as we approach the start of FY2026!

Mark your calendars--Chelsea will be kicking off the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek celebrations on Saturday, May 24th, at Port Park. Don’t miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime event. Dive deep into Chelsea’s history with the naval battle



COURTESY PHOTO

Angie Agostini

that kickstarted the American revolution! Bring your family and friends to this free event and enjoy a day out by Chelsea’s waterfront.

The next City Council meeting will take place on May 19th. We will be back with more updates on the City—see you in the next edition of The Chelsea Scoop!

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Gene Pool

Johnny DiLiegro carries on family tradition

By Cary Shuman

Johnny DiLiegro recognizes the incredible legacy that he and his family have compiled and maintained in the field of swimming pool construction for the last six decades.

Johnny is the son of the late Cosmo Louis DiLiegro, who in 1970 at the age of 42 after building a pool for his own children in his backyard, founded Cosmo Pools. Mr. Cosmo DiLiegro, family patriarch, passed away in October, 2024.

Johnny, 74, carries the legacy forth as the owner of Cosmo Pools, the Re-

vere-based company continues to be the foremost builder of swimming pools in Revere and adjacent communities.

Johnny has been a part of the company since its beginning.

“At 18, I was drafted right out of high school (Revere High Class of 1969) and I went into the National Guard reserves,” recalled Johnny. “I did six months of basic training, and then I came home and went right to work with my father. I worked with him for 55 years.”

With summer approach-

ing, it’s the busiest time of the year for Cosmo Pools.

“We start April 1 every year and we usually end around Thanksgiving,” said Johnny. “We’re doing construction and refurbishments. With permitting and inspection, it takes about a month to build an in-ground pool.”

Johnny takes substantial pride in his company’s work. In fact, during this interview, while standing near his own pool, he proudly pointed to homes in the neighborhood that have pools constructed by Cosmo. Johnny smiles broadly

as he ponders the thought of families across the city enjoying summer days in their Cosmo-built pools, perhaps complemented by a family cookout.

“I remember how excited my siblings and I were about having a pool and the fun we had each summer,” said Johnny.

Johnny said he often thinks about his father and the bond of mutual respect that they shared every day.

“He was a great guy – everybody knew him, everybody loved him. He had a great reputation,” said Johnny proudly.



Johnny DiLiegro of Cosmo Pools stands adjacently to the swimming pool in his backyard.

Will there be a drought this year?

Special to the Times-Free Press

There very well could be a drought this summer that will kill thousands of dollar’s worth of trees around the area and force communities to spend money and time for decades to make up for the loss. Winthrop’s town department of public works has one watering truck and sometimes employees available to fill it, drive it around and water public trees. But not always because unpredictable emer-

gencies arrive to demand their time. At best two workers can water four trees in an hour. The town has thousands of trees. In a town-wide drought DPW workers cannot keep up and trees will die. That is why Winthrop needs a citizen army of tree waterers ready to go when we have two weeks of no rain.

Any amount of water to any small street trees will help. (the smaller, younger trees may not be established so are more vulnerable to die

of thirst) What you can do is carry water or a hose to street trees nearest you. The trees belong to you. Carry a bucket, watering can and add as much water as you can allow to soak into the ground or fill the watering bag.

Tree Warden, Tom Derderian says that Winthrop is facing a slow crisis in maintaining and expanding our tree canopy. Many big, old trees planted on streets as much a 100 years ago are reaching the end of their lifetimes.

When one of those venerable trees with a trunk diameter of two feet is replaced by a new tree with a trunk diameter of two inches it will take close to 30 years of that tree to growth to spread shade anywhere near the original tree. This year and in recent years more weight, diameter, leaf cover has had to be removed than is replace by the same number of new plantings. So far this year we have purchased and planted about 50 trees. But all of those combined add up to compare to only four of the ancient remove trees. The town plans to plant another batch of trees in the fall but the budget for purchasing them is limited. That is why the tree warden is soliciting donations to purchase and plant more. To make a donation and request the species and place you would like contact the tree warden at tderderian@winthropma.gov.

Keep your eyes on the skies and if rain does not come, grab your water can or hose because it will be up to you to save the trees.



Winthrop's Tim Duplin of the Winthrop Tree Committee watering a newly planted Swamp Oak at Brookfield Park.

LOCALS RECEIVE AWARD FROM MA. DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection recognized local collaborative efforts at the Public Water System Awards Day

on May 9th, 2025. Individuals from several agencies and a Chelsea resident received the School/Day Care Lead Reduction Advocacy Award. Their training

“Lead in Drinking Water at Childcare Facilities” and the promotion of lead water testing in family child care programs gained statewide acknowledgment.



Shown (left to right) are Jessica Sibirska – MA. Dept. of Environmental Protection, Kiera Alventosa -formerly of Clean Water Action now Green Root, Amy Izen – Early Childhood Initiative, Healthy Chelsea/Revere Cares, Tania Perez – Nurtury, Fran Roznowski – Chelsea resident, and Xochitil Perez - MA. Dept. of Environmental Protection.

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LA COLABORATIVA HOLDS MASQUERADE GALA AT SURVIVAL CENTER

La Colaborativa held its Masquerade Gala May 16 at Chelsea Survival Center.

Guests enjoyed a spectacular evening of food and music in what has become one of Chelsea’s most dazzling social events of the year.

La Colaborativa President and CEO Gladys Vega thanked the many people in attendance for their continued support of the organization.

Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll brought the official greetings of the Commonwealth. City Manager Fidel Maltez and Supt. of School Dr. Almi Abeyta led a contingent of Chelsea community leaders in attendance at the gala.

The organization honored Board President and retiring Chelsea Police Det. Rosalba Medina in recognition of her distinguished 32-year career in law enforcement.



Cassandra Lozano Sias and Sarah Goldstein of HNTB.



Norielez DeJesus of La Colaborativa welcomes Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta to the gala May 16 at Chelsea Survival Center.



Cristina Garcia, Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia, TND Executive Director Rafael Mares (back), Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, and City Manager Fidel Maltez.



Michael Zimman, Dr. Ellen Rovner, and Carol Michael.



State Rep. Judith Garcia, with her husband, Rob Waters (left) and Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia.



Professional photographer Darlene DeVita, City Manager Fidel Maltez, City Council President Norielez DeJesus, and TND Housing Program Manager Valentina Moreno.



School Committee Vice Chair Lucia Henriques, Harvard student Jimmy Merino, School Committeewoman Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville, Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, Chelsea City Council President Norielez DeJesus (Director of Youth Development), President and CEO Gladys Vega, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, Executive Vice President Dinanyili Paulino, and Chief Operations Officer Alex Train.



La Colaborativa President and CEO Gladys Vega welcomes the Metro Credit Union team to the gala. From left, Chief Operating Officer Traci Michel, Vice President Saritin Rizzuto, Gladys Vega, President and CEO Robert Cashman, Senior Vice President Charlene Bauer, and Chief Marketing Officer Monica Santos.



Office of Gov. Healey Director of Community Engagment Art Gordon, La Colaborativa Director of Impact Philip Warren White, La Colaborativa Executive Vice President Dinanyili Del Carmen Paulino, Governor’s Deputy Chief of Staff for Access and Opportunity Marcony Almeida Baros, and La Colaborativa President and CEO Gladys Vega.

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THE CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL RED DEVILS GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM

This year CHS brought a new sport into their regular program, flag football was introduced, and Head Coach Briana Scata was picked to lead the program, along with Asst. Coach Chris Valesquez.



Head Coach Briana Scata and Asst. Coach Chris Valesquez with the Chelsea Red Devil Flag Football Team: front row: Denisse Lara, Dana Alvarado Garcia, Kimberly Rameriz Garcia, Jocelyn Tavico, Alexandra Guerra Mox. Back row: Monica Cespedes Cruz, Jaylene Alvarado Martinez, Symora Cruz, Genesis Serrano, Dayana Soriano, Karla Valle Salmeron, Danacy Bonilla, and Jessenia Rodriguez.



Asst. Coach Chris Valesquez, Captain Kimberly Ramirez Garcia and Captain Karla Valle Salmeron, with Head Coach Brian Scata.

CHS Roundup

CHS GIRLS, BOYS TRACK TURNED IN A STRONG SHOWING AT THE GBL MEET

Both the Chelsea High girls and boys outdoor track and field teams turned in strong individual and team performances at last Monday's GBL Championship Meet that was held at Somerville's Dilboy Stadium.

The girls' squad finished in third place with 85 points behind Revere (157 points) and Medford (108 points), while the boys tied for fourth place with Everett with 65 points behind Somerville (111 points), Medford (101 points), and Revere (94 points).

The Lady Red Devils were led by sophomore Thania Simon, who was the top point-scorer for the meet (both boys and girls) with 30 points. Thania won three events, the 200 dash (26.47), the long jump (17'-1"), and the triple jump (34'-3").

Follow sophomore Lilly Serrano tallied 23.5 points to finish among the top four point-scorers. Lily was the GBL champion in the 400 dash with a time of 1:02.44; took second in the 100 dash with a sprint of 12.66 that was just 0.04 behind the first-place finisher; and tied for third in the high jump.

Senior Kiara
Ramirez-Villata was a double-champion. Kiara won the shot-put with a toss of 34'-7", which was two feet further than her nearest opponent, and the discus with a spin of 99'-9.5", which was an impressive six feet further than her closest rival.

Additional individual point-scorers for the Lady Red Devils included:

-- Hazel Hatleberg scored five points with a fourth-place performance in the mile and added another point with an eighth-place finish in the triple jump;

-- Aly Perez won a medal for her eighth-place finish in the two-mile;

-- Lauren Nadow won a medal with an eighth-place in the 100 hurdles,

-- Anjely Mejia-Martinez earned sixth-place medals in both the shot-put and the discus;

-- Dieunie Cademus brought home a fifth-place medal in the discus and a seventh-place medal in the shot; and

-- Leanny Sanchez Ynoa took a seventh-place medal in the long jump.

In the relays, the 4x800 team of Kimberly Fuentes Chavez, Katherine Benitez, Lauren Nadow, and Hazel Hatleberg came across in fourth place and the 4x400 relay quartet of Ashly

Damas Ruiz, Leanny Sanchez Ynoa, Emily Singh, and Emelin Rosales earned sixth-place medals.

On the boys side, senior Ariel Chacon-Arena was the top point-scorer for the Red Devils. Ariel earned a GBL championship in the shot-put with a throw of 53'-1" and took second in the discus to tally 18 points on the day.

Senior Sherwin Kim also reached double-figures, scoring six points with a third-place finish in the 400 hurdles and four points with a fifth-place effort in the 110 hurdles.

Adonis Alvarez Umana was a triple-medalist, scoring 10 points, with a third in the javelin, a sixth in the shot-put, and an eighth in the discus;

A number of Red Devil teammates also turned in strong performances to score points for the Chelsea column on the scoresheet and win medals:

-- Xavy Guzman took third place in the 400 dash:

-- Bryan Amaya-Yanes grabbed a sixth-place medal in the 800:

-- Carlos Perez-Acosta brought home a sixth-place medal in the mile:

-- Leandro Castro grabbed a fourth-place medal in the 400 hurdles and a

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However, the statement continued, when a federal agency is physically present at the time of an individual’s release, the sole role of the Chelsea Police Department is to coordinate a safe and orderly transfer to ensure the safety of all parties involved.

“We also affirm our legal obligations under Massachusetts law,” police stated. “As established in Commonwealth v. Lunn (2017), local law enforcement does not have the authority to detain individuals solely on the basis of federal immigration detainers or non-judicial (civil or administrative) warrants. Once an individual has met the legal conditions for release under state law, they are free to leave immediately from the custody of the Chelsea Police Department.”

The department further stated that it is firmly committed to conducting all operations in a manner that is lawful, professional, and respectful of the rights of every person it serves, regardless of immigration status.

On Monday, police and city officials, including Police Chief Keith Houghton and City Manager Fidel Maltez took part in a com-

munity meeting at local social justice nonprofit La Colaborativa to discuss community response to the immigration activity in Chelsea.

In addition to its status as a sanctuary city, Chelsea has also filed a lawsuit, along with Somerville, against the Trump administration over its national immigration policies.

“We know that Chelsea police need to be focused on keeping Chelsea safe, we know that the community needs to trust the police, and we know that when the community doesn’t trust Chelsea police, it makes our community less safe,” said Maltez. “Folks are not going to report cases of domestic violence, residents are not going to seek help when they need help. We have worked really hard at establishing the relationship that we have with the community and Chelsea police; our police officers are from Chelsea, our firefighters are from Chelsea, we know that the way that you do policing is through direct community engagement and building community together.”

With the recent federal immigration actions in the city, Maltez said it can be

hard for residents to differentiate the federal officers from local police.

“Folks are afraid, they see a police vehicle – are they going to come for me for my immigration status?” he said.

Maltez pointed to the ICE detainment of the teens outside of the police station several weeks ago as an incident that can erode the trust between police and community.

“Something we shared (at the community meeting Monday) is that unfortunately, there is nothing Chelsea police can do to stop the enforcement of immigration,” said Maltez. “We cannot hinder or stop or divert an operation from ICE. If we were to do that, we would be held criminally responsible for obstructing the investigation, and unfortunately, that is not something that we can afford to do as a city, nor can we afford as a police department.”

Last week, U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts Leah Foley released a statement claiming that “interference with ICE operations around Massachusetts has been disturbing, to say the least.”

Foley said any alleged interference poses significant public and officer safety risks.

“It is conduct that should be vilified rather than glorified,” Foley claimed. “I will not stand idly by if any public official, public safety officer, organization or private citizen acts in a manner that criminally obstructs or impedes ICE operations. The United States Attorney’s Office, along with our federal partners, will investigate any violations of federal law and pursue charges that are warranted by such activity.”

Maltez said the city is caught in a hard spot when it comes to ensuring the safety of the community.

“We don’t support these (federal immigration) activities,” Maltez said. “We certainly think that the way that ICE is going about their business is not fair, it is not just. I personally wish there was more that we can do.”

City Councillor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera agreed that the city needs to be getting out the word about how the local police department is limited in what it can do in response to ICE activity in Chelsea.

“I think right now, the biggest piece at the local level is that there is a lot of uncertainty for folks and I think we need to find a way for the city’s message to reach more people, so that people can understand the differences between federal agents more broadly, because it is not just immigration at this point, and Chelsea police,” said Jimenez-Rivera.

The councillor said there should be an understanding of what it means when the city and police mean when

they state that they do not collaborate with ICE.

“Not collaborating does not mean that there are no interactions,” Jimenez-Rivera said. “I think that is an area where we need to identify how we can better or best communicate that to people so that (they) can be well informed about what all this actually means and how they can avoid putting themselves where they or their families could be at risk.”

Jimenez-Rivera was one of several local elected officials who signed a letter addressed to Governor Maura Healey to advocate for greater action countering ICE on the state level. The letter amplifies the demands of LUCE Immigrant Justice Network of Massachusetts, a coalition of immigrant-led, grassroots organizations who have been on the ground supporting the most vulnerable with rapid response to ICE operations throughout the Commonwealth.

Other Chelsea elected officials who signed the letter include councillors Tanairi Garcia and Lisa Santagate and school committee members Sarah Elizabeth Neville, Jonathan Gomez-Pereira, and Kati Cabral, Chelsea School Committee.

“Federal agents have confirmed an organized escalation across the Commonwealth during the month of May, which will result in too many of our neighbors being kidnapped by this rogue agency,” the letter to Healey states. “We need you to commit to your promises and stand by our immigrant communities now to intervene to stop ICE and their systemic abuses of due process and basic human rights

in Massachusetts.”

Elected officials from Ac-ton-Boxborough, Waltham, and Worcester also signed the letter.

In a recent interview with Boston25 News, Trump border czar stated that there is “no sensitive location policy anymore. We did away with that. There is no sanctuary for criminal threats or public safety threats or national security threats, no sanctuary.”

While Healey has stated that Massachusetts is not a sanctuary state, in the interview, Homan said he gets reports every week of public safety threats released from counties within that state without notifying ICE, adding that he would return to Massachusetts and ICE would “flood the zone.”

Jimenez-Rivera said the governor and the administration should be doing more to protect the state, and that when they stand by, cities like Chelsea and Worcester take the brunt of the punishment from ICE and other federal agencies.

“I think that the state needs to do better,” said Jimenez-Rivera. “Right now, Chelsea is taking it to the face, and we’re bearing the brunt of this, and it is because we have chosen a set of policies that protect our residents in a way that the state has chosen not to. It has been incredibly frustrating to see the administration essentially stay quiet at a time when our community needs to to stand up.

“If we were to pass policy at the state level that mirrored policy we have done at the local level, we would have some of that pressure taken off of us and other communities.”



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City to host Memorial Day ceremony honoring fallen heroes

The City of Chelsea invites residents and community members to attend the annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26, to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

The day will begin with a Garden Cemetery Commencement at 10 a.m., featuring a student presentation, wreath placement, and the moving sounds of “Taps” by bagpipes, followed by a procession to Chelsea City Hall. The City Hall Commencement begins at 10:30 a.m. and includes student performances, remarks from elected officials, and a keynote address by Retired USAF Master Sergeant Eliseo “Max” Z. Guajardo, whose decorated 22-year military career and lifetime of public service continue to inspire.

The program will also include music from the Chelsea High School Band, a poetry recital, the placement of wreaths by local veterans, and presentations by Chelsea elementary students.

Lunch will follow at 1 p.m. This heartfelt event brings the community together to reflect, remember, and express gratitude for those who gave their lives in defense of freedom.





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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CARMEN CELIA NIEVES

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Carmen, who passed away on April 15, 2019, after a courageous battle with metastatic breast cancer, left a lasting impact on generations of young people and families in Chelsea. Her legacy was honored in true Carmen fashion — with a spirited Zumba session, a curated playlist featuring all her favorite songs, and a room full of people who loved her deeply.

“Carmen had a way of lighting up a room and lifting spirits no matter what kind of day she was having,” said Josh Kraft, who worked alongside her for many years.

Known for the unique nicknames she gave to Club members and colleagues alike, Carmen had a gift for making personal connections and building community. Her warmth and energy will continue to resonate with us all.

During a moment of reflection, Carmen’s niece, Laila, shared moving words about what it meant to see so many people honoring her “TiTi” — a reminder that Carmen’s love and influence continue to ripple through the lives she touched.

From the families she supported to the young people she uplifted with a smile or kind word, Carmen’s spirit remains alive in Chelsea. Her presence at the Club may be missed, but her legacy is ever-present — in laughter, in movement, in music, and in the bonds she helped build.

To everyone who stopped by and all those who remember Carmen in your own way, — our family extends our deepest gratitude. We look forward to gathering again next year to continue honoring the life and legacy of Carmen Celia Nieves — a true force of joy, love, and community.



Carmen Celia Nieves’ family, friends, and co-workers are pictured at the event celebrating her life and legacy at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club where she was admired and respected by all.



The family of Carmen Celia Nieves, pictured at the celebration of life held in her honor at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club.



Zumba instructor Jeanette Velez and Isidra Quinones, BGCB Director of Alumni Engagement.



Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Gina Centrella (right) welcomes former executive directors Michelle Perez and Josh Kraft to the event celebrating the life and legacy of membership director Carmen Celia Nieves.



John Hassell, Jaylen Hassell, John Montes, Josh Kraft, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.

All hotel shelters across state to close this summer

Special to the Times-Free Press

Gov. Maura Healey announced that her administration’s plan to close all hotel shelters is six months ahead of schedule, with the remaining 32 hotels expected to close this summer. Governor Healey had previously directed all hotel shelters to be closed by the end of 2025.

A new report shows that, as of April 30, only 32 hotel shelters remain, down from a peak of 100 in the summer of 2023, a 68-percent decrease. These decreases are a result of a number of reforms Governor Healey made to reduce caseloads and the cost of the state’s Emergency Assistance family shelter system, including a six-month length of stay requirement, workforce training and job placement for residents, and increased

case management to help families find stable housing. The total number of families in shelter recently dropped below 5,000 for the first time since July 2023 and is expected to drop below 4,000 families this summer – six months ahead of schedule.

“When we took office, homeless families were being placed in hotel shelters across the state,” said Governor Healey. “A hotel is no place to raise a family, and they are the least cost effective...We also promised to close all hotel shelters by the end of the year.”

“I’m pleased that we are ahead of schedule, with more families getting jobs and moving to stable housing.”

“Closing hotel shelters is essential to making sure that families are set up for suc-

cess and to save our state hundreds of millions of dollars a year,” said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. “We’re grateful to our team and partners for working so hard to help families leave shelter for stable housing, which is better for families and better for taxpayers.”

“We want to express our deep appreciation for the extraordinary work of the frontline teams, who are vital partners in supporting families throughout this crisis,” said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. “Shelter providers and their staff played a critical role in rapidly scaling up services to meet an unprecedented surge in need. Their dedication and agility ensured that thousands of families across the state had access to safe shelter and support at a time

when it was most needed. We are also grateful to the communities and partners who have come together to support families throughout this emergency.”

The report details the state’s history with turning to hotels and motels to shelter homeless families. In 2014, 1,500 families were being sheltered in hotels across the state. The previous administration turned to hotels again in 2022 as the number of families seeking shelter began to dramatically increase due to the housing crisis, failed federal immigration policy, and a lack of safeguards to control the expansion of the shelter system.

Due to declining caseload, the Norfolk Rapid Shelter located at the former Bay State Correctional Center and the Revere CSR site

at the Revere Quality Inn will close this summer. Additionally, the Lowell Inn and Conference Center will transition from a Bridge Track shelter site to a Rapid Track shelter and CSR site in July.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration inherited two dual challenges when it arrived in office in 2023: an unprecedented surge of families seeking emergency shelter and a flawed shelter system that was ill-equipped to handle such a surge. To meet this unprecedented challenge, Governor Healey initiated a number of reforms to lower the caseload, reduce taxpayer costs and improve safety.

Governor Healey declared a state of emergency and imposed a cap on the system at 7,500 families in 2023. She also worked with

the Legislature to reform the Right to Shelter law. That includes requiring proof of Massachusetts residency as well as the requirement that all family members have lawful immigration status, with limited exemptions. Governor Healey imposed mandatory CORI checks for all adults before entry into the system.

As a result of Governor Healey’s actions, caseloads and costs have decreased. The number of families in shelter dropped below 5,000 for the first time since July 2023. Since the start of 2025, double the number of families have exited shelter (approximately 2,500) than have entered shelter (approximately 1,100). Approximately 85-90 percent of families seeking shelter are now longtime Massachusetts families.

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and accompanying specifications are for your convenience in submitting a proposal for the enclosed referenced products and services: Apple iPADS and accessories CLOSING DAY AND TIME: Sealed proposals will be received no later than: 4:30 pm EST, June 5, 2025 Small and minority firms are encouraged to apply. The advertisement is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the request for proposals. CAPIC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer/ Affirmative Action Agency. PLEASE MARK SEALED ENVELOPE: CDC Apple iPad Bid RETURN PROPOSAL TO: Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. Attn: Richelle Cromwell, Executive Director 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14 Chelsea, MA 02150 Organizational Overview Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) invites qualified vendors to submit proposals for the purchase of Apple iPads and associated accessories for CAPIC’s Child Development Center Program. CAPIC is a private, non-profit corporation chartered in 1967 and designated to identify and eradicate the root causes of poverty in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. CAPIC has been designated by the State and Federal Government as a Community Action Agency and currently employs approximately 115 employees. Project Description Scope of Work Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) invites qualified vendors to submit proposals for: QTY Manufacture Part # Description 40. Apple MCNH4LL/A. iPad Air 13”, 128GB, Wi-Fi, Space Gray 1. Apple MVXR33LL/A. iPad Pro 13” 256GB, Wi-Fi+Cellular, Standard Glass, Space Black 2. Apple MVX333LL/A. iPad Pro 13” 256GB, Wi-Fi, Standard Glass, Silver 3. Codi C30705061. Codi Rugged Case for iPad Pro 12.9” (Gen 5) HAND / SHOULDER STRAP IPAD PRO 2021 Applications to include but not limited to: * Delivery location: * 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14 Chelsea, MA 02150 * Shipping costs as a separate line item on the bid Required Documents On 8.5” by 11” white paper in portrait orientation, include:

1. Your company name and address
 2. Net terms
 3. The list of above equipment, with unit, extended and total pricing.
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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2025-08 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, June 10, 2025 Council Chambers. 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Gamble Associates/David Gamble For Special Permits and Variances seeking approval for the demolition of an existing residential structure and the construction of an educational center that does not meet requirements for minimum rear yard setback, minimum lot size, minimum side yard setback, minimum frontage, maximum floor area ratio, maximum height, maximum lot coverage, and minimum off-street parking spaces at the premises known as:

50 Heard 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. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 5/22/25, 5/29/25 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2025-06 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, June 10, 2025 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Surinder Saini President, Canadian Liquors LLC – DBA Broadway Variety 2 For Special Permit seeking approval for the use of a Liquor Store at the premises known as: 469 Eastern Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 5/15/25, 5/22/25 C

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Public Announcement of Invitation to submit a REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL The enclosed REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) and accompanying specifications are for your convenience in submitting a proposal for the enclosed referenced products and services: Ceiling Tile Replacement – Head Start Gym at Irene O’Connell Center CLOSING DAY AND TIME: Sealed proposals will be received no later than: May 30, 4:30 pm EST Small and minority firms are encouraged to apply. The advertisement is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the request for proposals. CAPIC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer/ Affirmative Action Agency. PLEASE MARK SEALED ENVELOPE: Ceiling Tile Replacement Bid RETURN PROPOSAL TO: Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. Attn: Richelle Cromwell, Executive Director

100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14 Chelsea, MA 02150 Organizational Overview Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) invites qualified vendors to submit proposals for ceiling tile replacement at CAPIC’s Irene O’Connell Center Head Start site, at 65 Nahant Avenue, Revere, MA. CAPIC is a private, non-profit corporation chartered in 1967 and designated to identify and eradicate the root causes of poverty in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. CAPIC has been designated by the State and Federal Government as a Community Action Agency and currently employs approximately 115 employees. Project Description Scope of Work * Remove and dispose of existing ceiling tiles in the gymnasium. * Inspect and report on the condition of existing grid system. * Replace any damaged components of the grid as needed (subject to approval). * Install new ceiling tiles that meet acoustic, fire safety, and durability standards suitable for a school gym environment. * Ensure compliance with applicable local, state, and federal building codes. * Conduct a final inspection and provide documentation of work completed. Dimensions of Gymnasium: Approximately 3900 sq ft in the gym/plus 514sq ft for ceiling over the stage/ plus 300 sq ft in the entry hall adjacent to the gym ceilings are approximately 21 ft high (lift of staging will be needed). Requirements Contractor must be licensed and insured in Massachusetts. Experience with school and/or commercial ceiling tile installation preferred. Must provide a timeline for project completion. Availability to perform work outside of program operating hours (after-hours or weekends) is preferred. Proposal Submission Requirements * All proposals must include: * Company name, contact person, address, phone number, and email. * Proof of licensure and insurance. * Detailed cost estimate (materials, labor, disposal, etc.). * Proposed timeline and availability. * List of recent relevant projects (preferably school or nonprofit facilities). * Any warranties or guarantees offered. Additional Information * Site visits can be scheduled upon request. Please contact Richelle at rcromwell@capicinc.org TAXES

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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS CLASSROOM CURRICULUM TEXTS The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking bids for the purchase of “Classroom Curriculum Texts”. Bids will be available on or after May 29, 2025 by visiting the City’s website at http:// www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Classroom Curriculum Texts” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on June 12, 2025. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. 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 5/22/25 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS CLEANING SERVICES AT THE CHELSEA POLICE STATION Sealed bids to furnish all services to provide Institutional (Building) Cleaning Services for the City of Chelsea Police Department. Invitation for Bid documents are available on or after May 22, 2025 by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. An optional pre-bid walk-through will be held at the Chelsea Police Station, 19 Park Street, on May 28, 2025 at 10:00am. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “CLEANING SERVICES AT THE CHELSEA POLICE STATION” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, June 12, 2025. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids 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. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 5/22/25 C

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED EMIMENT DOMAIN TAKING In accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 43, Section 30, the City of Chelsea – acting through the Chelsea City Council – will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 2nd, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

to discuss the proposed Eminent Domain taking of 145 Market Street and 359 Beacham Street. A copy of the Order of Taking is available for inspection in the City Clerk’s Office during normal City Hall business hours. Norieliz DeJesus President, Chelsea City Council 5/15/25, 5/22/25 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room. Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Verizon for the following petition: Griffin Way Place one (1) JO pole, P.20A approximately 40’ southeasterly from existing pole, P.20 located on the easterly side of Griffin Way. Public comments will be accepted during the meeting. Written comments are accepted by email to cfox@chelseama.gov until 12:00pm on 6/3/25. The public is invited to attend. Cate Fox Lent Commissioner 5/15/25, 5/22/25 C

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET In accordance with the provisions of Section 5-3(a) of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, notice is hereby given that the Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 2nd, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Chelsea. The proposed budget for all City services and facilities totals \$261.7 million, with the General Fund totaling \$110.8 million and the School Budget totaling \$150.9 million. Operating costs for the sewer and water enterprise services total \$25.3 million. The proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating

Budget is available for inspection online at www.chelseama.gov and copies are also available in the City Clerk’s office during normal City Hall business hours. Norieliz DeJesus President, Chelsea City Council 5/15/25, 5/22/25 C

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Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Docket No. SU25D0333DR Roselia Perez Pelico Plaintiff vs. Vicente Damacio Lopez Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Roselia Perez Police 139 Hawthorne St. Apt. 1 Chelsea, MA 02150, your answer on or before 06/19/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of this Court. Date: May 15, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 05/22/25 C

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LEGAL NOTICE The 2023 & 2024 Federal and State tax returns for the Chelsea Education Foundation, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation and public charity established to support Chelsea Public Schools (the “Corporation”), are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Chelsea Public Library, 569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. Copies of the documents may also be obtained by written request to the Corporation. Such requests should be addressed to Chelsea Education Foundation, Inc.,

c/o Chelsea Public Schools, 500 Broadway, Room 216, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. 5/22/25 C

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Re: Axe Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Torito Lounge 73 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 12, 2025 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify all abutters, via Certified Return Receipt mail, of this hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 5/15/25, 5/22/25 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING Zoning Amendment ZA25-01 In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 6:00 PM For a recommendation to the City Council on proposed amendments to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance: Section 34–106(j)(6) This update would limit ineligibility for participation in the resident sticker parking program to those sites given relief from the required number of off-street parking spaces only. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 5/22/25 C

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ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA
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The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recently welcomed a new member to our Club. Our new member, Janette Yebba Giso is a graduate of Chelsea High School and is a lifelong resident of the city. She is currently employed as a Real estate agent for Bayside Realty in Cambridge. She was installed by Diane Cambria. Welcome Janette!



Shown (left to right) are Barbara Lawlor, Janette Giso and Diane Cambria.

NFPA provides top grilling safety tips for Memorial Day and beyond

Special to the Times-Free Press

For many of us, Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial start of summer, when many people dust off their grills to celebrate the holiday and prepare for outdoor cooking in the warmer months ahead. As they do, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) offers important safety tips and guidelines to help ensure that the grilling season remains fire-safe.

“Cookouts and outdoor grilling can be a great way to spend time with friends and family, but they do present potential risks,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “Over Memorial Day weekend and throughout the summer, we want everyone to be aware of where and when grilling fires tend to happen, along with steps they can take to help prevent them.”

NFPA data show that be-

tween 2019 and 2023, gas grills were involved in an average of 9,287 home fires per year, including 4,682 structure fires and 4,605 outdoor fires. In roughly one-fifth (20%) of these fires, the grill had not been cleaned. In addition, an annual average of 21,682 patients went to emergency rooms because of grill-related injuries between 2020 and 2024, according to data from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

“By following simple safety precautions, people can greatly reduce the risk of grilling fires and associated risks,” said Carli.

Here are NFPA tips, recommendations, and resources for using outdoor grills safely:

- For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks. (Watch NFPA’s video on how to check for leaks.)
- Keep your grill clean. Make sure to remove all

grease and fat buildup from the grills and the trays below.

- Place the grill far from your home, deck railings, eaves, or overhanging branches.
- Before lighting your gas-powered grill, always make sure the lid is open.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area.
- If you use starter fluid with charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire once it’s been lit. When you finish grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing them in a metal container.
- Never leave your grill unattended when in use.

For additional grilling safety information, check out the NFPA podcast episode, a blog post on fire code grill requirements, or a video on some lesser-known grilling safety tips.

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seventh place medal in the triple-jump;

- Younes Sharif earned an eighth-place medal in the 400 hurdles;
- Kevin Romero-Molina took home two medals with a third-place in the discus and an eighth-place in the shot-put; and
- Nathaniel Ramos Qui-

jada earned a fourth-place medal in the high jump.

In the relays:

- The 4x100 quartet of Aiden Rivas-Ortega, Younes Sharif, Juan Portillo, and Nathaniel Ramos Quijada earned eighth-place medals.
- The 4x400 foursome of Sherwin Kim, Leandro

Castro, Zakaria Moubtasim, and Xavy Guzman came across in fourth place to score five points for Chelsea.

- The 4x800 team of Eric Anderson, Kyle Leong, Carlos Perez-Acosta, and Bryan Amaya-Yanes won third-place medals.

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Saturday, May 24, 2025, 11am–4pm Port Park (99 Marginal St)

The festival kicks off with an official opening ceremony featuring live music and drum, remarks from City and elected officials, followed by a special presentation by John McGough of Historical Services, The Adjutant General’s Office.

PARADE: 11:30am - 12pm at Marginal Street

Explore the SSV Ernestina-Morrissey, the 1894 schooner from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, as you learn about the first British vessel captured and destroyed, The HMS Diana. A highlight of the event will be the original cannon captured from the HMS Diana, on display for the first time in Chelsea! This historic artifact was taken by Groton’s Asa Lawrence and his men in May 1775.

IN ADDITION: The Governor Bellingham-Cary House Museum (34 Parker St, Chelsea) will also host a free Open House from 11am to 3pm, offering exhibits and storytelling about Chelsea’s Revolutionary past.

Artillery Demonstrations (12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.) Revolutionary-Era Militia Encampment Musket Firing Demonstrations thru the day

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Parking at Eastern Minerals (located at Marginal St, between Shawmut St and Highland St) and at Chelsea Point (Marginal St @ Willow St). If you’re using GPS to navigate to Chelsea, please enter the address: 99 Marginal St, Chelsea. Additional parking options are also available throughout Downtown Chelsea.