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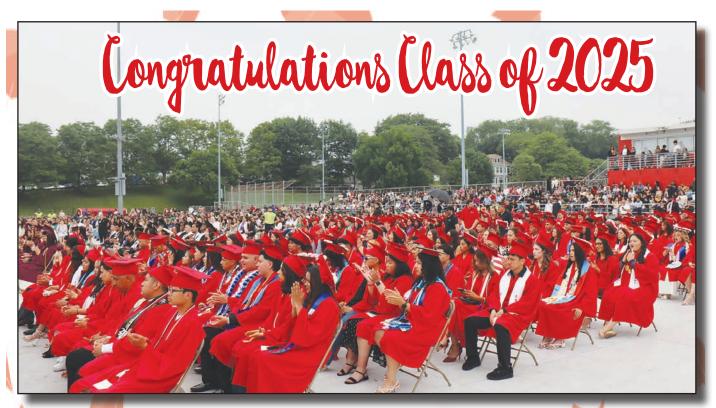
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The Class of 2025 seated for Commencement. See Pages 4 to 9 for Special Graduation Pages.



Chelsea High School Class Officers pose for a photo at Graduation.



City signs up with local cities for next phase of heat mitigation project

By Adam Swift

Chelsea is joining up with several local communities on a project to help combat extreme heat.

Last week, the city council formally accepted an intermunicipal agreement with Arlington, Everett, and Malden for the "Wicked Cool Mystic – Super Fresco





Mistico: Implementing resident-led outdoor cooling solutions in environmental justice neighborhoods"

roject.

"You may recall that the City received funding for this project through the Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) action grant in FY25/26," City Manager Fidel Maltez stated in a letter to the council. "The goal of this project is to implement community-led designs of cooling strategies in environmental justice communities."

The first round of the project, Wicked Hot Mystic, was focused on engag-

ing residents about where they felt hottest. Matlez said that local residents shared that they wanted more cooling features at bus stops.

'The current phase of the project is funded by an MVP action grant for \$687,000 to pursue a twoyear regional project to design and implement cooling strategies," said Maltez. "Proposed cooling features include water fountains, misters, and shade sails. Having cooling features at bus stops is crucial for several reasons, such as providing comfort and safety for rides – especially during heat waves – and encouraging more public transportation use."

Cooling features can help mitigate heat stress, reduce the risk of heat stroke, and make waiting for the bus a more pleasant experience, Maltez said.

"Once completed, these cooling features will offer opportunities for heat resilience and respite from rising temperatures, goals that are in alignment with the City's 2018 MVP Community Resilience Building Summary of Findings," the city manager said.

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Public hearing set for water, sewer, trash rates

Special to the Record

he Chelsea Department of Public Works will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed changes to the City's water, sewer, and trash utility rates for fiscal year 2026 on Tuesday, July 1, at 6 p.m. in Room 305 located on the third floor of Chelsea City Hall.

Utility rates in Chelsea are proposed annually by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and approved by the City Manager at the start of each fiscal year. The

rates are presented to and discussed with the Chelsea City Council and members of the public before implementation. This year's proposed changes are driven by rising infrastructure and disposal costs as well as planned capital investments by the City's supplier, the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA), according to city officials.

"Despite rising costs to the City, we're keeping overall rate increases minimal for households and

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City Council approves extended Enterprise lease

By Adam Swift

The city council unanimously approved a new 20-year lease with Enterprise Rent-a-Car for its continued use of the property at 324 Marginal St. at last week's meeting.

"This lease agreement will effectively extend our lease with Enterprise through the end of Fiscal Year 2045 on terms that are advantageous to the city," said City Manager Fidel Maltez.

In 2014, following the issuance of a request for proposals in 2013 for the use of city-owned property at 324 Marginal St., the city executed a lease with Enterprise.

"The lease was structured as a 10-year agreement, consisting of a 5-year initial term with an option for Enterprise to extend for an additional 5 years," Maltez stated. "Enterprise utilizes the site for rental vehicle operations and, in return, provides excise tax payments to the city. The parcel is located adjacent to Highland Park on the non-water side of Marginal Street."

The original RFP allowed for a lease term of up to 20 years. In 2017, the city negotiated to extend the lease to the full 20-year term until 2034 under conditions that Maltez said were mutually beneficial to the city and the

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DiDomenico secures over \$2 million in FY 26 Budget

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico secured \$625,000 for organizations and schools in the district, and over \$1.5 million for statewide programs in the \$61.4 billion state budget passed by the Senate. These local investments will support school arts departments, education programs and antipoverty nonprofits across Cambridge, Charlestown, Chelsea and Everett. DiDomenico's successful amendments for statewide programs will expand health care services for those in need, improve community safety, aid housing assistance programs, and support education offerings for all students.

The final budget—which safeguards the state's finan-



Senator DiDomenico speaking in support of his amendments in the Senate Chamber.

cial health, protects the state's most vulnerable residents, and makes investments that reinforce the Commonwealth's economic vitality in the face

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OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS ON THE CRITICAL LIST

Anyone who has been to a hospital emergency room lately has seen firsthand the health care crisis that we are facing in this country.

ERs routinely are filled beyond capacity, with patients lying on their hospital beds in corridors while they wait for a room to open up -- sometimes for days.

And during the respiratory illness season, when seniors and young children flood the ERs, our overcrowded hospitals resemble something out of a developing country, rather than what is supposedly the most advanced healthcare system in the world.

The statistics tell a bleak tale: The U.S. has less than three hospital beds per 1,000 residents, while the European Union has more than five and Japan almost 13. On average, 75% of America's hospital beds are occupied on any given day, 11 points higher than in 2019.

In Boston's hospitals, the daily occupancy rate reportedly is 86%. According to some experts, the system becomes overloaded when the occupancy rate reaches 85%.

We grew up in a time (the 1960s-70s) when just about every city and town in Massachusetts had its own hospital, institutions that were the pride of their communities. But starting in the 1970s, thanks to a combination of declining reimbursement rates from state and federal governments and surging costs for modern-day equipment (such as MRI machines) and treatment, community hospitals one-by-one began to disappear, leaving us in our present predicament of too few hospitals serving too many people.

Another looming crisis in our healthcare system is a shortage of doctors. It is estimated that there are 1,010,892 active physicians in the U.S., of whom 851,282 are direct patient care physicians. (Physicians who do research or are administrators represent the difference between the two numbers.)

Anyone whose primary care doctor recently has retired knows how difficult it is today to find a new doctor. But this shortfall is only going to get worse over the next decade. By 2037, the United States is expected to face a shortage of 187,130 physicians, including 87,150 primary care phy-

It is estimated that there already are 75 million Americans who live in areas where it is difficult to get access to primary care -- and the ratio of primary care providers is projected to decline to 76.8 per 100,000 people by 2037, from 81.6 per 100,000 in 2022.

To make matters worse, the present -- and future -- shortfalls in hospital beds and doctors do not take into account the effects of the policies in Washington that are threatening to cut back on Medicaid eligibility, to reduce Medicare reimbursements even further, to limit the loan programs available to medical school students, and to restrict (if not prevent) foreign-born doctors from coming into this coun-

In short, all of the ingredients are in place to create the Perfect Storm for a healthcare crisis in our nation.

THERE MUST BE ZERO **TOLERANCE FOR** VIOLENT PROTESTS

We completely understand the anger and frustration on the part of many Americans with the manner in which members of immigrant communities are being arrested and deported not only without any semblance of due process of law, but also in a deliberately cruel and inhumane manner.

But the urge to respond with acts of lawlessness, including throwing rocks and dangerous objects at police officers and other law enforcement personnel, burning vehicles in the street, smashing windows of businesses, and defacing property, is not the answer.

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees the right "of the people peaceably to assemble" -- and we would emphasize the word "peaceably."

However, the protests that we have seen the past few days in Los Angeles have not been peaceful. They are creating a dangerous situation for everybody concerned -- and it is inevitable that if the protesters escalate their actions, the outcome will be a tragedy.

Those who are partaking in the protests should keep in mind the words of Winston Churchill during the height of WWII when England was facing a threat to its very exis-

"You do your worst and we will do our best."

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Chelsea Police Department joins North Metro Swat Team in partnership with Everett and Revere departments

Special to the Record

The Chelsea Police Department recently announced its formal partnership with the North Metro SWAT Team, a regional tactical unit comprising highly trained officers from the Chelsea, Everett, and Revere Police Departments. This strategic collaboration enhances the region's ability to respond to highrisk incidents and critical threats with coordinated, well-equipped, and professionally trained personnel, according to Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton.

On May 27, a comprehensive tryout and selection process was conducted for Chelsea Police Officers seeking appointment to the North Metro SWAT Team. The rigorous evaluation, consistent with the team's standards since 2016, included a physical fitness test, learning application scenarios, a team stress event, and a formal panel interview. Senior tactical commanders and team leaders from all three departments oversaw the selection process.

the five officers from Chelsea who were selected for appointment to the North Metro SWAT Team were Sergeant Kyle Meehan, Officer Joseph Varraso, Officer Rafael Serrano, Officer Aristides Rodriguez, and Officer Damian Strait. These officers demon-

formance in leadership, physical readiness, decision-making under stress, and teamwork, according to the chief.

strated exceptional per-

professionalism and readiness of the Chelsea Police Department." Houghton said the Chelsea Police Department looks forward to working closely with its partners from the Everett and Revere Police

emergency response and

inter-agency coordination,"

said Houghton. "I commend

all our officers who partic-

ipated and congratulate the

selected individuals. Their

commitment reflects the

regional

"Joining the North Met-Departments to ensure the ro SWAT Team represents safety and preparedness of After a thorough review, a critical step forward in the communities.

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businesses," said Chelsea DPW Commissioner Cate Fox-Lent. "We expect the new water and sewer rates to only cost average households an additional \$25.45 per year. These minimum rate changes are necessary to balance our goals of ensuring City utilities are affordable for all residents, maintaining high-quality services, and managing rising costs to the City."

The Chelsea community can expect:

Water Rates for Tier 1, 2, and 3 users to increase by

Tier 1 sewer rates to remain the same;

Tier 2 sewer rates to increase by 0.5%;

Tier 3 sewer rates to increase by 1%; and Trash fees across all

non-owner-occupied units to increase by 10%. Trash services for all owner-occupied units will

remain free. "As landfill space becomes more limited in Massachusetts and state mandates increase, local governments must adapt to rising costs," said Fox-Lent. "The increase in our trash fees will offset rising disposal costs and services like mattress recycling."

Residents, business owners, and nonprofit representatives are encouraged to attend the July 1 public hearing to learn more and provide feedback. For those who cannot attend, please call Chelsea 311 at (617) 466-4209 to leave a comment.

Supporting documents, including the full rate analysis and draft rate schedules, are available on the City's website at www.chelseama. gov/departments/water___ sewer/index.php or can be picked up in person at Chelsea City Hall, Room #310, 500 Broadway.

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"Recently, Enterprise has expressed a desire to expand its operations at this site by adding truck rentals, while the city seeks to secure an increase in excise tax revenues over a longer period of time," Maltez stated. "To

we propose terminating the current lease and executing a new 20-year lease that will extend through Fiscal Year 2045."

The city manager stated that the new lease will ensure increased guaranteed excise tax payments achieve both objectives, from Enterprise. In return, said

if Enterprise's excise tax payments exceed the guaranteed amount, the city will reimburse Enterprise from the excess funds for the cost of its site improvements.

"Upon approval, the city will see financial benefits beginning in FY26,"

projections will reflect the increase in excise collections outlined in the new guaranteed schedule, while budgeted expenditures will account for the additional reimbursements stipulated in the lease."

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The city will complete its design and construction of cooling features at high ridership and high heat area bus stops by June 30, 2026. The design process includes coordination with the housing and community development department and the department of public works, as well as with city officials from Arlington, Everett, Malden, and Mystic River Watershed Association staff, Maltez stated.

"I'm excited to see this

move forward," said Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez Rivera. "It's really exciting to have seen a number of bus stops that have gone up along Broadway and seen the covered areas for people to wait in.

This seems like a pretty exciting thing to offer to folks, it's going to get pretty hot over the summer, and a misting fan in front of your face is one of the best things you can do to get cool."

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Chelsea and Somerville ask federal court to block stripping of federal funding

Special to the Record

Last Tuesday, June 3, the sanctuary cities of Chelsea and Somerville asked a federal court to block the Trump Administration's attempts to strip them of federal funding because they refuse to be coerced into participating in the Administration's mass deportation efforts, according to a lawsuit.

The Cities' preliminary injunction motion follows a formal notice issued the previous week by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), designating both Cities as jurisdictions that must change their policies "immediately" or face consequences.

Represented by Lawyers for Civil Rights, the Cities filed their lawsuit in February 2025, asserting that the Administration's heavy-handed tacticsthreatening to "de-fund" and prosecute them for failing to bend to the President's will-violate their Constitutional rights. Last week's motion asks the court to enjoin any such attempts while the lawsuit proceeds.

Somerville and Chelsea have identified as welcoming/sanctuary cities since 1987 and 2007, respectively, recognizing that victims and witnesses are less likely to report crimes if they

know that local police are in his mass deportation efworking in concert with federal immigration authorities. By avoiding that entanglement, sanctuary cities improve public safety and

quality of life not just for immigrant residents, but for all residents and community members, according to a press release from Lawyers For Civil Rights.

Since his inauguration, President Trump has issued a series of Executive Orders threatening to cut off federal funds to sanctuary cities; the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has warned of criminal and civil prosecutions against them while purporting to freeze all DOJ funding; and the Department of Transportation (DOT) has said it will de-prioritize transportation funding to sanctuary cities, among other

actions taken by the Administration. Most recently, on May 29, DHS published a list of jurisdictions, including Chelsea and Somerville, that it claims "obstruct

enforcement of Federal immigration laws" and warned that they must "immediately review and revise their policies" or face consequences.

"The President cannot use federal funding as a weapon to force local governments to undermine public safety and participate forts," said Oren Sellstrom, Litigation Director of Lawyers for Civil Rights, one of the Cities' attorneys.

Sellstrom said with the preliminary injunction motion, they seek to protect sanctuary and welcoming cities, so they can continue to make public safety decisions that are in the best interests of their residents.

"Chelsea will not be bullied or intimidated into enforcing federal immigration laws, and we will not allow federal policies to dictate how we care for people that call Chelsea home," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "We stand firmalongside our

neighbors in Somerville and our partners at Lawyers for Civil Rights—in defending the rights and dignity of our immigrant communities. Chelsea is a city built by immigrants, sustained by their contributions, and strengthened by our shared values of inclusion,

justice, and resilience. We will continue to protect and serve every resident, regardless of their immigration status.'

Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne said the city's residents know that the community is safer when police focus on preventing crime rather than raiding the local sandwich shop.

"We know that stripping

cities of their rights, erodes everyone's rights," she said. "We know that spreading hate and lies about an entire group of people has historically led to harm and injustice for all.

"And we know that withholding federal funding for no good reason threatens the health and safety of all residents," the mayor continued. "We urge the Administration to honor our Constitution, pursue humane immigration reform instead, and let us serve our communities as we know best. This isn't something you should have to fight for

court—but Somerville will continue to stand up for our rights."

Somerville received approximately \$19.4 million in federal funds to support a variety of community and public safety services in fiscal year 2024, including roadway safety initiatives, homelessness prevention services, and efforts to address and reduce youth tobacco usage and alcohol consumption. During that same fiscal year, Chelsea

received approximately \$14.5 million in federal funding, including for education and a downtown reconstruction project.

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of mounting federal threats passed with bipartisan support by a vote of 38-2. It neither raises taxes nor spends dollars from the state's stabilization fund—also known as the 'Rainy Day Fund'which currently stands at a historic \$8.1 billion.

"The Senate Budget is a victory for schools, public infrastructure, healthcare access, and housing in my district and throughout the Commonwealth," said Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "I am proud to direct hundreds of thousands of dollars to my district and over a million dollars statewide for organizations and programs that provide vital services for our residents. These investments will create new opportunities for people of all ages in our communities, ensure all our children can enjoy the best education possible, and support organizations fighting against poverty by helping our neighbors get the resources they need."

The Senate FY26 budget supports students of all ages by maintaining investments in public education at every level. The budget fully funds the fifth year of the Student Opportunity Act, provides a historic funding commitment to the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), and stands with public and private institutions of higher education at a volatile time.

For the second year, the Senate's budget dedicates \$120 million to fully fund MassEducate, the Commonwealth's universal free community college program that became law in last year's budget. By again delivering free tuition and fees for residents, the FY26 proposal continues its support for this vital initiative that expands economic opportunity in a regionally

equitable manner across the Commonwealth.

The budget establishes a special commission to study how local aid is distributed, evaluate its effectiveness and equity, and make recommendations to maximize the equity of the distribution. In addition to traditional sources of local aid, this budget also increases payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for stateowned land to \$54.5 million. PILOT funding is a source of supplemental local aid for cities and towns working to protect and improve access to essential services and programs.

The Senate's FY26 budget funds MassHealth at \$22.41 billion, an increase of \$2.34 billion over the last fiscal year. As the largest cost driver in the state's budget, Mass-Health alone accounts for 65 per cent of the total spending increase over the FY25 bud-

As the state envisions a more fiscally sustainable path for its future, increasing affordable housing opportunities and addressing housing challenges remain at the forefront of the Senate's agenda. This budget therefore invests more than \$1.16 billion in housing initiatives, dedicating resources for housing stability, residential assistance, emergency shelter services, and homelessness assistance programs. The Senate's FY26 budget deploys a humane, responsible, and sustainable approach to support families and individuals in need with affordable, safe, and secure housing options.

With both chambers of the Legislature having approved different versions of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, they will now reconcile their versions before sending a final FY26 budget to the Governor for her signature.

CPC recommends funding for five upcoming projects

By Adam Swift

At last week's city council meeting, the Community Preservation Committee presented five recommendations for grants from the Community Preservation

Act (CPA) in 2016. The CPC's recommendations. CPA imposes a 1.5 percent surcharge on residential and commercial properties, with exemptions for low- and moderate-income homeowners. The CPC can make recommendations for the use of the funds for affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space proposals.

At its May 15 meeting, the CPC recommended ap-

proval of five applications Housing Voucher Program for funding for referral to the city council. The council moved the recommendations for a second reading and a potential vote at its next meeting on Monday, June 23.

By statute, the city coun-City voters adopted the cil can approve, reject, or Preservation lower the amounts of the

The CPC recommendations include \$100,000 for the La Colaborativa Housing Voucher Program, \$200,000 for Polonia Park, \$200,000 for the Quinn Residences, \$100,000 for The Neighborhood Developers Top Off Rental Assistance program, and \$197,433 for the Walnut Street Synagogue.

La Colaborativa

provides low- and moderate-income residents experiencing imminent or current homelessness with rental assistance with rental assistance stipends.

The money for Polonia Park would be used by the city's housing and community development department to support environmental site assessments to understand the nature and extent of contamination at Polonia Park, and support any necessary remediation work to address risks before the park's redevelopment construction.

The grant for the Quinn Residences would support the razing of an existing development of an existing building structure and the

development of a 20-unit affordable owner-occupied residential building.

The Neighborhood Developers grant would allow for top-off rental assistance, and the Walnut Street Synagogue grant would be used for repairs to water damage inside the 116-year-old building.

"This is really going to support our residents in terms of people who need rental assistance and also to support environmental assessments at Polonia Park," Councilor-at-Large said Roberto Jimenez Rivera. "I think it is a good thing that we are doing by spending these funds by supporting some of our neediest residents."

Officer Nicole McLaughlin honored with statewide law enforcement exemplary performance award for mental health advocacy

Special to the Record

Chelsea Police Officer Nicole McLaughlin has been awarded the Law Enforcement Exemplary Performance Award by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.

This distinguished recognition honors her pivotal role in advancing mental health and crisis intervention services through her assignment to the HUB model—a groundbreaking, multi-agency initiative supporting some of Chelsea's most vulnerable residents.

Officer McLaughlin will be formally recognized and presented with the award on July 29 in Worcester.

Officer McLaughlin has been instrumental in the success of the HUB model in Chelsea. Working alongside the department's Community Engagement Specialist and numerous partner agencies-including healthcare providers, housing services, social workers, and mental health professionals—she has helped deliver timely, coordinated support to individuals experiencing behav-

ioral health crises, homelessness, and substance use disorders.

The HUB model—originating in Canada and first adopted in the U.S. by the Chelsea Police Department-focuses on early identification of individuals at elevated risk and delivering proactive, compassionate intervention before crises escalate. This collaborative approach reflects a modern vision for public safety that prioritizes well-being and community

"Officer McLaughlin's work with the HUB team has been nothing short of transformative," said Police Chief Keith E. Houghton. "Her partnership with our Community Engagement Specialist and other agencies has helped connect hundreds of individuals to mental health care, housing, and addiction recovery services. She has become a vital bridge between law enforcement and social support systems."

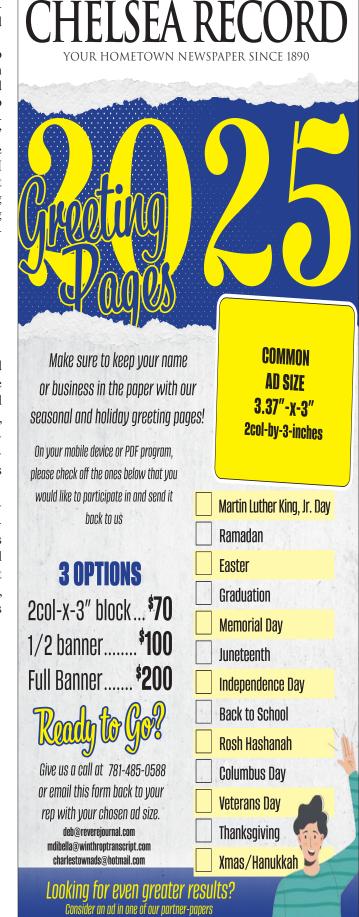
Since its inception, the HUB initiative has served over 1,000 individuals, significantly reducing emergency service calls related to mental health and improving long-term outcomes through coordinated care. Officer McLaughlin's compassion, professionalism, and dedication have been central to these suc-

"Officer McLaughlin embodies the spirit of community policing—one that sees officers not just as enforcers, but as advocates, connectors, and protectors," said

Houghton. "We are honored to celebrate this statewide recognition of her work and the model she represents, which is now setting a national standard for integrating mental health strategies into public safety."

The Chelsea Police Department congratulates Officer McLaughlin on this well-deserved award and reaffirms its commitment to supporting collaborative, health-centered solutions through the HUB model.

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Stephen Ceyala from the COA receives his diploma.



Owen Garcia graduates with his daughter by his side.





Graduates smiling for the camera.



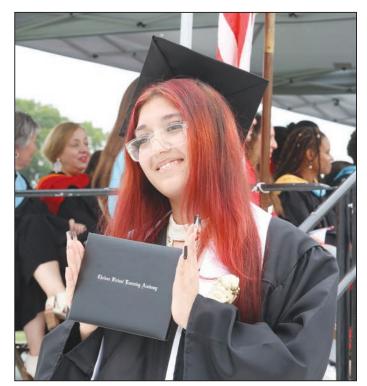
Katherine Ximena Alvarado receives her diploma.



Alexander William Amaya receives his diploma.



Taliyah Rivera Graduates from the Chelsea Virtual Learning



Tatiana Pineda Santos.

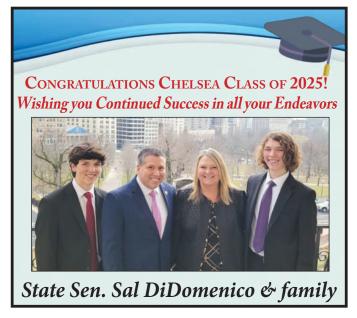






Alexsandra Guimaraes DaRosa CHS Class of 2025.









Classmates from the Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy prepare to graduate as part of the Class of 2025.



Classmates from the Chelsea Opportunity Academy ready to receive their diplomas.



Sarah Bana and Jessly Barahana graduating from the CHS Class of 2025.



Even with rain it's a big smile day for the graduates.



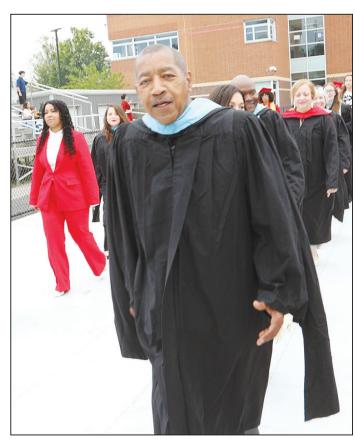
CHS Interim Principal Alan Beausolell welcomes everyone to the graduation ceremony.



Taliyah Rivera Graduates from the Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy.



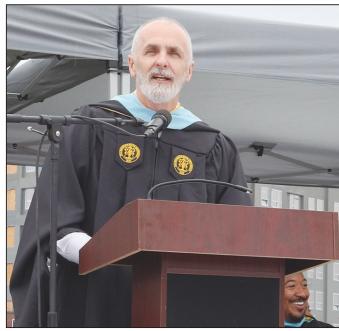
CHS Graduate Christopher Yax performed the National An-



Chelsea City Councillor Leo Robinson at the City of Chelsea's Graduation.



Local dignitaries including Chelsea Public Schools administration, the Chelsea School Committee, City of Chelsea leadership and Senator Sal DiDomenico posed for a photo after Graduation



Acting Principal of the Chelsea Opportunity Academy, Ronald Schmidt.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025...MAY YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!



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In Their Words

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS Holly Hattleber

Hello Class of 2025 and everyone here today! It is an honor to speak before you as Valedictorian of our

For those of you who don't know me well, I do too much and hope for the best. Normally everything turns out okay! I will admit in retrospect that perhaps I shouldn't have taken 12 APs over the course of three years while representing the USA at international dance competitions, but here I am. Ballroom dancing is what takes up most of my time after school. I have been dancing for thirteen years now, and when I started high school, I never thought ballroom would take me as far as it has and continues to do. Like really. I never thought my partner and I would end up competing in Austria and winning 3rd in the world while in high school.

My high school experience has been far from normal. Everyone in NHS can tell you that I've dashed out the door saying hasty goodbyes more than once because I had to catch a flight, while all my wonderful teachers don't even bat an eye anymore when I show up to school in competition self-tanner looking like a tangerine. "Are you competing again?" they ask instead. The infinite number of late-night practice



sessions drilling the same footwork and technique over and over again, with the forever growing stack of homework has led me to learn the importance of determined and hard work. You will get better the more effort you put into an activity. For me it was dance and schoolwork, but each of us has a different passion. Do not throw away your shot at making your dreams come true because of the possibility of failure - put in the hard work and everything else will fall into place.

While the days in AP Calc may have been rough after arriving home at 2 am from the airport and the shower curtain was a pain in AP World, I am so grateful for each and every experience I have had at Chelsea High. I am proud of where I am today and the work I have put into school, even though the path to where I am right now was not always easy.

Many of you have similar experiences of juggling

school with your passions and the possibility of failure. Some of you are running successful businesses you thought would fail four years ago. Some of you have made it to competing in and even winning events at states or even nationals in your respective sports, even through the pain, sweat, tears, and unrecognized work. A still-resentful group of you fought for your grades in a certain Algebra/ Pre-Calc class, and ended up passing just fine. Others weren't sure they would even be able to graduate... and here you are.

Each and every one of us have something to be proud of. We all are impressive and valuable people, and I want you to remind yourself of that because we don't hear it nearly enough. You are a valuable member to society, and I want you to know that there is always someone rooting for you. Impossible things are happening every day, and those impossible things will be done by each of you all.

While my time up here is running out, and our time as high schoolers is coming to a close, we are given the privilege of beginning our journey in a world full of infinite possibilities. Use it to your advantage.

Congratulations, Class of 2025. Thank you.

SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS Angelina Agostini



tion. I am forever grateful

for the values they instilled

in me and for the sacrifices

they made to raise me and

my sister. Without them, I

wouldn't be the person I am

today. I also want to thank

my sister Lidia and my

friends, who've always had

my back through hard times.

And a huge thanks to all the

teachers who've guided me

on my journey. You helped

me grow and become a bet-

ter student. I couldn't have

made it through school

without your unwavering

I may not know all of you,

but I know one thing for

sure: we're a class of war-

riors. We endured a global

pandemic, a year of online

school, our freshman year

behind face masks, and a

challenging senior year.

Over these past few months,

we've juggled college ap-

plications, extracurriculars,

taking care of siblings,

working late-night shifts,

and so much more, all while

managing demanding class-

es and trying to keep our

up together over the past 12

years, from the ELC to CHS.

Others joined us along the

way and soon became vital

members of our commu-

nity. Our class comes from

all over the world, from El

Salvador to Albania, Cam-

bodia, and beyond. Some

of us are first-generation

graduates, the first in our

families to get a high school

diploma or pursue a college

started or what path we've

traversed, we've all made it

here as Chelsea High gradu-

ates. You should be incredi-

bly proud of what you have

you didn't shine in high

school- because let's be

honest, things weren't all

sunshine and rainbows- re-

member this: you are the

main character in your sto-

ry, and you play the central

role in dictating what comes

next. Life will be challeng-

ing, but it is up to us to face

And even if you feel like

Yet no matter where we

Many of us have grown

grades up.

education.

accomplished.

To my fellow graduates:

support.

those challenges head-on and ask for help in times of need. You have many more years to learn, grow, and become the person you're meant to be. High school is just one chapter in a much bigger story.

But as you step into the real world, be sure to never forget where you started. Don't take graduating as a chance to start over. See it as an opportunity to build from the lessons, struggles, and experiences of high school. Never forget the voices that inspired you, the teachers and family members who believed in you, and the friends who stood by your side. Our time in Chelsea has made us the people we are today, and it will forever be a part of who we are.

So once again, congratulations, Class of 2025! We did it!

Buenos días, familia, amigos, funcionarios municipales, maestros y, sobre todo, a la clase de 2025. Mi nombre es Angelina Agostini y es un honor para mí estar aquí hoy ante ustedes como la Salutatorian de la Clase de 2025.

Ante todo, quiero agradecer a mis padres, quienes siempre me han apoyado y priorizado mi educación. Les estaré eternamente agradecida por los valores que me inculcaron y por los sacrificios que hicieron para criarnos a mí y a mi hermana. Sin ellos, no sería la persona que soy hoy. También quiero agradecer a mi hermana Lidia y a mis amigos, quienes siempre me han apoyado en los momentos difíciles. Muchísimas gracias a todos los profesores que me han guiado. Me ayudaron a crecer y a convertirme en una mejor estudiante. No habría podido terminar la escuela sin su

apoyo incondicional. A mis compañeros graduados: Puede que no los conozca a todos, pero de algo estoy segura: somos una clase de guerreros. Hemos perdurado una pandemia mundial, dos años de escuela en línea, nuestro primer año con mascarillas y un último año extremadamente desafiante. Durante estos últimos meses, hemos lidiado con las solicitudes de ingreso a la universidad. las actividades extracurriculares, el cuidado de nuestros hermanos, los turnos de trabajo nocturnos y mucho más, todo ello mientras lidiamos con clases exigentes y nos esforzamos por mantener buenas calificaciones.

Muchos de nosotros nos hemos criado juntos durante los últimos 12 años, desde el ELC -preescolar- hasta CHS -colegio. Otros se nos unieron en el camino y pronto se convirtieron en miembros vitales de nuestra comunidad. Nuestra clase proviene de todas partes del mundo, desde El Salvador hasta Albania, Camboya y más allá. Algunos somos graduados de primera generación, los primeros en nuestras familias en obtener un diploma de la secundaria o cursar estudios universitarios.

Sin embargo, sin importar dónde empezamos o el camino que hayamos recorrido, todos hemos llegado hasta aquí como graduados de Chelsea High. Deberían estar increíblemente orgullosos de lo que han lo-

Y aunque sientas que no brillaste en la secundaria (porque, seamos honestos, no todo fue color de rosas), recuerda esto: eres el protagonista de tu historia y juegas un papel fundamental en lo que viene después. La vida será desafiante, pero depende de nosotros enfrentarlos con decisión y pedir ayuda cuando la necesitemos. Tienes muchos años más para aprender, crecer y convertirte en la persona que estás destinado/a a ser. La secundaria es solo un capítulo de una historia

mucho más grande. Pero al entrar al mundo real, asegúrate de nunca olvidar dónde empezaste. No tomes la graduación como una oportunidad para empezar de nuevo. Considérala una oportunidad para construir a partir de las lecciones aprendidas, las dificultades y las experiencias de la secundaria. Nunca olvides las voces que te inspiraron, los maestros y familiares que creyeron en ti, y los amigos que te apoyaron. Nuestro tiempo en Chelsea nos ha hecho quienes somos hoy y siempre será parte de nuestra esencia.

Así que, una vez más, ¡felicidades, Clase de 2025! ¡Lo logramos!

CLASS PRESIDENT ADDRESS Allison Rivera Colindres

Good morning families, friends, staff, faculty, and most importantly, my fellow graduates.

My name is Isabela De Matos Lemos, and I'm honored to stand before you today as the President of Chelsea High School's Class of 2025.

Before I begin, I want to take a moment to thank a group of people who have played a huge role in my high school journey: my amazing student council team and our incredible advisors. It has been an honor to work alongside you through the challenges, the chaos, and the unforgettable moments of these past two years.

I'm forever grateful for your support, commitment, and the laughter we've shared. You've shown me what true teamwork and leadership look like. So Aimee, Bryan Martinez, Bryan Molina, Vanesa, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Lapolla and Ms. Patino-thank you. I wouldn't be standing up here without you.

But today is bigger than just one team, it's about each and every one of you sitting here in a cap and gown.

When I first sat down to write this speech, I felt nervous and overwhelmed. Not just because I'd be standing in front of hundreds of people, but because I wasn't sure I could capture the past four years in just a few min-

How do you sum up the anxious excitement we felt walking into school freshman year? Or the fear we felt returning to school amidst a pandemic? The relief of finishing MCAS sophomore year, only to face AP exams and SATs soon after? The uncertainty that came with junior year? Or these bittersweet moments that have



defined our final year?

The truth is, I couldn't. Not perfectly. Because these years have been much more than just milestones or maior events, they've been a story, one we've written together, made up of endless small, yet meaningful moments.

The early mornings before school and the late nights of hard work. The loud victories and the quiet losses. The friendships, some just beginning and others that have been here from the start. The passions we discovered, the setbacks and disappointments we've faced, as well as all the lessons we learned along the way. These inevitable changes, which sometimes caught us when we weren't looking, were all chapters we lived through together-that's what made it all meaningful.

Although this may be the last time we're all in the same place, it is not the end of our story. Today we turn the page and begin a new chapter. One that we now have the tools, strength, and courage to write. Just by being here today, you have proven something powerful: you are resilient, capable, and ready to make your mark on the world. Never forget that.

So as we move forward, take this story with you. Not just the good parts, but all of it. Carry the tears, the laughter, the friendships, the community, and the strength that got you here, with pride.

er that what we've built at Chelsea High was real.

own lives. We choose when and how our story ends. Today is not the end, it's the beginning. New, unwritten, and entirely ours to explore. It might be scary, and uncertain- the future always is. But you've done this once, and you'll do it again.

and step into new schools, cities, and dreams, I hope you carry everything this chapter gave us. I hope you move forward with excitement, not fear. I hope you continue to write boldly, honestly, and with a full heart.

us get here.

probably realize.

To our families and friends: Thank you for all

To my parents, the two people who have shaped my story more than anyone, thank you from the bottom

sempre acreditarem em mim e no meu potencial. O amor, o sacrifício e a força de vocês me trouxeram até aqui. Esse diploma é tão de vocês quanto e meu. Eu amo vocês com todo meu coração.

And finally, to my fellow graduates: This is your story, so make it unforgettable.

ulations Class of 2025. We

Let it all be a remind-

We are the authors of our

So as we part ways today

Lastly, I'd like to recognize the people who helped

To our teacher and staff: Thank you for believing in us, challenging us, supporting us, and shaping our lives in more ways than you

your sacrifices, your love, and the never-ending support when we needed it the most.

of my heart.

Mãe, Pai-obrigada por

Thank You and congratdid it.

Superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools Dr. Almudena G. Abeyta

Friends, families and distinguished guests, welcome to the Class of 2025's day! Congratulations class of 2025! What a journey this has been for you. Class of 2025, you are known for your spirit and academic excellence!

You have worked hard and enjoyed your years at Chelsea High School. And, I have enjoyed watching you over the years!

As a class, your accomplishments are many!

The Class of 2025 includes 436 students. This includes 355 students from Chelsea High School, 53 students from Chelsea Opportunity Academy and 28 students from Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy, our third class of graduates from Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy.



The CLASS OF 2025 Were accepted to 189 total colleges and trade

Approximately 9.5 million in scholarships has been offered to the Class of 2025. This includes

- Specific college grants and scholarships
- Tuition assistance grants
- and other scholarships - Pell Grants
- John & Abigail Adams

Scholarship

- Various community scholarships (the CHS Scholarship Committee oversees)
- City of Chelsea Scholarship (for students planning to attend BHCC), Chelsea Resident &
- Community Scholarship Fund 6 of you have decided serve our country in the

military. What an impressive

class!

Before I close, I also want to take a moment to acknowledge something that weighs heavily on many of our hearts. We are deeply saddened by what some of our classmates, friends, and families are experiencing in our community - especial-

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Class Accomplishments

Chelsea High School -343 students

Out of District - 12 students

Opportunity Chelsea Academy - 53 students

Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy - 28 students

CHS Scholarship/Grant Money Offered- as reported by students, school counselors and committees

Approximately \$9,500,000 that I have documentation for. This is money students were offered from schools both that they were accepted to but will not attend and schools they are planning to attend over the course of the 2 year/4 year duration including:

- Specific college grants and scholarships
- Tuition assistance grants and other scholarships
- Pell Grants
- John & Abigail Adams Scholarship
- Various community scholarships (the CPS Scholarship Committee oversees)
- City of Chelsea Scholarship (for students planning to attend BHCC)
- Community Scholarship Fund

CLASS OF 2025 - CHS, COA, CVLA & OOD **INFO**

Post-Secondary Plans (self-reported by students)

- 65% approx. of students attending a 2 or 4 Year
- 5% approx. of students attending Other Post-Secondary (Vocational/Technical Schools)
- 1% approx. of students going to the Military
- 24% approx. of students going to Employment
- 5% approx. of students attending Other/Undecided/ Unknown

CLASS OF 2025 EARLY COLLEGE DATA

- The Class of 2025 completed a total of 1,203 credits, which amounts to \$309,171 based on a cost of \$771 per 3-credit course.
- Of the Class of 2025, 229 students earned Early College credits!
- 105 Seniors earned a spot on the Dean's List with a 3.0 Grade Point Average or higher in their college
- 35 Seniors earned 12+ college credits with 3 seniors earning over 20 cred-

WHO ARE OUR 2025 **GRADUATES?**

436 Graduates (343 CHS, 53 COA, 28 CVLA, 12 Out of District)

- 187 Students spent 12+ years in Chelsea Public Schools
- 50 Students were enrolled in CPS for 9-11 years

• 135 Students were enrolled for 4-8 years

- 63 Students have been at Chelsea Public Schools less than 4 years
- 153 Limited English Proficient Students and 80 Former Limited English Proficient Students who represent 6 different lan-
- 177 Immigrant Students

Albania **Brazil** Cape Verde Colombia Dominican Republic El Salvador Guatemala Haiti Honduras Mexico Puerto Rico Tanzania

Valedictorian -Holly Hatleberg (Message from School Counselor Ms. Carina Lawrence)

Trinidad and Tobago

Holly is an exceptional individual whose character and accomplishments set her apart as both a scholar and a leader.

Ranked number one - Chelsea Resident & in her class of 2025, she has maintained the highest GPA through relentless dedication, late-night study sessions, and a deep commitment to academics. Her leadership role as President of the National Honor Society reflects her initiative and

> Beyond the classroom, Holly shines as a ballroom dancer, winning 3rd place at the world competition in Austria and certified dance instructor, teaching younger children with patience and enthusiasm.

> Personally, she is known for her kindness, and emotional maturity—always planning ahead and balancing her academic, social, and personal life with remarkable poise. Holly culturally open-minded and inclusive, willingly engaging in conversations in Spanish while forming meaningful connections across diverse backgrounds.

> Described by peers as approachable and nonjudgmental, and by educators as intelligent and independent, Holly is the kind of student who brings thoughtfulness and excellence into every space she enters. Her recent acceptance to Boston University with a scholarship is a fitting reflection of her hard work, character, and

> immense potential. Salutatorian - Angelina Agostini (Message from School Counselor Ms. Naomi Mejia)

Angelina Agostini is a remarkable young leader whose academic achievements and quiet determination have left a lasting impact on her school and community. A proud autodidact, Angelina completed all of her coursework at Bunker Hill Community College entirely online, demonstrating exceptional self-motivation and discipline.

Known for her meticulous organization and calm demeanor, Angelina is someone who exudes quiet strength. Never one to show stress, she responds to pressure with a composed smile and a thoughtful silence that speaks volumes. Her kindness, thoughtfulness, and ability to listen deeply have made her a trusted friend and peer.

At Chelsea High School, Angelina is one of the founding members of the Green Thumbs group, a student-led initiative focused on sustainability and community beautification. She not only helped launch the group but also authored and presented their official proposal to district personnel. Her advocacy secured three paid summer internships for Green Thumbs members to gain hands-on experience working alongside the Chelsea Public Schools building and grounds crew.

Angelina's academic excellence has been recognized at the national level. She is a Strive Scholar, a recipient of the National Hispanic Recognition Award from the College Board, and earned the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction. She has also been featured in the Boston Globe, the Chelsea Record, and communications from the Office of the City Manager of Chelsea.

An avid reader with an intuitive understanding of literature, one of her former English teachers once said Angelina always knows exactly the right book to recommend to each of her peers—a testament to her Bridgewater State Univerempathy and intellectual depth.

Angelina's journey is one of quiet excellence, resilience, and meaningful action. Her efforts have been rewarded with a full-ride scholarship to Harvard University, where she will undoubtedly continue to lead with grace, intellect, and purpose.

CLASS OF 2025 (CHS, COA, CVLA & OOD)

Colleges/Other Post-Secondary/Programs - Students have confirmed attending (35 total): Amherst College Assumption University Benjamin Franklin Cum-

mings Institute of Technol-Bentley University Berklee School of Music **Boston University Bunker Hill Community** College College of the Holy Cross

Emmanuel College

Fisher College Hampshire College Harvard University Lincoln Technical Institute Loyola University in MD MA College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Monroe Community Col-Mount Saint Mary's Uni-

versity National Aviation Academy North Shore Community College Northeastern University

Regis College Salem State University Simmons University Suffolk University Temple University The Peterson School **Tufts University** University of MA Amherst University of MA Boston University of MA Lowell Wentworth Institute Tech-

nology Wesleyan University Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester State University YearUp

Colleges/Other Post-Secondary/Programs - Students have applied to and/or are attending (189 total): Agnes Scott College Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences American International College American University Amherst College

Arizona State University **Assumption University** Auburn University Augusta University Babson College Baker College Barnard College Bates College Bay Path University Bentley University Boston College **Boston University** Bowdoin College Bowling Green State University Brandeis University

Brown University Bryant University Bunker Hill Community College **Butler University** California Institute of Technology (Caltech) Carnegie Mellon University Centre College

Clark University Colby College Colgate University College of the Holy Cross Columbia College Chicago Columbia University Connecticut College Cornell College Cornell University Curry College Dartmouth College Dean College Duke Kunshan University Duke University Electronic - Common App Elms College Emerson College Emmanuel College (MA)

Emory University

Fitchburg State University

Fisher College

Florida International University Florida Southern College Florida State University Fordham University Framingham State Univer-

Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia State University

Gettysburg College Gordon College Hamilton College Hampshire College Hampton University Harvard University Hawaii Pacific University Hellenic College Hofstra University **Hult International Business** School – U.S. & U.K. **Husson University** Ithaca College Jacksonville University Johns Hopkins University

Johnson & Wales University-Providence Juniata College Kansas State University Keene State College Lasell University

Le Moyne College Lehigh University Lesley University Lincoln Technical Institute Lincoln University of Pennsylvania Loyola Marymount Uni-

versity Lynn University Maine College of Art & Design Massachusetts College of

Art and Design Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Merrimack College Michigan State University

Middlebury College Monroe Community Col-Morgan State University

Mount Holyoke College Mount Saint Mary's University Los Angeles National Aviation Academy New England College New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) New York University Niagara University Nichols College

Norfolk State University North Carolina A&T State University North Shore Community College

Northeastern University Northwestern University Norwich University Nova Southeastern Univer-Occidental College Pace University Paul Smith's College

Penn State Pennsylvania Western University Princeton University Providence College Reed College Regis College Regis University Rhode Island College

Rhode Island School of

Design Rivier University Rochester Institute of Technology Roger Williams University

Rutgers University Sacred Heart University Salem College Salem State University School of the Art Institute of Chicago Simmons University Skidmore College Smith College Southern Connecticut State University Southern New Hampshire University Springfield College St. Olaf College St. Thomas University (FL)

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SUNY Binghamton Uni-

Stanford University

Stonehill College

Suffolk University

Syracuse University Temple University The College of New Jersey The Juilliard School The University of Arizona Trinity College Truman State University Tufts University

Union College University of Chicago University of Connecticut University of Dallas University of Florida University of Georgia University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy University of Houston University of Illinois

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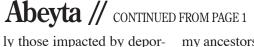
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University Westfield State University Wheaton College Whittier College Williams College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Worcester State University Yale University



tation and the fear surrounding it. These are not just policy issues — these are people we know and love.

May we, the Class of 2025, strive to change the world to be more understanding, more compassionate, and more just. May we help others see the humanity and hope in our immigrant community - and understand why so many of us have come here: in search of safety, opportunity, and a better future that includes education. As the daughter of a migrant worker, I was raised with a deep respect for hard work and was taught that education was the key to success. The

dreams and perseverance of

my ancestors shaped my unwavering belief in the power of education. This is why I am standing before you as the proud superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools

As you graduate and go into the next season of your life, may you remember to be proud of where you come from and remember who helped you along the way! And, be proud that you are from Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea Public Schools.

I wish you my heartfelt congratulations on your accomplishments and your graduation today! The world awaits you!

Congratulations Class of 2025!



The attendees of the CHS Class of 2025 graduation.



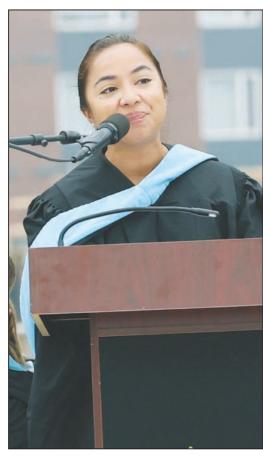
Kelly Garcia spoke for the Chelsea Council President Norieliz DeJesus.



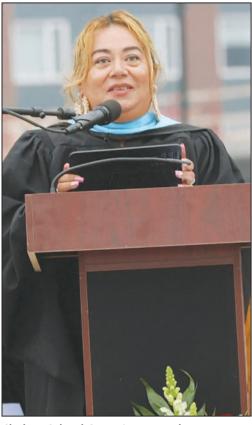
Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez with his remarks.



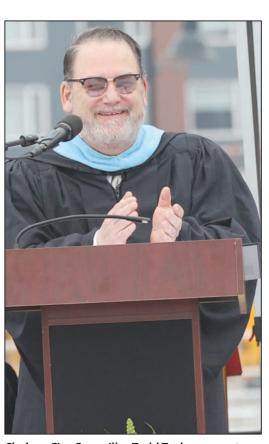
Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico congratulated the Class of 2025.



State Representative Judith Garcia with her remarks.



Chelsea School Committee member Ana Hernandez addresses the graduates.



Chelsea City Councillor Todd Taylor congratulated the Class of 2025.



Members of the Chelsea School Committee (L to R): Jonathan Gomez-Pereira, Mayra Balderas, Lucia Henriquez, Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo, Dr. Sarah Neville, Yessenia Alfaro.



 $\hbox{CHS Junior Class President Allison Rivera Colindres with her address and congratulations}.$



Chelsea Public Schools Superintendent's Leadership Team (L to R): Officer of Innovation, Access and Opportunity Malik Howshan, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Martinello, Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Chief of Staff and Wellness Dr. Aaron T. Jennings and Human Resources Director Christine Lee.



An aerial view of the Chelsea Public Schools Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony, capturing all the graduates and attendees at the event.

Chelsea Public Schools Hosts 2025 Early College Celebration

On a joyful evening at Chelsea High School, May 29, 2025, over 300 students, families, staff, and community members came together to celebrate the 2025 Early College Celebration. The event honored students who have taken college-level courses through the Early College program—a partnership between Chelsea High School and Bunker Hill Community College.

The celebration highlighted the growth of the program, which now offers 17 college courses across career pathways including healthcare, law, and education. Since its launch in

2018, the program has empowered students to earn college credits and explore their passions while still in high school.

The event was coordinated by the dedicated Early College team: Jackie Corbaci (Early College and Career Pathways Coordinator), Carolina Rojas-Pión (BHCC Assistant Director of Dual Enrollment and Early College at CHS), Kristina Russo (Early College Lead Counselor), and Rosa Brito-Martins (Early College Support Specialist). Their leadership made the night a true success.

The evening featured

speeches from school and city leaders, including CHS Interim Principal Alan Beausoleil, Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Chelsea City Councilor Roberto Jimenez, and Steve Prudent (Director of High School Partnerships & Pathways at Bunker Hill Community College). Early College alumna Rosa Brito shared her inspiring journey and introduced standout student Gaby Canas-Constanza, who has completed 26 credits and been accepted to more than 10 colleges.

Former Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino was recognized with the Champion for Education Award for spearheading the City of Chelsea/BHCC Scholarship 10 years ago for Chelsea Public Schools' students.

After a shared dinner, the event culminated in a stole ceremony honoring students who completed 12 or more college credits-a symbol of their hard work and academic success.

The celebration reflected not just individual accomplishments, but the collective support of a community committed to educational equity and opportunity.



CPS Early College and Career Pathways Coordinator Jackie Corbaci and BHCC Assistant Director of Dual Enrollment and Early College at CHS Carolina Rojas-Pión spoke at the event.



Students say with each other and with their families at the event.



The entire CHS Gymnasium was filled for the celebratory evening.



Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta presented the students with their stoles.

All in attendance were treated to a dinner served by Chelsea

Public Schools and Bunker Hill Community College staff.



Former City Manager Tom Ambrosino pictured with Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta after receiving the Champion for **Education Award.**



CHS Interim Principal Alan Beausoleil speaking during the ceremony.



CHS student Gaby Canas-Constanza was recognized for completing a CHS-high 26 credits. She has been accepted to more than 15 colleges.



Students received Early College stoles that they can wear at



An aerial view of the Chelsea Public Schools Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony, capturing all the graduates and attendees at the event.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health offers summer safety guidance

With summer approaching, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) reminds residents to take recommended common-sense precautions to keep everyone, especially young children, safe this summer.

"Summer is a time to make the most of being outdoors with family and friends," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "Whether that is spending time in the water, on a hike, at the park, or in the backyard, taking a few simple precautions can help make these seasonal activities as safe as they are fun."

Prevent Tick Bites

Certain kinds of ticks can bite and make you sick with diseases like Lyme disease and Powassan virus. Ticks are most commonly found in damp, grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, including your own backyard. Follow these steps to help protect yourself from tick bites:

- Use tick repellents with an EPA-registered active ingredient; always follow the directions on the label.
- Weather permitting, wear long-sleeved, light-colored shirts and long pants tucked into socks. This will help keep ticks away from your skin and make it easier to spot ticks on your clothing.
- After spending time outdoors, a shower can help rinse off a tick before it becomes attached and putting your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes can help kill ticks.
- Check yourself for ticks once a day; if you find an attached tick, remove it promptly using fine tweezers or a tick removal tool.
- Pets that spend time outdoors are exposed to ticks, too, and may bring ticks back inside. Talk to your veterinarian about the best ways to protect your animals from ticks and tickborne disease.

Prevent Mosquito Bites

There were four human cases of the mosquito-borne disease Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and 18 of West Nile virus (WNV) in Massachusetts last year. The

risk for human infection of EEE or WNV starts to increase in mid to late summer and DPH posts updates about local risk throughout the season on the Massachusetts Arbovirus Update

To prepare for mosquito season:

- Drain standing water in and around your house or yard to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- Use a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient according to the directions.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks to reduce exposed skin when weather permits.

For more information about preventing mosquito and tickborne illness, visit DPH's Mosquitoes and Ticks page.

Preventing Rabies Exposures

All mammals (animals with fur) can get rabies and more than 100 rabid animals are usually found every year in Massachusetts. Most of these are wild animals like raccoons, skunks, bats, woodchucks, and foxes, but some pets (especially cats) and farm animals also get rabies.

People are most commonly exposed to the rabies virus when an infected animal bites them, or when the animal's saliva gets into a scratch or the person's eyes, nose, or mouth. People who are bitten or scratched by an animal, or who find a bat in a room where someone was sleeping, or with a young child or pet, should call their local board of health or the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800 for advice.

Other rabies prevention steps include:

- Teach children never to approach animals they don't know even if they appear friendly.
- Report any animal that seems sick or injured to the local animal control official.
- Enjoy wild animals from a distance and do not keep wild animals as pets.
- Make sure pets are vac-

cinated against rabies. By law, all dogs, cats, and ferrets must be regularly vaccinated against rabies.

- Don't leave food or water for pets outside. Even empty bowls will attract wild and stray animals.
- Do not let pets roam freely. Keep them in a fenced yard or on a leash.
- Keep garbage securely covered. Open garbage will attract wild or stray animals.
- Keep chimneys capped and repair holes in attics, cellars, and porches to help keep wild animals like bats and raccoons out of the house.

Water and Pool Safety

Drowning is a leading cause of death among young children, nationally and in Massachusetts. To help prevent water-related injury and drowning:

- Only swim at or within designated swimming areas. Swimming outside of the designated swimming areas, or at waterfronts where swimming is prohibited, can be dangerous.
- Keep a close eye on children near the water. Parents and other guardians serve as the first and primary line of safety for their children.
- Use the buddy system and always tell someone where you are going.
- Teach children to always ask permission before going near the water.
- Do not dive headfirst into the water.
- Do not swim during a storm or when there is light-
- Do not swim beyond your skillset.
- For those who cannot swim, keep to shallow areas or use a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. DPH, in cooperation with the USCG, has created a fit test video that can assist with proper fit testing of life jackets: https://youtu.be/1I3VZf-NqPc.
- Do not use toys such as "water wings" or "noodles" in place of life jackets. These are not designed to keep swimmers safe.
- Enroll children in swimming lessons. Each year, the Department of Conserva-

tion and Recreation (DCR) provides free swimming lessons to children at select pools across the state in July and August through the Learn to Swim program. DCR will open registration for its Learn to Swim program on June 14, 2025.

In public swimming ar-

- If caught in a rip current, do not swim against it. Swim parallel to the shoreline to escape it and then at an angle toward the beach.
- If a person in your group goes missing, check the water and notify lifeguards and park staff immediately.
- Look for signage at beaches. DPH collects beach water quality data and notifies the public about bacteria levels to minimize swimming-associated illness and injury.

Consider becoming a lifeguard: DCR is recruiting lifeguards to work at agency-managed inland and coastal beaches, as well as swimming pools. Candidates can earn up to \$27/hr and can still earn up to \$750 in bonuses. For more information, visit DCR's lifeguarding website.

Helmet Safety

- A helmet can protect you from serious injury, like concussions and skull fractures, and death when biking, rollerblading, skateboarding, using a scooter, or an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). Helmets should be worn at all times by all riders, regardless of age, ability, purpose, or duration of activity.
- A helmet should fit properly and be worn consistently, be well-maintained, age-appropriate, and appropriately certified for use. All helmets should have a secure buckle to keep them from falling off on impact.
- It is important to avoid hits to the head, even while wearing a helmet.

Window Safety

Falls are the leading cause of injury to children. Falls from windows involving young children are especially serious – and preventable. Screens are not strong enough to protect children

from falling out of windows. To prevent window falls, parents and caregivers should:

- Keep furniture and anything a child can climb on away from windows.
- Open windows from the top, not the bottom, when possible and lock all unopened doors and windows.
- Be sure children are always supervised.
- Install quick-release window guards which can be found in most hardware stores.

To learn more about childhood injury prevention, visit the DPH Injury Prevention and Control Program website.

Car Safety

Leaving children and animals inside of a vehicle can be very dangerous. In the summer months in New England, the temperature in a closed car can rise quickly, and the vehicle can become a deadly place for a child or animal left in it, even for just a moment.

To keep young children and animals safe in and around cars:

- Never leave children or animals alone in a parked vehicle, even when they are asleep or restrained, and even if the windows are open.
- Always check inside the vehicle front and back before locking the door and walking away.
- If a child is missing, check your vehicle first, including the trunk.
- Do things to remind yourself that a child or animal is in the vehicle, such as placing your purse or briefcase in the back seat so you will check there when you leave the vehicle.
- Always lock your car and keep the keys out of children's reach.
- Ensure adequate supervision when children are playing in areas near parked motor vehicles.

If you see a child or animal alone in a hot vehicle, call the police. If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible and call 911 immediately.

All children ages 12 and under should ride in the back

seat, properly restrained, even during quick errand trips. Infants and toddlers should remain in rear-facing car seats until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car safety seat manufacturer. More information on child passenger safety is available on the DPH website.

Sun and Heat Protection

Climate change is increasing the number, as well as the intensity, of extreme heat events in Massachusetts. High temperatures and increased sun exposure mean that additional precautions should be taken when spending time outside, either recreationally or on the job, to reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses, such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

- Seek shade and take breaks from the sun throughout the day. Use air conditioning if available otherwise, use fans, take cool showers, or visit public cooling centers.
- Make sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Drinks like coffee and soda that contain caffeine may dehydrate, so they should be followed with water.
- Wear sunglasses, sunscreen (SPF of at least 30) 15-20 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours, and wear protective clothing to avoid sunburn.
- When possible, limit outdoor activities during the hottest hours (10 a.m. 4 p.m.), seek shade and wear light, breathable clothing.
- Check for Heat-Related Symptoms, including unusually heavy sweating, shortness of breath, dizziness, and more.
- Avoid outdoor activity when air quality is low. An air quality monitoring map is available on the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection page.

To stay informed with real-time heat forecasts and community resources to help you plan, prepare, and respond to unhealthy heat in Massachusetts visit the Unhealthy Heat Forecast Website.



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Echoes of Valor: A Boston concert commemorates 250 years of service and sacrifice

Special to the Journal

Boston will come alive with the sound of patriotism this June 17 as the city hosts "Echoes of Valor," a powerful tribute to 250 years of American service and sacrifice. This free public event honors both the founding of the United States Army and the Battle of Bunker Hill, two defining moments in the nation's history.

The evening features a rousing concert by the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus at the Hatch Memorial Shell, offering a moving program of patriotic music, ceremonial tributes, and military pageantry.

Schedule of Events
• 6:00 PM – Ceremonial Procession

Begins at the Edward Everett Statue in the Boston Public Garden. The procession route includes Arlington Street and the Arthur Fiedler Footbridge, leading to the Hatch Shell on the

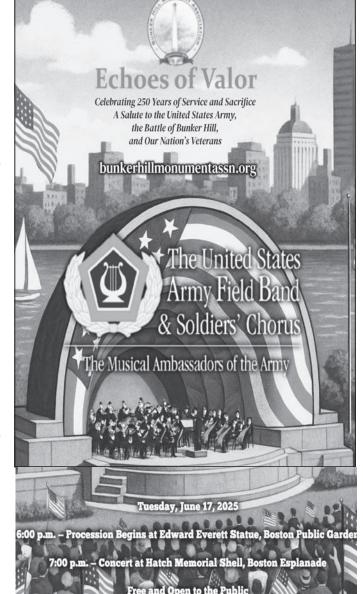
Esplanade.

• 7:00 PM – Concert Begins

The concert will include stirring musical selections, military flyovers, cannon salutes, and remarks by civic and military leaders—all honoring America's enduring legacy of service.

Presented in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Veterans Services, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts National Guard, and State Police), the City of Boston (Veterans Services and Boston Police Department), and a wide coalition of federal officials, military personnel, and historic and patriotic organizations - including AHAC, MASSAR, MASS-DAR, NSCAR, and Friends of Lafayette.

This event is free and open to the public. All are warmly encouraged to attend and take part in this evening of reflection, honor, and celebration.



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Chelsea police arrest suspect in attempted arson incident

A man who has refused to identify himself is being held without bail in connection to an attempted arson incident last week.

At approximately 8 p.m. last Friday night, Chelsea police officers apprehended an adult male suspect following a brief foot pursuit that ended behind 151 Shawmut Street. The man was located by a Massachusetts State Police K9 unit while attempting to conceal himself inside a recycling barrel, according to Chelsea

Police officials stated that the arrest stemmed from an attempted arson incident. According to the victim, the suspect—who had been engaged in an ongoing dispute with a neighbor-allegedly ignited a mattress and placed it against the exterior of a residence at 156 Shawmut Street. The victim was able to remove the burning mattress before the fire could spread, preventing structural damage to the building, according to the

No injuries to officers or civilians were reported. The Chelsea Police Department is actively assisting the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Chelsea Fire Department in the ongoing investigation. The suspect has refused to identify himself and is being held without bail by order of a Chelsea District Court Clerk.

The Chelsea Police Department urges anyone with information to contact them at (617) 466-4800 or provide an anonymous tip through their social media.

CHS Roundup

RAMIREZ-VILLATA WINS FIFTH-PLACE MEDAL AT MEET **OF CHAMPIONS**

Chelsea High star track & field performer Kiara Ramirez-Villata brought home a fifth-place medal in the shot-put at this past weekend's MIAA Meet of Champions that was held at Fitchburg State University.

Kiara's massive toss of 36'-4" set a new Chelsea High record and was almost

two feet further than her throw of 34'-5" the previous week that placed her in fifth-place at the Division 4 State Meet.

On the boys' side, Red Devil Ariel Chacon-Aracena just missed the medal podium with a ninth-place effort with his throw of 53'-10.5". Ariel won the Division 4 State Championship the week before with his toss of 55'-6.5", which established a new CHS record.

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OBITUARIES

Cathy Limoli

Of Chelsea

Cathy Limoli of Chelsea entered into rest on June 7, 2025 at the age of 73. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Grace (Deel) Limoli, beloved sister of Diane Limoli of Chelsea, Daniel Limoli of Wells, ME, and the late John Limoli. She also leaves her dear niece and nephew, Robin Limoli and JJ Limoli of Lynn as well as five grand nieces and grand nephews.



Funeral services will be held privately.

Elizabeth Paradis

April 22, 1940 - June 7, 2025

Elizabeth J. Paradis, known lovingly as Betty, passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on Saturday, June 7 at Whidden Hospital in Everett. She was the cherished daughter of the late Anthony F. and Genevieve A. (Sacherska) Szklar, and a lifelong resident of Chelsea before spending the last 23 years in Revere.

Betty was born on April 22, 1940, and was raised in a nurturing environment where her strong values formed. She attended St. Stanislaus Parochial School and graduated from Chelsea High School. In 1960, she married William H. Paradis, with whom she shared a joyful marriage and together raised a daughter and two sons. Betty's deep devotion to her family was evident in her every action, providing them with love, support, and unwavering care throughout her life. Following the loss of her husband in 2000, she continued to embody resilience and strength.

With a passion for education, Betty dedicated over 16 years of her career as a teacher's aide at the Williams School in Chelsea. In her retirement, she took great joy in assisting her granddaughter, Samantha, with love and guidance.

Betty's commitment to her community was as profound as her dedication to her family. She served as a Cub Scout Den Mother for St. Stanislaus Cub Scout Pack 732, coached Chelsea Little League, and was involved with Everett Girl's Softball. An avid reader. Betty often enjoyed finishing a book in a single day, and she found joy in playing Bingo during her leisure

In addition to her parents



and her husband, William, Betty was also predeceased by her son, William H. Paradis, II, and her brother, William Szklar. She leaves behind her devoted children and their spouses, Patrice Montefusco and her husband, Eric and Derek Paradis and his wife, Cassandra, all of Revere. Betty was also the cherished grandmother of Samantha Montefusco, Scott Montefusco, twins, Jason and Kyle Paradis and Aryanna Paradis.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects during visiting hours for "Betty" at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday, June 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. Her funeral service will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, June 13, at 10 a.m. and will be immediately followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea, at 11 a.m. The services will conclude with her interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Everett.

In honoring Betty's legacy, the family welcomes expressions of sympathy and memorial contributions that reflect her spirit of kindness and community,

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



Lillian Rachael Goldstein

Beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend

Lillian Rachael Goldstein, beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away on May 30, 2025 at the age of 86.

Born in Chelsea, she was the daughter of Philip and Bessie Kaplan and the fourth of five children. She graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1956, as the class salutatorian. Lillian dedicated her life to her family and was always there with a story, a smile and a loving embrace. Expressing gratitude was very important for Lillian; she was always quick with a sincere "thank you" in appreciation for anything done on her behalf.

Lillian was intelligent, hardworking and excellent with numbers. Her first bookkeeping job after high school was at the Prattville Pharmacy and she retired after many years working for Insta-Care Pharmacy in their financial department. When her children were older, Lillian loved working at the Hamilton Elementary School as a teacher's aide, helping children learn to read and write. She was a loyal sports fan and enjoyed rooting for the Red Sox and Patriots in her later years.

Lillian's unwavering support and encouragement and focus on educational pursuits resulted in her two children attending four year colleges. She was so proud of Lisa and Todd (Lisa,



Wellesley '83 and Todd, Brandeis '86 and Babson MBA '91). Her grandchildren brought her great pride and joy and she loved visiting Salt Lake City. Lillian enjoyed speaking with them on the phone and hearing updates about their lives and adventures.

She was predeceased by her siblings and their spouses: Sylvia and Ben Moldoff, Herman and Marilyn Kaplan and Jean and David Elfman. She is survived by her loving children and their spouses: Lisa and David Kieda and Todd and Claudia Goldstein; her grandchildren: Daniel (Holly), Zachary and Benjamin Kieda and Matthew Lawson; her brother and sister-in-law Sid and Judy Kaplan.

Her funeral took place on June 4th at the Farband Cemetery in Danvers. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at the Winchester Nursing Home for their care and support.

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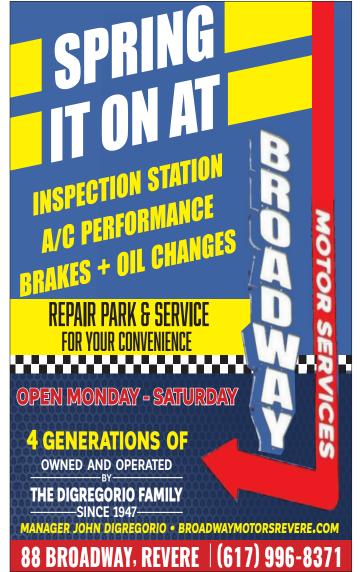
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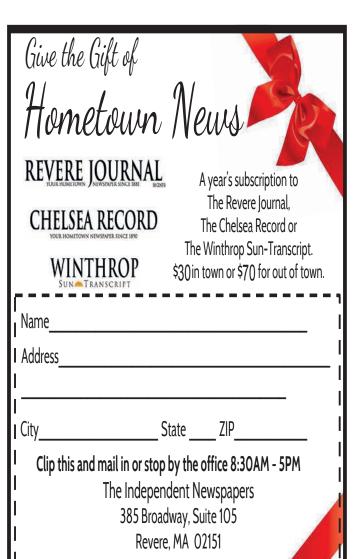
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CHELSEA DISTRICT COURT HOLDS RECOVERY COURT GRADUATION CEREMONY

held May 20 at the Courthouse.

Assistant Clerk Officer Janelle Reppucci First Magistrate Edward F. also proudly offered con-O'Neil III was the master of ceremonies.

The Honorable Justice Matthew J. Machera delivered the official welcoming remarks.

Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Kimberly Budd congratulated the graduates Chelsea-based that has become a statewide model of excellence

Chelsea District Court's in helping individuals with Chelsea Recovery Court substance abuse disorders Graduation Ceremony was through judicial supervision.

Assistant Chief Probation

gratulatory remarks to the graduates. WCVB TV Channel

Five's highly respected reporter Ted Wayman was the guest speaker. Wayman spoke about his personal battle in overcoming addiction earlier in his life.

Justice Matthew J. Machon their completion of the era and Probation Office program Leah Holland presented certificates to the graduates.



Chelsea Recovery Court graduate Daniel Joseph Hurley and District Court **Chief Justice Stacey Fortes.**



WCVB Channel 5 news reporter Ted Wayman, who was the guest speaker, and State Rep. Jeff Turco.



AngelMarie DiNunzio and Stacey Fortunato.



The Honorable Justice Matthew J. Machera presents a Chelsea District Court Recovery Court graduation certificate to Daniel Joseph Hurley.



Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts Kimberly Budd, Chief Justice of the Trial Court Heidi Brieger, Clerk Magistrate Kevin Murphy, and Trial Court Administrator Thomas Ambrosino.



City Manager Fidel Maltez, Chief Justice Kimberly Budd, Trial Court Administrator Thomas Ambrosino, and State Rep. Jeff



Assistant Clerk Magistrate James Dwyer, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Karen Dever, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Carmine DiRuzza, Chief Justice Kimberly Budd, and First Assistant Clerk Magistrate Edward F. O'Neil III.



Probation Officer Leah Holland (left) and Chelsea District Court First Justice Matthew J. Machera (right) congratulate graduates Joseph Edward Mahoney Jr. and Daniel Joseph Hurley on their successful completion of the Chelsea Recovery Court program.



Assistant Chief Probation Officer Janelle Reppucci, Assistant Suffolk County District Attorney Amelia Singh, and Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna.

range Line service suspended June 21 to

Special to the Record

Between North Station and Forest Hills on Weekends, Between Back Bay and Forest Hills on Week-

This notice serves as a reminder of the upcoming Orange Line closure previously announced on May 20.

The MBTA is today reminding riders that Orange Line service will be suspended between North Station and Forest Hills on weekends and between Back Bay and Forest Hills on weekdays all day, every day, for nine days, June 21 to 29.

Riders can find complete information at mbta.com/ OrangeLine. More information on these service changes and alternate travel options is below:

During the weekends of

June 21 – 22 and June 28 – 29, service will be suspended between North Station and Forest Hills:

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Forest Hills and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line for parallel service through downtown to North Station.

The Green Line C Branch will also be extended to serve North Station during this time period.

An accessible van will directly serve stations between North Station and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line. Riders should see onsite personnel to request this van service.

On weekdays, June 23 – 27, service will be suspended between Back Bay and Forest Hills:

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Back Bay and Forest Hills.

The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station during this service outage. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Forest Hills.

Travel time between Forest Hills and Back Bay on the Franklin/Foxboro and Needham Commuter Rail Lines is approximately nine minutes. Trains operate approximately every 30 minutes during the weekday peak periods. Schedules are available at mbta.com.

Bus Route 39 will be fare-free and additional service will be provided.

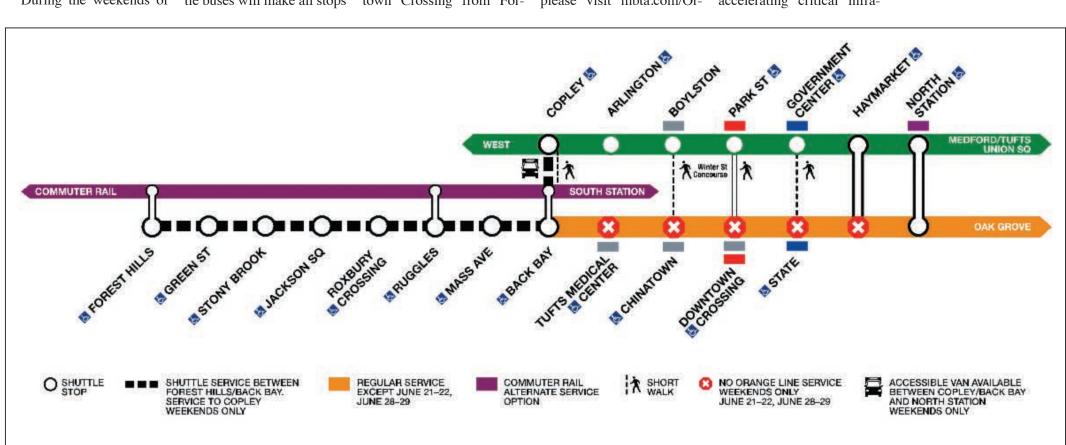
Riders using shuttle buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Downtown Crossing from Forest Hills should budget an additional 30 – 45 minutes of travel time in addition to their regular commute.

This service change is in place to accomplish signal upgrade work on the Orange Line. By upgrading its signals, the MBTA expects to significantly increase operational efficiency and improve scheduling reliability for all riders.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/OrangeLine or connect with the T on X @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @ thembta.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America's first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region's economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, Bus Network Redesign, and Rail Vision, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders' daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mediarelations@ mbta.com. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA.com or follow @ MBTA on social media.



Family Legacy

A proud son, John Nicewicz, remembers his beloved mother, Alice Nicewicz

By Cary Shuman

John Nicewicz and his siblings are fondly remembering their mother, the late Alice Francis (Day) Nicewicz, who passed away recently at the age of 98.

Mrs. Nicewicz and her husband, Frank Nicewicz, shared 32 years of marriage before Mr. Nicewicz's passing in 1986.

"My father's cousins had a band, the John Nicewicz and Sons Orchestra, that used to perform at the Polish Political Club (PPC) on lower Broadway, and my parents would go there to listen to music and dance. That's where they first met," said John. "My dad was Polish, and my mother was Irish and English. They were married in September, 1952."

The Nicewicz family lived on Tudor Street and later on Guam Road in Prattville. In her senior years, Mrs. Nicewicz lived for a dozen years on Admirals

"My brother, Bob, lived in a condo on Admirals Hill and he got to see my mother a lot," said John apprecia-

Mrs. Nicewicz worked as a home health aide at Intercity Homemakers. Mr. Nicewicz worked as a supervisor at Murdoch Corp., a Chelsea-based electronics company. Following his career at Murdoch, Mr. Nicewicz worked at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

A large, close-knit family

Alice and Frank Nicewicz had four children, Jean, John, Richard, and Robert. There are four grandchildren, Jason and Christian Nicewicz, and Jerry Swankoswki Jr. and Crystal Swankowski, and four great-grandchildren.

"My sister and I went to Our Lady of Grace School," recalled John. "My two younger brothers attended Chelsea public schools."

John recalled some funfilled days at Voke Park and

"the Guam Road projects." He played baseball in the Chelsea Little League and Chelsea Pony League, later excelling as a member of the Northeast Regional High School team, graduating in 1978.

"I played on the same Orioles team with Mike Lush, Jerry Dion, Bob Ham, and some other great ones in the Pony League," said John Nicewicz, who worked at Summit Press in Chelsea. "I played in a couple of All-Star games myself."

Most importantly, as John reflects on his excellent baseball career, he says respectfully, "My parents came to all my games - every single one of them. They brought their lawn chairs. I also played Chelsea Youth Hockey from Pee Wees to Bantams. My brothers played Little League Baseball."

In a jestful note about his high school years, John said, "I used to drive my parents car around the park-



Alice Nicewicz, family matriarch (holding Tessa Punyawai), with members of the Nicewicz family that loved and respected her so much, Jerry Swankowski Jr., Crystal Swankowski, John Nicewicz (holding Trinity Punyawai), Jerry Swankowski, Jean Swankowski, and Richard Nicewicz.

ing lot. I did take eventually take driver's education."

Family trips to New Hampshire

Among John's favorite childhood memories was taking summer trips with the family each year to Angle Pond in New Hampshire.

"We would rent a place for a week, and we would visit on weekends," said John. "We had some great times."

Alice and Frank Nicewicz enjoyed each other's company, relishing their time together at social events and family gatherings.

"When we got older, my parents, who loved to dance, used to go to the American Legion Post in Everett on Friday nights," said John. "My parents also bowled at Granada Lanes in Malden and in the PPC Bowling League."

John said his mother often visited her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Florida.

"She loved the grandkids and great-grandkids dearly," said John. "She also visited her sister in California, and then they would travel to Hawaii."

"And she loved the Bruins - she was a big sports fan," said John, a former season ticketholder. "And she loved my dog, Hazel, a Goldendoodle. We would visit my mother all the time."

A full and meaningful life John Nicewicz, who was born in 1960, said his mother enjoyed a rich and fulfilling life as the matriarch of the prominent Chelsea family.

"She was 98, and she was really looking forward to turning 100," said John. "If you asked her how old she was, she would say, 'I'm almost 100.""

Chelsea has lost a life-

long resident and a beautiful connection to its historic past. "She loved this city," said John. John Nicewicz said there

will be a celebration of his mother, Alice Nicewicz's life, this summer.

"We have so many good memories and good times as a family that we'll cherish forever," said John.

Project Bread welcomes Michele Caroll as COO

Special to the Record

A passionate advocate for equity and systems change, Michele Caroll steps into the role of Chief Operating Officer at Project Bread, bringing over 20 years of experience across corporate leadership, nonprofit innovation, and community empowerment. From leading startups to mentoring future leaders, Carroll has built a career focused on impact and now joins Massachusetts' leading statewide food security organization to help drive bold, lasting solutions to hunger.

"My commitment to this work is grounded in both personal values and lived experience," says Carroll. "I was raised in a family where food was not just nourishment, but a way of life—my grandparents were farmers in Arkansas, and every summer I spent time learning about the food system firsthand. Today, my mother continues that legacy by running a church food pantry, where I've gotten to see my own children help pack and distribute meals. I've seen how access to food builds dignity and opportunity, and I'm proud to now be part of an organization making that possible for every family in Massachusetts."

As COO, Carroll will lead cross-functional strategy and support infrastructure development to ensure the organization remains



COURTNEY PHOTO Michele Caroll.

effective, inclusive, and nimble as it scales its impact. Before joining Project Bread, she held leadership roles at Duet and The Partnership, Inc., where she built systems, coached emerging leaders, and fostered inclusive workplace cultures. Earlier in her career, she spent a decade at Procter & Gamble, where she developed foundational expertise in sales, coaching, and mentorship.

"Michele brings a powerful combination of heart and systems-thinking to Project Bread," says Erin McAleer, President and CEO. "She's joining us at a time when our mission has never been more urgent, as we fight against federal attacks on critical nutrition programs and seek to uphold the autonomy of every Massachusetts resident. With her passion for equity, her operational insight, and her deep respect for the communities we serve, I know Michele will be instrumental in helping us end hunger for good in Massachusetts."

A graduate of Howard

University with a degree in Communications, and Simmons University with a master's in Communications Management, Carroll is a proud third-generation college graduate and lifelong advocate for community empowerment. Outside of work, she serves on the board of the Alray Scholars Program, mentors emerging professionals, and enjoys spending time with her family-often driving between youth activities for her two children, catching movies with her husband, and trav-

'Hunger is not just about food-it's about access, equity, and opportunity," says Carroll. "When we remove the barrier of food insecurity, we unlock people's potential in every part of their lives. That's the kind of impact I want to help lead at Project Bread-practical, measurable, and deeply hu-

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at www.projectbread.org/get-help.

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Shown in this photo are the Sokolowski Girls on the Run team and running buddies at our end of season 5K at the Boston Common. The 5K is a culmination of our 8 week season. Throughout our season we focus on running and finding a happy pace to promote health and wellness. At each practice we teach lessons that give girls the tools to build confidence, connection and community. Each of the 4 elementary schools had a team of about 30 girls who participated in the program. Congratulations to all the girls who participated in this wonderful program!

CITY PAWS

Boarding pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

This week, we'll cover two aspects of pet boarding. First, planning for a safe and happy experience for you and your pet when you board them at an established kennel, or as some are called, a pet hotel. Second, the alternatives to boarding. These include engaging a pet and house sitter for the time you are away or leaving your pet with a trusted friend or family member.

Begin with Your Pet

What option would be a good fit for your pet? Several factors influence this decision, including age, health, exercise requirements, and personality. Does your dog get along with other dogs? Does your cat interact with humans other than family? What specific tasks would the care provider have to

perform? Some animals may need medications multiple times a day. Others could need intravenous fluids for kidney disease.

Investigate the Facilities

We are firm believers in recommendations from other pet guardians who show the same standards of care that you have. Even then, we would check on how that specific kennel would work for our dog, who is anxious and an escape artist.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston offers a "Board Safely Checklist" on the website www.arlboston. org. It leads you, step-bystep, from "See it for Yourself" to "Get it in Writing. The Whole Dog Journal has its own checklist that takes a different approach, asking questions like

Is the facility staffed at all times? How do they handle health emergencies? Is drinking water always available to your pet?

Once you have one or two places in mind, recheck your referrals by asking as many pet people as you can about specific places. Should you come across someone who used to leave their animal there but switched to another place, ask why.

Stay at a Home Options

A pet sitter is one option if you prefer to allow your pet to stay in your home or theirs. Begin with the service providers you already trust. Your dog-walker may be willing to board your

Ask your veterinarian. Some clinics provide boarding services, and some vet techs make extra income by pet sitting. This may be a good option if you have a dog or cat who has a medical issue, must be monitored and medicated, or is frail. Groomers or the staff at your grooming facility may be another source of pet sitters.

A few people in every neighborhood make a little extra income by caring for pets. If you ask neighbors for recommendations, you may find a gem in your area. Some dog breeders will board dogs in their line.

A dog lover who hasn't found a way to have a dog in their life might jump at the opportunity to enjoy your pup. A friend who shares a home with roommates may be pleased to move into your place for a weekend or longer in exchange for pet sitting.

Family, friends and neighbors might be willing to host your dog or provide care for your cat as a part of a reciprocal agreement.



Some facilities may offer training services in addition to boarding. (photo by Ahmed)

Finally, do a test run if it is a new adventure for your pet or a new person. Let the dog or cat experience the boarding option you choose for a day or two before you embark on a longer trip.

It's better to make any necessary changes while you're nearby than when you are hundreds of miles away on your own adventure.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Penny@BostonZest. com with your request.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION 115 Park Street Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 MassDEP RTN 3-50272 A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as TIER I pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On June 9, City Clerk 2025, 115 Park Street, LLC, filed a TIER I Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site. please contact Kevin L. McAndrews, LSP for IES, Inc. at 61/-623-8880. The Tier Classification

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Submittal and the Disposal

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and 310 CMR 40.1404.

at MassDEP website



In accordance with Section

2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on June 2, 2025, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following order: Ordered, that the following sums as classified and designated with respect to each department or undertaking as Salaries, Operations & Maintenance and Capital are hereby appropriated in the General Fund of the City of Chelsea as listed below and as summarized: Salaries \$62,257,501, **Operations & Maintenance** \$198,578,727, and Capital \$865,000, totaling \$261,701,228. Ordered, that the following sums, designated as appropriations, are hereby appropriated in the Sewer Enterprise Fund of the City of Chelsea as summarized: Salaries Appropriations \$795,409, Operations & Maintenance Expenses Appropriations \$12,083,775, and Capital Appropriations \$1,985,043.

Ordered, that the following

sums, designated as

appropriations, are hereby appropriated in the Water Enterprise Fund of the City of Chelsea as summarized: Salaries Appropriations \$795,409, Operations & Maintenance Expenses Appropriations \$7,862,797, Capital Appropriations \$1,787,652. Ordered, that the City appropriations and assessments in the General Fund are to be financed in part by Certified Free Cash of the City of Chelsea as follows: Free Cash in the amount of \$1,710,663. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White

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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a

regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on June 2, 2025, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following order: Ordered, that, in accordance with M.G.L Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures. whereby costs incurred in FY24 were

not paid and are owed to the vendors, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY25 budget as noted, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the following expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balances that total \$32,931.97 from

prior years. Ordered, that, in accordance with M.G.L Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in

FY24 were not paid and are owed to the vendors, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY25 budget as noted, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the following expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balances

prior years. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

that total \$2,259.75 from

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LEGAL NOTICE



CONSERVATION COMMISSION In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, the Chelsea **Conservation Commission** will hold a Public Hearing Wednesday, June 18,

2025, 6:00 PM via Zoom video conference to review the Notice of Intent submitted by Douglas Valeri, Enterprise Rent A Car, to construct a 1,600 square foot addition to an existing car wash, demolish a portion of the main building, and make site improvements, including stormwater and parking layout, at 324 Marginal Street. Register to join here: https://us06web.zoom. us/meeting/register/atnfi5f7TKWyt932vEy74A Call in Number+ +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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

Meeting ID: 832 7208

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LEGAL NOTICE

Chair



NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2025-07 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the

Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Special Meeting of the Chelsea **Zoning Board of Appeals** will be held on: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 500 Broadway, 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: **Boston Provisions LLC** (f/k/a SEA2050 LLC) For Special Permits to establish a seafood processing and distribution facility in the Industrial (I) District and extend the use into the adjoining lot in the Naval Hospital Commercial (NHC) District at the premises known as: 100 Justin Drive A copy of the application and petition is available

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

for review at:

6/12/25, 6/19/25

LEGAL NOTICE "The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management is conducting a federal consistency review of the proposed project by the City of Chelsea and the City of Everett to construct coastal flood resilience measures along portions of the Island End River. The project will include a protective storm surge

barrier system, storm

surge control facility, stabilization of the Island End River riverfront, wetland enhancements, and park improvements. For more information, please contact Sean Duffey at sean. duffey@mass.gov.'

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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on June 2, 2025, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following order: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$100,000 in Free Cash to the FY25 Housing and Community Development Contract Services Expense Account #30305-530600 for the Downtown Imitative, including local organizations and small business support, civic engagement and public art and events. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes appropriations from Free Cash to the following salary accounts: -\$2,757.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative - Regular Salary Account #0111051-510200. -\$500.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Payroll - Longevity Account #0114751-515600. -\$22.147.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Personnel - Temporary Account #0115251-510300. -\$6,138.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 City Clerk - Regular Salary Account #0116151-510200. -\$8,697.00 from Free Cash

to the Fiscal Year 2025 City Clerk - Overtime Account #0116151-510400. -\$11,242.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 City Clerk - Poll Workers Account #0116151-510800.

-\$900.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 City Clerk - Unused Sick Leave Bonus Account #0116151-519100.

-\$641.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Permitting and Land Use - Regular Salary Account #0117051-510200. -\$199,426.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Management - Overtime Account

#0123051-510400.

-\$11,563.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Management – Holiday Account #0123051-515300. -\$3,493.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Parking Department -Regular Salary Account #0129351-510200. -\$826.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Parking Department

- Overtime Account

#0129351-510400. -\$54,281.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 DPW Snow - Overtime Account #0142351-510400. -\$20,290.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year

2025 HHS Admin -Regular Salary Account #0Ĭ51051-510200.

-\$1,650.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 HHS Admin - Longevity Account #0151051-515600. -\$4,600.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Health Officer - Regular Salary Account #0151151-

510200 -\$28,300.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Library - Regular Salary Account #0161051-

-\$900.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Library - Longevity Account #0161051-5Ĭ560Ó. -\$43,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Employee Benefit - Medicare Account #0191051-51/600. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$14,901.00 from Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative - Regular Salary Account #0111051-

510200. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes appropriations from Free Cash to the following operating accounts: -\$20,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Law Department -Legal Services Account # 0115152-530100 for Forbes Bankruptcy counsel. -\$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Personnel Department -Medical Services

Account # 0115252-531200. -\$61,106.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 MIS Department -**Contract Services Account** #0115552-530600 for Cisco Firewall and Ubiquiti

extenders. -\$8,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 City Clerk Department -Postage Account #0116152-522300.

-\$10,385.00 from Free

Cash to the Fiscal Year

2025 City Clerk Department - Voting Machines Account # 0116158-586600, for voting booth upgrades for elections. -\$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 Fire Department -Software License Account # 0122052-523300, for the records management system software license. -\$169,531.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 DPW Snow Department - Contract Services Account # 0142352-

530600. -\$156,392.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 DPW Snow Department -Salt Account # 0142352-546300. -\$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 DPW Building & Grounds Department -**Building Maintenance**

Account # 0147052-524100 for fencing at Bosson Park. -\$15,300.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2025 DPW Building & Grounds Department -Other Expenditure Account # 0147052-570000 for real estate taxes. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT

City Clerk

shall be credited to the General Fund. PROBATE AND **Elder Affairs Revolving** Fund (#3802): Aggregate **FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division** expenditures from the INFORMAL PROBATE fund shall not exceed PUBLICATION \$1,000 in a single fiscal NOTICE year; All money received Docket No. after the fund has reached a balance of \$1,000 shall SU25P1142EA

Estate of: be credited to the General Pedro J. Valentin Fund. **Emergency Management** Also Known as: Pedro Valentin, Jr. Hazardous Material Date of Death: Revolving Fund (#4615): January 20, 2024 Aggregate expenditures To all persons interested from the fund shall not exceed \$30,000 in a single in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petifiscal year; All money received after the fund tioner Pedro J. Valentin, Sr. of Chelsea, MA has reached a balance of Pedro J. Valentin, Sr.of \$30,000 shall be credited Chelsea, MA has been into the General Fund. formally appointed as the Vacant, Unsafe Buildings Personal Representative of and Nuisance Properties the estate to serve without Revolving Fund (#4627): surety on the bond. Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not The estate is being administered under exceed \$30,000 in a single informal procedure by the fiscal year; All money received after the fund Personal Representative has reached a balance of under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code \$30,000 shall be credited without supervision by to the General Fund. Tax Title Foreclosure the Court. Inventory and Properties Revolving Fund accounts are not required to be filed with the Court. (#4631): Aggregate expenbut interested parties are ditures from the fund shall entitled to notice regarding not exceed \$100,000 in a single fiscal year; All monthe administration from the Personal Represeney received after the fund tative and can petition has reached a balance of the Court in any matter \$100,000 shall be credited relating to the estate, to the General Fund. Chelsea Public Library including distribution of Revolving Fund (#4201): assets and expenses of administration. Interested Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not parties are entitled to peexceed \$20,000 in a single tition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to fiscal year; All money obtain orders terminating received after the fund has reached a balance of or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives \$20,000 shall be credited appointed under informal to the General Fund. procedure. A copy of the Whereas, Section 71F of Petition and Will, if any, Chapter 71 of the General can be obtained from the Laws authorizes cities

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and towns to accept and

establish departmental

revolving funds subject

restrictions; and whereas,

The City of Chelsea School

tuition fee to be charged to

other public school systems

wishing to use the Chelsea

Public Schools' special

education programs and

further voted to establish a

Non-Resident Student Tui-

tion revolving fund for the

receipt and disbursement

collected by Chelsea Public

ordered, that the Chelsea

of said tuition and fees

Now therefore be it

City Council hereby

Schools;

to certain budgetary

Committee adopted

and implemented a

LEGAL NOTICE

Petitioner.



NOTICE In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on June 2, 2025, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following order: Whereas, pursuant to

M.G.L. c. 44, §53E?, the

City has adopted a new authorizes the establish-Ordinance, Section 2-200, ment of a revolving fund authorizing six revolving for the School Department funds; and whereas, in accordance with the each year, the Ordinance provisions of Section requires the City Council to 71F of Chapter 71 of the vote annually on or before General Laws, subject to July 1 on the amount that the following conditions: may be spent from each of these revolving funds Only proceeds received

during the upcoming fiscal

Now therefore be it

Chelsea Community

Schools (#4407): Aggre-

gate expenditures from

the fund shall not exceed

\$100,000 in a single fiscal

year; All money received

a balance of \$100,000

after the fund has reached

year;

ordered:

c. 71 section 71F shall be credited to the fund; Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not

by the City, pursuant to

the provisions of M.G.L.

exceed \$250,000 in a single fiscal year; All proceeds received in a single year after the fund

has reached a balance of \$250,000 shall be credited to the General Fund; Expenditures from this fund shall be authorized by the School Committee

balance of the revolving Such funds shall be expended only for pur-

or their designee and shall

not exceed the available

poses directly associated provisions of M.G.L. c. 71 Section 71F; No expenditure may be

made from such revolving fund for the purposes of full or part-time employee's wages or salaries unless the revolving fund is also charged for the costs of fringe benefits

associated with the wages

or salaries so paid; The School Department shall provide a report including all receipts and expenditures of this fund to the City Manager on a auarterly basis and to the City Council on an annual basis in accordance with the provisions of Section 53E1/? of Chapter 44 of

This revolving fund requires authorization for each ensuing fiscal year, and

the General Laws;

This fund is hereby authorized until June 30, 2026. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

6/12/25

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with M.G.L Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 23rd, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway,

Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150, to discuss a proposed amendment to Section 34-106(j)(6) "Offstreet parking requirements," of the Chelsea Zoning Ordinances, which would specify that any relief from the number of required off-street parking spaces in this zoning ordinance shall disqualify that location from participating in the residential parking sticker program.

normal City Hall business Norieliz DeJesus President, Chelsea City

Copies of the proposed

amendment are available

for inspection in the City

Clerk's office during

Council 6/5/25, 6/12/25



LEGAL NUTICE CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF **PUBLIC WORKS** NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING** Regarding FY26 Water, Sewer, and Trash Rates Tuesday, July 1, 2025 6:00 PM Chelsea City Hall

500 Broadway, Room 305 In accordance with Section 1.15, Part IV of the City of Chelsea administrative code section 22-64(b) Establishment of solid waste collection fees and section 30-65 establishment of water, sewer & trash billing rates. The public is invited to attend. Cate Fox-Lent Commissioner of Public

LEGAL NOTICE

6/5/2025

6/12/2025

AVISO LEGAL

CIUDAD DE CHELSEA DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS **PUBLICAS** AVISO DE **AUDIENCIA** PÚBLICA Sobre establecimiento de tarifas de facturación de agua, alcantarillado y basura martes, 1 de julio, 2025

6:00 PM Ayuntamiento

LEGAL NOTICE

500 Broadway, Room 305 De conformidad con la Sección 1.15, Parte IV del código administrativo de la ciudad de Chelsea, sección 22-64 (b) Establecimiento de tarifas de recolección de desechos sólidos y sección 30-65, establecimiento de tarifas de facturación de agua, alcantarillado y basura. El público está invitado a

asistir.

Publicas

Cate Fox-Lent

Comisionado de Obras

6/5/2025 6/12/2025

Join the Cast: Apollinaire's Youth Performance Project!

invites young performers to join their Performance Project, a dynamic theatre program that runs from July 14 to September 21, culminating in performances of It's Elementary, directed by Audrey Johnson, at Apollinaire's Festival this fall.

For Ages 6–9

Does your child love to perform, play pretend, or take center stage? This track is tailored for our youngest performers, offering fun, supportive rehearsals twice a week. Participants will work together to bring It's Elementary to life and will take the stage at the Festival* in September.

For Ages 10–14

Calling all aspiring actors! Youth in this age group will audition to take part in the program, which focuses on actor training, character

Apollinaire Play Lab development, and ensemble performance. Rehearsals are held twice weekly, led by experienced theatre professionals. Participants will perform more challenging pieces from the It's Elementary collection at Apollinaire's Festival* in September.

*About the Festival

To celebrate its 30th anniversary, Apollinaire is launching a Festival and Open House on September 20 and 21. The Chelsea Theatre Works building and Chelsea Square will feature free performances, workshops, art exhibitions, youth and bilingual activities, an Escape Room, and local food and craft vendors. Some highlights of the event include youth performances of It's Elementary, as well as a special original play created and performed (within just 48 hours!) by

Apollinaire actors from the past three decades.

Details & Registration:

- Program Dates: July 14–September 21

- Rehearsals: Twice a week in the evening (schedules vary by age group)

- Location: Riseman Family Theatre at the Chelsea Theatre Works, 1897Winnisimmet St., Chelsea, MA

- Scholarships, payment plans, sibling rates, and Card to Culture discounts available

- Auditions for ages 10-14: June 14 and June 28, or by video

- Registration required. Space is limited.

For full program details and registration, visit www. aplaylab.com

Don't miss this chance to shine on stage and be part of the Festival!



Some of the children involved with the Apollinaire Play Lab.

Four tips for preventing dog attacks on mail carriers

Can you picture a member of your family attacking a mail carrier? Of course not, but it happened over 6,000 times last year across the nation.

"I was bit by a dog on my leg recently and my mail satchel helped protect me," said Francisco Juarez, a letter carrier who delivers in Houston, TX. "The sound of a dog barking while on my route puts me on high alert and I try to be ready to protect myself."

Juarez recognizes the importance of the safety training he's received as a letter carrier to help protect himself from dog attacks while delivering the mail. Even though he diligently follows dog bite safety protocols while on his route, he was still attacked by a dog.

When a dog attacks a letter carrier, the dog owner could be held liable for all medical expenses, repayment of lost work hours, replacement of the uniform and other costs, which can run into thousands of dollars. The Postal Service makes the safety of its employees a top priority and dedicates time each year on Dog Bite Awareness.

Here are four simple tips to prevent dog bite injuries

year-round: Door Delivery: If a carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Some dogs push through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Dog owners must keep the family pet secured. Never let your child take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may see this as a threatening gesture.

Restrain Your Carriers may assume that if they see no physical fence around a property that the property is animal-free. This can be a dangerous mistake. Postal Service officials request that you keep your dog restrained or inside when the mail is delivered. Although the electronic fence may keep your dog

from wandering, it does not protect your carrier, who must enter your property to deliver the mail. Even homes with curbside mailboxes may have oversized packages or signature-needed items that require the carrier to approach a doorstep and cross the boundaries of the electronic fence. This poses a serious risk to carrier safety.

Dog in the Yard: Make sure your dog is properly restrained on a leash and away from where your mail carrier delivers the mail. If the carrier deems a residence unsafe because of an unrestrained dog, mail delivery service can be interrupted. When service is interrupted at an address or in a neighborhood, all parties involved will have to pick up mail at their local Post Office. Service will be restored once assurance has been given that the animal will be confined during regular delivery hours.

Tracking: Dog owners who have access to postal notification features, such as Informed Delivery (informeddelivery.usps.com) for letter mail and package tracking, are urged to use these features to determine when the carrier is on their way and to ensure their dog has been properly restrained. Expecting a postal package delivery on Sunday? Postal officials urge dog owners to restrain their animals on Sundays as well, since more residences now receive deliveries throughout the weekend.



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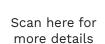
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