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City Manager Fidel Maltez said he is “confident” that the Chelsea delegation (pictured above at its penultimate rehearsal Monday at the Mary C. Burke Complex) has been diligent in its weekly preparations and will represent the city very well at the National Civic League’s All-America City Awards Program this week in Denver, Colorado. “I am so proud of this team and so proud of everyone who has put so much work into this effort,” said Maltez. “What we are building is civic pride and engagement with so many residents in the community. We are making bonds that are going to last a lifetime.”

Director of Housing and Community Development Ben Cares, captain of the Chelsea team who has drawn praise from Maltez for his “incredible vision,” added, “I believe we are ready. We have an awesome team. I think that what we do here in the city of Chelsea when we have something to get done is we roll up our sleeves, we show our creativity, we show our ability to create community around whatever the cause may be – whether it be a presentation in Denver, a civic action fair in Denver, winning the All-America City Award in Denver or any of the things that our community faces every single day. I feel extremely confident that we’re going to take home that prize.”

City of Chelsea and Chelsea Housing Authority install “Cool Roof”

Special to the Record

The Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA), in partnership with the City of Chelsea, has installed a white solar-reflective “cool roof” on one of its largest public housing buildings – the Margolis Complex, which houses seniors and adults with disabilities. This new, cool roof combats the city’s urban heat island effect and reduces indoor temperatures for some of the city’s most vulnerable residents.

The “cool roof,” which was made possible by approximately \$165,000 in CHA capital funding and an \$85,000 Accelerating Climate Resilience grant awarded to the City by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), was accomplished by coating the Margolis complex’s existing roof with a white, solar-reflective surface that will reduce the building’s indoor temperatures and lower energy demand for cooling.

“The project prioritizes the city’s Margolis’ residents, who are most vulnerable to health risks caused by rising temperatures, such as dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel



The climate resilience project will protect the Chelsea Housing Authority’s most vulnerable residents – seniors and those with disabilities – by keeping them cooler in their apartments during extreme heat events.

Maltez. “It’s about recognizing that every Chelsea resident deserves to be safe and comfortable in their home during extreme heat. Together with the Chelsea Housing Authority, we’re taking action to cool this city down, starting with those who need it most.”

Built in 1975 for seniors and adults with disabilities, the Margolis Apartments Complex is a thirteen-story, brick masonry construction

Frank. “This is one of many examples of how the city has worked with CHA to upgrade our portfolio with direct positive health impacts being felt by our residents.”

Kristen Homeyer, Resilience Manager for the North Suffolk Office of Resilience & Sustainability leads Chelsea’s broader climate resilience initiatives, including community cooling strategies, green infrastructure installations, and public education campaigns.

“This project is a great example of how relatively simple, cost-effective interventions can have a profound impact on the public health of our most vulnerable residents and climate resilience,” said Homeyer. “By prioritizing cooling strategies in affordable housing - we’re also advancing equity and environmental justice in communities that are too often left behind.”

The Chelsea Housing Authority, which manages over 1,400 units of affordable housing across the city, sees this as a model for future building improvements.

“The white roof upgrade also pushes our current roof warranty to 14 years which qualifies it for future solar panels,” said Frank.

The MAPC’s Accelerating Climate Resilience program supports municipal efforts to implement equitable climate adaptation strategies across the Greater Boston region.

Thumb’s Up for Maltez

Committee gives positive review of first 18 months

Special to the Record

City Manager Fidel Maltez received a positive, strong performance evaluation for his first 18 months in office from the City Council’s Evaluation Committee.

The committee praised his leadership in areas such as budget management, neighborhood improvements, public safety, and community engagement, and presented Maltez with his performance evaluation during a meeting on June 23.



City Manager Fidel Maltez.

“City Manager Maltez has brought a high-energy and inclusive leadership style to City Hall. His deep commitment to Chelsea is exactly what this City de-

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Council gets update on Soldiers’ Home project

By Adam Swift

City Manager Fidel Maltez provided the city council with an update on the redevelopment of the Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea project at Monday night’s meeting.

According to project developer Pennrose, there have been some delays due to the financing of the project, but that construction of Phase I could get underway by December, with the project remaining a priority for the state.

The redevelopment project is a public-private partnership between the state and developer Pennrose.

In February, Pennrose representatives appeared before the council and stated that the construction of the first phase of the four phase project was slated to get underway this September.

“The city has been working very closely with the developer, Pennrose, on the (development),” Maltez stated. “Our Department of Public Works is also in close coordination with a water line replacement needed for the project. Pennrose has shared that financing for the project has grown more dif-

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Local leaders endorse campaign to stop predatory third-party electric suppliers in state

Special to the Record

This week, 14 municipal leaders from across the Commonwealth announced their support for the Campaign to Stop Predatory Electric Suppliers, urging state lawmakers to protect residents and prioritize energy affordability by passing legislation to ban third-party electric suppliers from the residential electricity market.

Among those leaders were Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson, and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

Support from mayors and city managers pro-

vides growing momentum to the campaign. In April, more than 50 organizations, representing seniors, minority business owners, faith leaders, public health, climate and environmental justice organizations, as well as consumer and legal advocates, endorsed H.3534/S.2255, An Act relative to electric ratepayer protections, and backed regulatory action at the Department of Public Utilities (DPU).

“I want to thank the Mayors and City Managers who have thrown their support behind this effort, be-

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IRAN FINALLY REAPS
WHAT IT IS HAS SOWN

The decision by President Donald Trump to assist the Israeli effort in setting back Iran’s nuclear weapons program should be applauded by every person who realizes that Iran’s attainment of nuclear weaponry would be disastrous for the world.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has demonstrated how a nuclear-armed dictatorship can wreak death and destruction upon another country with impunity because the rest of the world is afraid to join the fight thanks to the threats by Vladimir Putin that he will use his nuclear arsenal if provoked.

But whereas Putin is semi-rational, can one even begin to imagine how a fanatical Iranian regime that has been calling for the elimination of the State of Israel (and the United States) for 45 years would use nuclear weapons to blackmail every nation in the Mideast in order to achieve that goal, including ultimately dropping an atomic bomb on Tel Aviv?

The Iranian government has been a force of evil since its inception in 1979. For fans of the Netflix series Stranger Things, the Iranian regime is like that monster that spreads its tentacles to terrorize and control the town of Hawkins.

Similarly, Iran has provided arms and training to terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah on Israel’s doorstep with the specific aim of wiping Israel off the face of the map. The vicious attack by Hamas on 10/7 demonstrated unequivocally that Iran’s proxies are capable of achieving the goal of killing every Jew they can lay their hands on.

Only time -- and Israeli and American intelligence assessments -- will be able to determine to what extent the Israeli and U.S. military actions of the past 12 days have degraded the ability of the Iranians to make a nuclear bomb.

But if nothing else, the Iranians have been put on notice that their dastardly behavior finally will be met with more force than they ever could have anticipated.

THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT
BEGAN 56 YEARS AGO THIS
WEEK

Although Gay Pride Month is observed for the entire month of June, we wish to make note of the specific date and events of June 28, 1969, when a series of riots and demonstrations against a police raid at the Stonewall Inn tavern in the Greenwich Village section of New York City launched the modern-day gay rights movement.

This was not the first time that the gay community had fought back against repression and persecution, but the Stonewall riots marked a turning point for the gay rights movement both in the United States and around the world.

The riot was precipitated when New York City police officers with the NYPD’s Public Morals Division (yes, that actually was its name) sought to conduct a typical raid at the Stonewall Tavern, a gay bar. At that time, men even seen holding hands with each other could be arrested on charges of violating public morality.

Almost all of the gay bars in New York City in that era were operated by organized crime. The police typically would give the owners a heads-up about impending raids, which usually took place on quiet weeknights and resulted in the arrests of a few of their customers.

However, on the night of June 27-28, the police uncharacteristically conducted a raid on a weekend night when there were more than 200 patrons in the Stonewall.

As the police began to make arrests, crowds from the surrounding community gathered outside in support of those being arrested. The ensuing pitched battle between the outnumbered police and the hundreds of area residents carried on for the next two nights.

For the first time, persons who did not conform to society’s sexual norms had made it clear that they no longer would be treated like second-class citizens.

Although the Stonewall Tavern itself was set on fire during the riots and never reopened, President Barack Obama designated the area as a national monument on June 24, 2016, thus ensuring its legacy as the spot that marked the beginning of a new day of freedom for Americans of the LGBTQIA+ community.

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Members of the Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities pictured with some attendees and speakers pictured at the State House for the Strength in Support networking event.

Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons
with Disabilities hosts Strength in Support employment event

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities hosted a hybrid event at the Massachusetts State House on June 23, 2025, titled Strength in Support: A networking and resource-sharing event with employed youth and young adults with disabilities, personal care assistants, job coaches, and inclusive workplaces.

Hosted by the Commission’s Disability Employment and Workforce Supports subcommittees, the event brought together employed youth and young adults with disabilities, direct support professionals, and job coaches to highlight stories, share resources, and identify promising practices to advance employment equity across Massachusetts.

Commissioner Gyasi Burks-Abbott opened the event by welcoming attendees and outlining available accessibility services for both in-person and virtual participants. As moderator, he guided the discussion and emphasized the importance of shifting attitudes toward disability in the workplace.

“When it comes to the phrase ‘Presume Competence,’ I think it’s important to note that being competent doesn’t mean I’ll never mess up; it means I’ll always be teachable,” said Commis-

sioner Gyasi Burks-Abbott. “Don’t throw your hands up at the first sign of trouble. If I’m doing something wrong, tell me how to do it right. When I look back on the missteps I’ve made in my life, I can contrast the people who were willing to offer me some grace and give me another chance with those who seemed to immediately write me off as a lost cause. I hope this event today demonstrates that people with disabilities are employable. We might need accommodations and supports, but we are perfectly capable of getting the job done.”

Speakers included:

Matty Tricca, Podcast Host and State House Summer Intern

Liam Glavin, Busser, Legal Sea Foods

Ewidji Vincent, Young Adult Leaders Fellow, Massachusetts Advocates for Children

Sophie Korpics, Community Advocate, Northeast Independent Living Program

Sarah Malone, Communication and Social Media Intern, MassAbility

Jack Tzianobo, Barista, BosseCafe, Options Clubhouse

Lynn Fanale, Director of Employment, Options Clubhouse

Vanessa Stewart, Family Support Coordinator, WORK INC.

Kadin Ali, Lead Career

Coach, JVS Boston

Each speaker reflected on their employment journey and the supports that made a difference, while also identifying remaining challenges and calling for more inclusive hiring practices.

“Success isn’t succeeding, it’s knowing that you will succeed,” said Matty Tricca.

“Supporting disabled job seekers doesn’t exist in a silo; those positive effects ripple through the community. Putting time and resources into us helps so many more people!” said Sarah Malone. “And it is never too late to work towards your ideal future; you can always ask for support and advocate for your needs, your voice, your life.”

“This event was a wonderful opportunity to share the story of my path to full-time employment at Northeast Independent Living Program,” said Sophie Korpics. “My hope was that job seekers learned the importance of putting yourself out there professionally throughout the employment

process, and that employers learned the importance of being open-minded when it comes to hiring people with disabilities.”

“Today we hope to motivate people with disabilities, job coaches, education coaches, and everyone else who works to support us. We want to celebrate and hear the stories of youth who are working to get a job, get their accommodations, and live a good life. We are strong together, let’s help people get what they need to succeed,” said Ewidji Vincent.

The event also featured employment resource tables from state agencies and partner organizations committed to disability inclusion. Attendees left with practical tools and new connections to support their employment journeys. A recording of the discussion will be made available to watch online at <https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/5245>.

For more information and to access event materials, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/RJ-strength-in-support>

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FKO celebrates first-ever graduation of OST Apprenticeship Program in state

Special to the Record

For Kids Only After-school (FKO) proudly celebrated a historic milestone on June 5, 2025, with the graduation of the first cohort of its registered apprenticeship program for the Out-of-School Time (OST) workforce- Massachusetts and the country’s first and only full-time apprenticeship of its kind.

Held at Spinelli’s in Lynnfield, the graduation honored the dedicated apprentices who completed a rigorous, full-time program designed to elevate and professionalize the OST field. The event brought together state leaders, funders, family members, and fellow educators to recognize the graduates’ commitment and accomplishments. Special guests included Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) Commissioner Amy Kershaw, Director of the Division of Apprentice Standards at the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) Lara Thomas, and longtime champions of equitable access to youth development and workforce initiatives.

“This celebration isn’t just about graduation, it’s about transformation,” said Deborah Kneeland Keegan, Co-Founder and Executive

Director of FKO. “These remarkable educators have completed a groundbreaking journey of professional growth, and they represent the future of a stronger, more sustainable OST workforce.”

FKO’s registered apprenticeship, launched in 2024, supports educators with full-time employment, livable wages, benefits, and a clear pathway to long-term careers in youth development. Over the course of the program, apprentices completed 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning, 150 hours of coursework through the Institute for Education and Professional Development (IEPD) and received consistent one-on-one mentorship and competency-based evaluations.

Commissioner Amy Kershaw praised the graduates and FKO’s initiative during her remarks: “You’re part of something bigger in the work that you’ve chosen to do every day... You’ve demonstrated exactly how we can support the workforce so they can gain additional skills, bring them back to the classroom, and increase their compensation as they go.”

The program builds on FKO’s earlier Full-Time OST Educator Initiative, which demonstrated a 89% retention rate, significantly higher than part-time roles



Shown above, Massachusetts Commissioner of the Department of Early Education and Care (center, front) with graduates of the state’s first Out-of-School Time apprenticeship program.

in the field. With the support of EEC’s Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) grant, EOLWD’s Expanded Apprenticeship funding, and private funders like the Amelia Peabody Foundation, Liberty Mutual Foundation, and United Way of Massachusetts Bay, FKO has turned a bold idea into a scalable solution.

As the graduates received their certificates to cheers and standing ovations, the moment underscored what’s possible when public and private sectors unite to invest in people and potential.

“This is just the beginning,” said Keegan. “We believe this model can and should be replicated across Massachusetts and beyond

to ensure that all children have access to high-quality, consistent, and passionate educators in their out-of-school hours.”

To learn more about FKO’s registered apprenticeship program and how it is shaping the future of the OST workforce, visit: [https://fkoafterschool.org/ost-apprenticeship-pro-](https://fkoafterschool.org/ost-apprenticeship-program/)

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For Kids Only After-school (FKO) is a leading provider of high-quality afterschool north of Boston. With nearly forty years of experience, FKO programs offer safe and nurturing environments where children can learn, grow, and thrive beyond regular school hours.

Explore the outdoors this summer with the 2025 Park Passport Challenge for children and families at parks across state

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced the launch of the 2025 Park Passport Challenge, an initiative aimed at bringing a new generation of outdoor explorers into the state park system by inviting visitors to collect unique stamps at 12 participating DCR parks and watersheds across the state. The challenge kicks off on Saturday, June 21, and individuals who collect all 12 stamps by the program’s Sunday, November 30 end date, will receive a Park Passport water bottle sticker and will be entered to win a grand prize.

“Our DCR parklands are more than just beautiful landscapes – they enrich the lives of residents and families all across our state, providing them with spaces to explore, reflect and rec-

reate,” said DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo. “We hope our new Park Passport Challenge serves as a fun and interactive way for visitors from all backgrounds and of all ages – especially children – to experience and learn about the natural world around them and our incredible state park system.”

The initiative is focused on bringing more families and children, especially those from environmental justice populations, into the outdoors to experience Massachusetts’s natural and recreational resources.

Park passports are available at each participating location that has a visitor center and can also be printed out from DCR’s Park Passport webpage along with coloring pages for participating parks. Passport stamps are held in yellow stamp boxes for increased visibility and are installed in

ways that make them easy to reach for visitors of all abilities. Combinations to each stamp box can be found on each Park Passport stamp sheet. The exact location and code for each stamp box and additional information on the challenge are listed on DCR’s Park Passport Challenge webpage. All written materials for the initiative are available in the 10 most common spoken languages in Massachusetts.

Participants looking to delve a deeper into the park experience are invited to take part in optional location-specific bonus activities available in a worksheet on the webpage. Activities include an observant hike, nature scavenger and history hunts, and more.

After stamping their passport, participants should close and relock the stamp boxes. Once you collect all 12 stamps, fill out the redemption form on the Park

Passport Challenge webpage by November 30, 2025, to redeem a water bottle sticker and be entered to win a grand prize. Grand prizes include free Boston Harbor Island ferry tickets, a complimentary DCR ParksPass, and a reservation for DCR’s annual Learn to Camp program. Participants are also encouraged to share your adventure by tagging us on social media @MassDCR. Stamps are located at the following participating state parks:

- Boston Region**
 - Blue Hills Reservation, Milton
 - Castle Island, South Boston
- North Region**
 - Walden Pond State Reservation, Concord
 - Halibut Point State Park, Rockport
- South Region**
 - Waquoit Bay Natural

Estuarine Research Reserve, East Falmouth

- Fall River Heritage State Park, Fall River

- Central Region**
 - Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, Uxbridge
 - Wachusett Mountain State Reservation, Princeton

- West Region**
 - Mount Greylock State Reservation, Lanesboro
 - Great Falls Discovery Center, Montague

- Water Supply**
 - Quabbin Reservoir, Belchertown
 - Wachusett Reservoir, Clinton
- DCR also launched the MA250 Challenge to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the role DCR parks and properties played in the Revolution.

The MA250 Challenge will run through 2025 and 2026, and participants can earn a sticker and be entered to win prizes by completing any two of the following activities:

- visiting two DCR properties
- taking five pictures at DCR properties and tagging @MassDCR on social media
- completing five miles of hiking, walking, swimming, running, or biking at DCR properties
- or leaving zero trace of activity at any visited DCR property.

For more information or questions regarding the Park Passport Challenge, email dcrcppassport@mass.gov or visit: www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-park-passport-challenge.

Healey-Driscoll Admin. adds more Listening Sessions to gather public feedback for statewide K-12 graduation requirements

Special to the Record

After receiving overwhelming participation from a series of statewide listening sessions and online survey this Spring, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced it is offering two additional virtual listening sessions, including one specifically for students, to inform Governor Maura Healey’s K-12 Statewide Graduation Council.

The listening sessions on June 25 and June 30, 2025 are a chance for students, educators, parents and caregivers and a broad range of stakeholders to offer feedback on a new statewide graduation requirement, including the role of assessment, the potential for differentiated pathways to earning the competency determination,

and the completion of additional experiences that demonstrate civic, college, and career readiness.

“The Graduation Council received so much insightful, constructive feedback from students, families, educators and stakeholders who attended the first six listening sessions. We thought it was important to offer more opportunities for the public to weigh in,” said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. “I encourage everyone to participate and offer their perspectives as we work to bring the definition of what it means to graduate high school to new heights.”

Register for listening sessions:

- Wednesday, June 25th: Virtual, 5-7p.m.
- Monday, June 30th: Virtual Student Listening Session, 5-6p.m. (Note:

this listening session is for students only)

Further, the Healey-Driscoll Administration launched an online survey to expand opportunities for public input. Students, parents and caregivers, educators, school counselors, businesses and community residents can complete the survey at Mass.gov/K12GradCouncil by June 30, 2025. The survey is available in six languages and takes 7-10 minutes to complete.

Governor Healey established the Massachusetts K-12 Statewide Graduation Council through Executive Order, and the Council is led by the Secretary of Education and Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Council includes a broad range of stakeholders, including students, parents/caregivers,

educators, school counselors, labor, education advocacy organizations, higher education representatives, legislators, and the business community.

For more information on the council, listening sessions, and public survey, visit Mass.gov/K12GradCouncil.

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GOVERNOR BELLINGHAM-CARY HOUSE HOLDS ITS ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Governor Bellingham-Cary House held its 2025 Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 21 at the historic residence located at 34 Parker Street, Chelsea.

The Board of Trustees welcomed several residents to the annual event during which the guests enjoyed a serving of strawberry shortcake and whipped cream.



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NEIGHBORHEALTH CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF COMPLEX CARE AT ANNUAL ART OF HEALTH CARE GALA

On Thursday, June 5, 2025, NeighborHealth hosted its annual Art of Health Care fundraising gala at Boston’s historic Fenway Park, attracting nearly 400 attendees to support NeighborHealth’s mission of building healthier communities together. During the event, NeighborHealth’s CATCH (Children’s Access to Coordinated Healthcare) program was honored with the inaugural Advancing Health Equity Award for achieving three decades of innovative and holistic care for children with diverse physical and developmental needs, many of whom attended the event with their families.

“Our annual Art of Health Care event presents a special opportunity to shine a light on the unique ways NeighborHealth takes healthcare beyond the clinic to improve the health and wellness of our community,” said Dr. Julio Mazul, Chief Medical Officer, NeighborHealth. “By recognizing impactful programs like CATCH, we reaffirm our commitment to providing high-quality, accessible care that empowers our neighbors to lead longer, healthier lives. We are grateful to our donors whose support helps us to provide individualized care and services to our neighbors, regardless of who they are, or where they come from.”

Thirty years ago, CATCH program founder, Dr. Thomas Silva, realized the urgent need for vulnerable patients to receive holistic care coordination based on their individual needs. Today, the CATCH program serves approximately 200 patients and continually advances how NeighborHealth cares for children with disabilities.

“The CATCH program has always believed that a more inclusive world



Paula Sepulveda and Jany's Andrade.



Dennis Cataldo and Jessica Russo.

is possible,” said Meaghan Hamilton, NP, Director of Pediatric Complex Care, NeighborHealth. “At CATCH, we not only provide care, but we have fun together, try new things, celebrate, and, most importantly, we create community. On behalf of our patients and staff, I am deeply grateful for this recognition and the continued support of the health center.”

At the event, guests enjoyed engaging with Chelsea-based Afro-Caribbean visual artist Silvia López Chavez, who painted, in real-time, a one-of-a-kind, 36” circular acrylic on canvas painting depicting a vibrant view of Boston -- one of the many coveted Art of Health Care raffle prizes available that evening. López Chavez is well known for her joyful and unapologetically colorful murals across Greater Boston, promoting the importance of the healing power of art being accessible to all.

Funds raised from the Art of Health Care gala will support NeighborHealth’s CATCH program that provides coordinated health and wellness services to children with developmental and cognitive disabilities. Funds will also support healthcare services for older adults to age safely at home, and lifestyle change and physical fitness promotion

through programs like Let’s Get Movin’.

For those who were unable to attend but would still like to support NeighborHealth’s mission, donations can be made at www.neighborhealth.com/donate.

NeighborHealth, formerly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, is one of the nation’s largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 130,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, NeighborHealth has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston’s South End and Roxbury neighborhoods. NeighborHealth champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other healthcare providers in our state. For more information, visit www.neighborhealth.com.



Stephan Marin, Steven Snyder, Ernani DeAraujo, and Rep. Adrian Madaro.



Larry Keegan Jr., Sandra Caggiano, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Julio Mazul, Jennifer Blanco, and Erika Wilkinson.



NeighborHealth’s CATCH (Children’s Access to Coordinated Health Care) program was the recipient of the Advancing Health Equity Award. From left, are Steven Snyder, CATCH program founder Dr. Thomas Silva, Meaghan Hamilton NP, Lourdes Bravo, and Camila Elizondo NP.



Kate Spinelli, Martin Batt, Manny Lopes, Sandra Caggiano, and Lee Batt.



Bobby Gramer, Libby DiTomasso, Larry Keegan Jr., Jacqueline Gramer, Tim Ajibola, and Jack Charette.



Award recipients Dr. Thomas Silva and the CATCH program team are pictured at the Art of Health Care fundraising gala.



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GREENWAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FANUELE PROVIDES RENOVATION UPDATE

EAST BOSTON - Keeley Fanuele, the executive director of the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, joined the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association’s (JPNA) monthly meeting last week to provide information on renovations that are slated to leave parts of the Greenway closed for what could be an extended period.

The renovations, which according to Fanuele are being conducted by the city and aim to reduce storm-water and coastal flooding, provide cool spots to help mitigate urban heat islands, and promote tree health, are set to take place on the city-owned portion of the Greenway, from Porter to Marginal Street, or more specifically, from “the blue caboose to the dog park.”

“I’m sure many of you know — who use the Greenway — that flooding is a huge issue and has been a huge issue, so that is really the main focus of the project,” said Fanuele.

“They’re going to raise paths in certain areas, they’re going to kind of build boardwalks in other areas with rain gardens underneath...so we’re hoping that it will make a huge improvement.”

Construction, which was initially scheduled to begin in the spring, has been postponed until this fall, potentially around October, according to Fanuele, to allow the area to be used during the summer.

When construction begins, Fanuele said that the entire section, which includes Gove Street Crossing, will be closed for the duration of the project.

“A lot of people have asked, you know, can they close it in sections. They’ve told me they cannot close it in sections, they cannot have the Gove Street Crossing open during the entirety of the construction project,” she said.

Additionally, a detour is being planned, and signage is slated to be provided by the city. Fanuele also noted that City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata is organizing a community meeting to gather feedback regarding the detour.

As for the duration of the closure, Fanuele said, “It would be October of 2025 until December of 2026. So, apparently, that is a hard stop date that they must be finished for the grant that

they received — the city.” “It could potentially get pushed back, but my understanding is that it must be finished by December 31st of 2026. So, basically, we’re looking at a year and a half.”

JPNA Board Members Andrew Pike and Tyler Lane commented that the aforementioned duration seemed long, to which Fanuele agreed and later indicated she would follow up with the project team to get more information that could be shared at a future JPNA meeting.

It should be noted that the project webpage on the city’s website (<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/project/improvements-mary-ellen-welch-greenway#whos-involved>) does not provide a specific projected completion date; instead, it states that the project is expected to be completed in 2026.

However, a presentation slideshow from a meeting in October, found at the link above, contains a timeline that indicates it would open in “late-2026.”

The East Boston Times inquired about the projected completion date with the project manager, Amy Linné. Grace Burke, a marketing and communications specialist with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, responded via email noting that schedules can change due to unforeseen circumstances but wrote, “we are targeting a construction start in mid-October and completion in late 2026,” adding, “while we were originally planning to start in summer 2025, we received community requests to wait until after this summer to start construction to ensure that the Greenway would only be closed for one summer season.”

In the meantime, Fanuele noted that she is excited about many things happening at the Greenway this summer.

Specifically, plans are in place for events such as concerts and other programming throughout the summer. For more information, visit <https://maryellenwelchgreenway.org/>.

To stay up to date with everything going on with the Greenway, visit the aforementioned link or follow its social media accounts on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/maryellenwelchgreenway>, and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/people/Friends-of-the-Mary-Ellen-Welch-Greenway>.

VAN CAMPEN LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR OF EVERETT

EVERETT - “The city is hungry for change.” That was the message from Everett City Councilor Robert Van Campen, who officially launched his campaign for Mayor of Everett today.

Van Campen pulled nomination papers today to officially launch his campaign, which will focus on restoring public trust, improving public education, ensuring responsible development, and building a city government that works for all Everett residents.

“This is about change. Change in leadership, change in direction, and change in how we operate as a government,” Van Campen said. “Everett residents deserve honest, transparent leadership that works for them and solves real problems like school overcrowding, housing affordability, and neighborhood quality of life. It is time to move Everett forward.”

Van Campen moved to Everett at 17 and has spent his adult life in the city. He has raised a family here, served his neighbors, and fought for good government. The son of a military veteran and a working-class family, he watched his parents achieve their American Dream when they bought their first home here in Everett. Today, that dream is out of reach for too many families. As mayor, he said, he will work to make that dream more possible again for working families across the city.

Van Campen has served on Everett’s Common Council, Board of Aldermen, and currently represents Ward 5 on the City Council. A municipal and labor attorney, he recently led the City Council’s call for state action to recoup \$180,000 in improper longevity payments made to the current mayor.

“That scandal did not just expose one incident. It brought to the surface deeper problems in our government,” Van Campen said. “A lack of transparency, a lack of accountability, and too often a lack of honesty in how our city operates. It is time for Everett to turn the page and bring the focus back to the people.”

Van Campen said his campaign will prioritize community engagement and ensure that Everett residents have a voice in shaping the city’s future.

“Ultimately, the people of Everett are the ones whose voices should take priority,” he said. “We need leadership that will listen, act with integrity, and move this city forward.”

Following is the list of candidates who have pulled nomination papers for the 2025 election:

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Carlo DeMaria, Jr.
Peter Pietrantonio
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES ANNUAL OUTDOOR MASS



On Sunday residents, families and friends of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish gathered at Grotto Park in Beachmont for the Annual outdoor mass (shown above). In his sermon, Fr. Leonard pointed out that in just two days, June 17, the first cornerstone of the Our Lady of Lourdes Church was laid in the ground. The church was sold by the Archdiocese, under years of protest, and devoted parishioners and friends gather at Grotto Park across from their sacred church in remembrance of their loved ones and family celebrations held at the church. Shown below-left, Fr. Leonard welcomes all to Annual Our Lady of Lourdes Outdoor Mass, thanking God for a beautiful morning to celebrate life. Shown below-right, receiving communion Tom Feeley and State Representative Jeff Turco.

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WONDERLAND EMINENT DOMAIN CASE SCHEDULED FOR 2026

REVERE - The eminent domain lawsuit filed by the former owners of the 33-acre Wonderland site is scheduled to begin in September of next year.

At a Suffolk Superior Court hearing on May 14, the city requested a delay in the start of the trial as the city brought additional legal counsel on board to assist with the case.

Peter Flynn of Flynn Law, which is representing the former owners of the property, CBW Lending, LLC, has expressed frustration at the delay of the trial and what he characterized as the city dragging its feet in sitting down to come to a settlement in the case.

The city paid \$29.5 million for the Wonderland property in 2022 for use as the site of the new Revere High School, as well as potential commercial development.

In early 2023, CBW Lending filed its lawsuit in order to obtain what it calls a fair price for the property. The Flynn said the former owners have not questioned the

taking of the property, only the fact that the city paid a severely undervalued price.

Flynn has stated that the actual value of the land is closer to the \$100 million range. Over the past year, Flynn and attorney John Scopa have been working to determine the true value of the property as of the November, 2022 taking date.

Flynn has said the biggest difficulty in the case has been the difficulty in sitting down with city officials and their legal counsel in order to reach a settlement. At the May 14 court hearing, Flynn said he was surprised to hear that attorney John Leonard, who is providing counsel for the city in the case, was considering retirement and that Revere had brought on the firm of Foley Hoag to assist with the case.

In a statement, Mayor Patrick Keefe’s office said that the city currently has no comment about the status of the lawsuit.

“At its inception, the City retained the services of Attorney John S. Leonard as outside counsel to defend the City,” the statement continued. “John is one of the state’s premiere eminent domain attorneys with over 60 years of experience defending cities and towns. To support John, the City recently added the services of the law firm Foley Hoag to assist with the litigation.

“The trial is expected to begin sometime in September 2026,” the mayor’s office continued. “We understand this to be the largest eminent domain case in Massachusetts’ history, so the City is obligated to its residents to expend all necessary resources to defend taxpayer dollars.”

Flynn said that as early as 2023, his law office was trying to convince the City’s counsel that the matter could be resolved by opening lines of communication, and sharing information and documents.

In February of this year, Flynn said the plaintiff’s counsel reiterated that defense counsel and their experts could present to anyone representing the city, but were under no obligation to provide any information or documents supporting the City’s valuation opinions or refuting those of CBW. Flynn said he and Scopa and their primary valuation expert, made a two-hour presentation to the City with visual aids, plans, zoning data, and sales data laying out the entire case and addressing every issue involved.

“This was an extraordinary display of good faith and the desire to move the case with great judicial economy,” Flynn said. “The City’s special eminent domain counsel, John Leonard, City Solicitor, and the City appraiser attended the meeting and watched the

presentation.

The City appraiser, Mr. Coleman, photographed every slide presented.”

Flynn stated that the city is fully aware already of virtually every factual argument and legal argument the plaintiffs were and are making. “Rather than use this meeting as the genesis for settlement discussions, the City’s representatives treated it as free discovery, presented not a scintilla of schematics, documents, plans, photos, or opinions of any kind, and simply walked out the door,” Flynn said.

Flynn stated that if the city is looking out for the taxpayers of Revere,

It has been in a position for 2-½ years to engage any necessary experts to address any and all claims of the plaintiff and also to respond to countless inquiries relative to settlement.

“Similarly, if the City truly intended to reduce the witness list, it would have responded to the plaintiff’s repeated suggestions that many issues affecting value were not in dispute and, such, certain experts could be eliminated on both sides,” Flynn stated. “The CBW clients made abundantly clear what issues, topics, and opinions it will present at trial, and the City has done nothing to narrow the issues or make any offers of settlement.”

COUNCIL, PLANNING BOARD HOLD 3A HEARING

WINTHROP - The town council and planning board held a joint public hearing on the planning board’s proposed MBTA Communities Act 3A compliance plan last week at the Deleo Senior Center.

Last year, the town council voted not to submit an MBTA 3 compliance plan recommended by the planning board.

Thanks to a State Supreme Judicial Court ruling earlier this year, the town council had additional time to reconsider a compliance plan, with the town being in compliance until the middle of July. The 3A act requires communities to establish zones for multi-family housing in communities with or adjacent to MBTA transportation.

In January the state court ruled that communities act is constitutional, but that the current housing guidelines are unenforceable. The new state ruling establishes that 3A is now a state regulation, rather than guidelines.

At last week’s public hearing, Town Manager Tony Marino and the planning board said that other than the change from guidelines to regulations from

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South Boston Beaches’ water once again ranked among the safest for beachgoers

Special to the Record

In the 2024 Beach Season Water Quality Report Card by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, the data has shown that South Boston’s beaches remain the cleanest urban beaches in the country. Pleasure Bay and City Point each maintained a perfect 100% safety rating, and Nantasket, M Street and Carson Beaches received high grades as usual.

Meanwhile, Wollaston Beach in Quincy continued to perform well, scoring 88% for the third year in a row after improving their stormwater and sewer systems over the past several years.

“We’re so proud of America’s First Public Beach being one of the region’s cleanest public beaches,” said MBC Commissioner Rep. Jessica Giannino. “I’m incredibly pleased to see the breadth of programming being planned this summer through the Better Beaches Program, like weekly morning yoga, the West Indies cultural celebration, and of course the International Sand Sculpting Competition.”

The 2024 Beach Season Water Quality Report Card uses data collected by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to assess water quality at public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket including Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull (see table below).

“Through decades of smart policies and investment in critical infrastructure, our beaches continue to remain safe, clean spaces for gathering and enjoy-

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Six-year average safety rating (2019-2024)	Beach
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Pleasure Bay
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	City Point
97%	98%	100%	94%	98%	92%	97%	Nantasket
100%	94%	94%	94%	100%	94%	96%	M Street
100%	100%	92%	100%	91%	91%	96%	Carson
87%	100%	94%	98%	89%	86%	92%	Revere
90%	98%	91%	97%	88%	86%	92%	Constitution
88%	94%	89%	94%	94%	83%	90%	Short
78%	100%	100%	94%	82%	80%	89%	Winthrop
87%	85%	82%	88%	88%	88%	86%	Wollaston
93%	96%	77%	81%	80%	78%	84%	Nahant
83%	91%	73%	95%	76%	83%	84%	Malibu
79%	89%	70%	94%	80%	68%	80%	Savin Hill
67%	79%	63%	89%	73%	71%	74%	Tenean
79%	70%	68%	74%	55%	66%	69%	King's
89%	93%	86%	93%	85%	84%	88%	All Beaches (avg.)

ment,” said Senator Brendan Crighton, Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. “With the acceleration of climate change and growing threats to this environmental progress, we must double down on that commitment to ensure our beaches remain resilient, equitable spaces for everyone.”

“As a Commission, we are incredibly grateful to DCR for its commitment to maintaining a rigorous testing system for our swimming beaches, and to Save the Harbor for continuing to provide this terrific resource,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro, Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches

Commission. “The Report Card has been a great tool to show the great overall quality here in Massachusetts and I hope it will give people the confidence to get out and enjoy our spectacular state beaches.”

Though most of the region’s beaches performed consistent with expectations, Save the Harbor did note a dramatic drop at Savin Hill in Dorchester, and a low rating for Nahant Beach, typically one of the region’s cleanest beaches.

“Nahant Beach and Savin Hill are historically clean beaches,” said Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini. “In an effort to understand what is hap-

pening at Nahant Beach, we are partnering with DCR, Save King’s Beach and Northeastern University to collect daily samples this summer. We hope the additional data will indicate either that there is a declining trend at this beach – possibly due to warming ocean temperatures or a new source of contamination – or that it’s simply coincidental variability due to the timing of the weekly test. The latter is the likely cause of the Savin Hill decline, as it is adjacent to Malibu Beach and typically performs as well as that location.”

“At DCR we’re committed to ensuring that all Massachusetts residents

have access to clean water for recreation and that our beaches are welcoming spaces that provide a safe and fun environment to cool down for rising summer temperatures,” said DCR Commissioner Brian Arriago. “DCR performs water quality testing throughout the summer at all our waterfronts, and we work with our partners at the Department of Public Health to inform the public of these results on our park alerts page and their water quality dashboard. Despite the rainfall so far this year, diligent water quality testing has shown that our beaches remain safe places for families and residents to recre-

ate. We urge all beachgoers to wait 24 hours after heavy rainfall before hitting the water, to keep their animals away from waterfronts, and to monitor DCR’s park alerts webpage for any impacts to their favorite swimming locations.”

Aside from these exceptions, beachgoers can choose from 12 other reliably clean beaches, most of which are accessible by public transportation.

Currently the beaches use a posting and flagging system to alert the public to high bacteria levels. Unfortunately, the best technology available takes 24 hours

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the state, little in 3A has changed.

The plan submitted by the planning board is essentially the same as the one the town council voted not to accept last year. The planning board will hold a vote to officially recommend the plan to the city council, which will then have another opportunity to vote on whether to accept it or not.

At last week’s public hearing, there was discussion among those in favor of passing the compliance plan stating that a failure to pass it would result in a possible lawsuit for the town and the loss of potential grants that could assist Winthrop with its much-needed flood mitigation efforts.

Those against approval of the compliance plan noted that the 3A law is a major overstep by the state forcing the hands of the town, and added that the Winthrop Says No to 3A group has several active court suits for both exemptions and in opposition to 3A.

“The courts ruled that the guidelines weren’t legal, so they had to make regulations,” said Marino. “The state then went through the process and promulgated new regulations with a public comment period. Essentially, other than a few minor changes, it didn’t impact us, it put out the same regulations that mirrored the guidelines.”

Marino said the town contacted its consultant on 3A, RKG, and asked if the old plan recommended by the planning board worked under the new regulations and they stated that it did.

“The 3A Communities law requires all communities with access to the T, rail, and bus to add zoning

to allow for increased density beyond single-family dwellings,” said Marino. “Winthrop already meets these density requirements in many areas, and has multi-family buildings, but is not zoned for what exists today.”

“3A in Winthrop requires adding overlay districts to allow for the 882 units,” said Marino. “We did get 221 credits, off-site units, for the (Central Business District), it didn’t change any of the zoning down there, but because of the work we already did, we get to back 221 off of the 882, which brings us back down to zoning for 661.”

The planning board proposal that was brought forward last year contains two overlay districts that are not currently zoned for the existing density, Marino said.

“No new units can be built under this proposal,” he said. “The units already exist at Seal Harbor and Governor’s Park.”

The zoning overlay districts would actually allow for fewer units than already exist on the sites, Marino said.

“Seal Harbor Road parcels, there are 394 existing units, if this goes through, then the 3A zoning would only be zoned for 333 units,” said Marino. “Governor’s Park, again, 393 existing units, would be zoned for 336.”

Marino said the proposal complies with the state law without allowing for any new units and that non-compliance can and would lead to a loss of grant funding, especially for infrastructure, as well as forced compliance from the state.

During the public hearing, Cassie Witthaus said

that the discussion over 3A has gone in circles for too long, with some of the council members refusing to acknowledge facts and the consequences for their actions.

“You are all elected to lead and make decisions for our community that are fiscally responsible,” Witthaus said. “Members of this community just came together and made extensive efforts to pass an override for our schools and a bond to fund the new fire station. There is a belief around town that the council manufactures crises and then asks the community to bail the community out.”

Witthaus said the town has already done the work to provide multi-family housing in the town, and that it just needs the zoning to reflect that work.

“Our community could benefit from the grant programs that Winthrop will now be ineligible for if leadership continues to disregard compliance requirements,” she said.

Diana Viens of Winthrop Says No to 3A said she felt bad for people that believe that voting in a compliance plan for 3A will do anything to bring grant funding into the town for flooding or other infrastructure projects.

“In terms of the grants, we don’t get any money from the four grants stated in the law, we have said that multiple times, we get zero dollars,” said Viens. “With respect to the 13 grants that 3A compliance has taken into consideration for which are in the regulations, which are about to get tossed, by the way ... we get approximately, and we have done the math, \$2.18 per person per year. So if you value

your freedom, perhaps everyone will talk up \$2.18 per year to deal with that.”

Viens said Winthrop Says No to 3A has two active exemption cases in Superior Court, as well as a challenge to the emergency and now permanent regulations.

“In our unfunded mandate exemption, we’ve detected \$1.2 million in direct costs associated with compliance with 3A,” she said.

Michael Herbert also spoke in opposition to the 3A compliance, noting that of the people he talks to who know about the regulations in town, the vast majority do not want them. He noted that there are already numerous multi-family housing projects going up around the town.

“We’re taking care of it ourselves already, so why do we need people from outside telling us what to do?” he said.

Vasili Mallios noted that the town cannot guarantee that the 3A compliance plan will result in no new housing.

“This law states, in the letters that other communities have received, that if the guidelines were to change, you must comply,” Mallios said. “So if they change the district, they change the number of units per acre, we’re going to have to comply, and I believe we had a previous councilor who said ... let’s just comply now and if they change it again, then we won’t back off. Well, it is a lot harder to take it off the books once we comply; just say no, make it easy, we move on.”

Ward 6 Councilor John DaRos made several comments on the 3A compliance plan as the chair of the finance subcommittee and a

member of the town’s climate commission.

“I’ve heard a lot of people talk about, where are the grants? What grants have we received in the past and why is it a big deal?” he said. “We’ve received over \$1 million in municipal vulnerable communities, MVP, grants over the past decade to help us with various projects around climate resiliency. We have met as a climate commission every month since last August; we have eight defined hotspots in the town, including some that have been mentioned here tonight.”

DaRos said that addressing the climate issues in those areas around the town could cost at least \$50 million. He added that the town currently has \$5.5 million in reserve funds.

“You do the math,” DaRos said. “I totally appreciate people’s sentiments around development; when you look at Revere Beach, you see how it has been developed; when you look at the Seaport and you see how it has been developed ... is there a reason sometimes to mistrust, particularly for-profit developers? Yes.

“The reason I am voting yes for this plan is because of the great work of the planning board, because their task was to thread the needle, comply with a state law that we must comply with or face the consequences ... but do it in a way that results in zero impact to the town,” DaRos continued. “If you don’t agree with absolute zero, hopefully you will agree that it is a minimal impact.”

Council President Jim Letterie noted that the intent of the law was for the state

to address the housing crisis and needed MBTA communities to address that crisis.

“The goal of the state is to not have zero units built in the town; that’s just not the intent of the law,” said Letterie. “I look at the grants, and although we are not reliant on every grant out there, and we have asked for grants in the past and we have received some, and haven’t received most. There is a cost to every grant we do.

“We would all love to get \$75 million in grants and fix every issue we have; that’s not going to happen,” he continued.

Letterie said that on one side of the coin, the town is expecting that if it complies with 3A, it is going to get state money, but he said it is not guaranteed. He added that there can also be no guarantee that there will be zero new units as a result of the law.

“I think most, pro and con, would agree that it is not a great law,” he said. “There’s a lot of bad laws ... but I think most would agree that this is not a very good law. It’s been incredibly divisive to many communities.”

The council president noted that Winthrop has been ahead of the curve in the state when it comes to zoning for and building multi-family housing.

“We did a lot of zoning over the last 20 years between the CBD and the waterfront district and such that have created a tremendous amount of potential units,” said Letterie. “Not all of them are built yet, but it looks like many will be built.”

Everett City Council delays action on soccer stadium referendum

By Cary Shuman

The Everett City Council voted to delay action on placing a nonbinding referendum on the ballot to determine whether Everett residents favor a professional soccer stadium being built on lower Broadway until its Aug. 11 meeting.

The Kraft Group has plans to build a 24,000-seat soccer stadium on the site of a former power plant in Everett. The stadium would be the new home for the New England Revolution pro-

fessional soccer team that currently plays its home games at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. The plans also include a new waterfront park.

Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen explained the rationale for submitting the question to the voters of Everett.

“My intention is not to defeat or put an end to the idea of a proposed soccer stadium on Lower Broadway,” said Van Campen. “My sole intention, which I’ve spoken about in mul-

tle committee meetings, which I’ve spoken about publicly in the community, which I have heard loud and clear from the community is to generate greater community engagement over this potentially transformative project. It’s not to kill it, it’s not to defeat it, it’s simply to make sure it’s right for our community.”

Van Campen added, “What has occurred to me is that one way to make sure that it’s right for our community is to actually put [the referendum] in front of

the people of Everett.”

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith asked that the Council delay the vote on the referendum issue until August.

“It still gives us time until the Sept. 30 deadline, just so that a comprehensive information packet can be prepared for the voters about what does a nonbinding agreement mean, what does it mean to remove the parcel from the DPA [Designated Port Area], and detailing what the community impact a professional soccer

stadium would have on lower Broadway,” said Smith. “It’s not to kill this, it’s not to do anything, it’s just to postpone, so that when we do go out and put this on the ballot, we know what we’re voting for.”

Councilor-at-Large John Hanlon asked about the potential wording of the question on the ballot, adding that he wants the question to become “completely neutral.”

Van Campen assured Hanlon that the ballot question “has been worked out

and it is compliant with the statute.”

Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio asked for clarification on whether the Council’s vote for passage of the motion would “automatically” place a referendum on the ballot.


“It still needs the mayor’s signature,” said City Clerk Sergio Cornelio.

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro said he was “okay” with postponing a vote on the issue “even until

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Case No. 2025-05
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Adonay Cortez Amaya For Special Permit seeking approval for a Driveway Opening Permit which does not meet the minimum requirements for front yard setback, within five (5) feet of a side lot line, nor within five (5) feet of a wall containing windows at the premises known as: 24 Louis Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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will be held on: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 Council Chambers. 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Gamble Associates/David Gamble For Special Permits and Variances seeking approval for the demolition of an existing residential structure and the construction of an educational center that does not meet requirements for minimum rear yard setback, minimum lot size, minimum side yard setback, minimum frontage, maximum floor area ratio, maximum height, maximum lot coverage, and minimum off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 50 Heard Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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For Special Permit and Variance to demolish an existing structure and the construction of a thirty-four (34) residential dwelling unit structure which does not meet the requirements for minimum side yard setback, maximum height, maximum floor area ratio, minimum lot size, minimum rear yard setback, maximum density, maximum number of stories, required parking, maximum coverage and maximum front yard setback at the premises known as: 34-62 Winnisimmet Street & 14-20 Pembroke Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Surinder Saini President, Canadian Liquors LLC – DBA Broadway Variety 2 For Special Permit seeking approval for the use of a Liquor Store at the premises known as: 469 Eastern Avenue
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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am to 9 pm requesting to change to 8 am to 12 am (midnight) for House of Ermias, LLC. d/b/a Chelsea Bud at 267 Broadway, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 6/19/25, 6/26/25 C

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 16, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 06/26/25 C

LEGAL NOTICE


Re: Mell’s Tires & Auto Services Chelsea Inc. 200-224 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, July 10, 2025
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a New Garage and Repair License for Mell’s Tires & Auto Services Chelsea Inc. at 200-224 Everett Avenue, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 6/19/25, 6/26/25 C

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405 Docket No. SJ25P1363PM
In the matter of: Joan Maloney Of: Chelsea, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Joan Maloney is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/14/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

a brick partition wall, one hundred five (105) feet; then turning and running WESTERLY twenty-nine (29) feet; then turning and running NORTHERLY by the division line between Lots 105 and 106, one hundred five (105) feet. Containing three thousand forty-five (3,045) square feet of land, more or less and all according to said plan, and being shown as Lot A on a subdivision plan dated January 14, 1921, M.L. Goldblatt, Engineer, recorded with Suffolk Deeds Book 4273, Page 71. For grantor’s title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 55632, Page 173. For informational purposes, the sale is subject to a senior mortgage recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 55632, Page 174. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, condo liens, assessments, Title 5 requirements, tenancies, rights of possession, building and zoning laws, betterments, liens or claims and all other claims in the nature of liens, if any there be, insofar as the same are still in force and applicable to the premises.
In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference.
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of Kline & Sanders, LLP, 233 Needham Street, Suite 460, Newton, MA 02464. Other terms to be announced at the sale. ROCKLAND TRUST COMPANY, the present holder of said mortgage by its attorney, KLINE & SANDERS, LLP 233 Needham Street, Suite 460 Newton, MA 02464 (617) 964-2200 6/26/25, 7/3/25, 7/10/25 C

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MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Vilma Rodriguez to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Home Mortgage, its successors and assigns, dated April 30, 2007 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 41711, Page 61, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HarborView Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-5 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Home Mortgage, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 51071, Page 277 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on July 10, 2025 at 105 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land with the buildings thereon in said Chelsea in said Commonwealth being now numbered 105 Washington Avenue in the present numbering of said Avenue, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on Washington Avenue at the Southeasterly corner of land formerly of John Taylor, thence running SOUTHEASTERLY by land late of said Taylor, One hundred two (102) feet; thence turning and running SOUTHWESTERLY along land deeded by Samuel W. Mason to John Q. Hanson, Fifty (50) feet; thence turning and running NORTHWESTERLY by a line drawn parallel with the first described land and fifty (50) feet distant therefrom, one hundred seven (107) feet to said Washington Avenue; thence thence turning and running NORTHEASTERLY by said Washington Avenue, Fifty (50) feet three inches to the point of beginning. Being the same premise conveyed to Ricardo Figueroa and Iris D. Figueroa from Mary Teresa Sefchuck a/k/a Mary Theresa Sefchuck dated October 22, 1998 recorded in Book 23062, page 206. A deed from Iris D. Figueroa n/k/a Iris D. Vargas and Ricardo Figueroa to Vilma

Rodriguez to be recorded. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney’s fees and costs. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$15,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee’s attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HarborView Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-5 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS LAW GROUP PLLC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 23-001881 6/19, 6/26,7/03 C

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Regarding Destruction of Special Education Records
Notice is hereby given that Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School intends to destroy the Special Education records for students who exited form any Special education program during the 2017-2018 school year. Any student wishing to receive these records should contact the Special Education office at 781-246-0810 ext. 1655 prior to 8/8/25. If the office is not contacted by a student, parent or guardian by this date, the school district will assume consent to destroy the Special Education records. 6/25/25, 6/26/25 R,W,C

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Re:Axe Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Torito Restaurant & Lounge 73 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, July 10, 2025
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a New Amusement & Entertainment license application to Axe Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Torito Restaurant & Lounge at 73 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify all abutters, via Certified Return Receipt mail, of this hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 6/19/25, 6/26/25 C

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With reference to the application of: Quitiana Moreno Goff For Special Permit to allow parking of a vehicle within the front yards setback and within five feet of a side lot line at the premises known as: 157-161 Congress Avenue
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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With reference to the application of: Treetop Investments, LLC For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to demolish a structure and for the construction of a fifteen (15) residential dwelling unit structure which does not meet the requirements for minimum front yard setback, off street parking, minimum lot size, minimum side yard setback, minimum rear yard setback, maximum lot coverage, maximum height, minimum usable open space, maximum floor area ratio, maximum number of stories, maximum density, minimum aisle access width, and side and rear yard required parking setback at the premises known as: 816-818 Broadway
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Special Meeting of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held on: Tuesday, July 15, 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 Major Site Plan Review 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 for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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Re:House of Ermias. LLC. d/b/a Chelsea Bud 267 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, July 10, 2025
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a Cannabis License Change of Hours from 9


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RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2025-08
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2025-10
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With reference to the application of: Chelsea Hospitality LLC

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RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF HEARING
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to return results, meaning by the time the posting goes up, the information is already out of date. Save the Harbor recommends people get familiar with their beach’s individual characteristics by using Department of Public Health’s interactive beach water quality website.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay thanks Dr. Judy Pederson, former Chair of their Beaches Science Advisory Committee, Bruce Berman, former Director of Strategy & Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, and Kelly Coughlin of Stony Brook Partners for their guidance in developing the methodology used in this report.

The organization commends Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano, Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Rep. Adrian Madaro of East Boston, and each of the legislative and community members of the Commission for their commitment to clean water and the region’s public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

They also thank the Healey/Driscoll Administration, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority,

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

This work is supported by JetBlue, the Richard M. Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, The Barr Foundation, and The Rose Family Foundation.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is the region’s leading voice for clean water and continued public investment in Boston Harbor, the region’s public beaches, and the Boston Harbor Islands. Since 1986, our mission has been to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, and the marine environment, and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.

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The Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC) was created in 2006 by the Massachusetts Legislature to take an in-depth look at the Boston metropolitan region’s 15 public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull which are managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

The MBC is comprised of elected officials and community leaders from Boston and the metropolitan region’s waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities. Its work is facilitated by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, which has served as lead consultant to the Commission since its inception.

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CITY PAWS

Surgical caregiving

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When your dog or cat faces a surgical procedure, you must prepare to follow both pre-surgical and post-surgical instructions to ensure a safe and speedy recovery. Our dog Poppy recently had dental surgery with some teeth removed.

Instructions from her veterinary hospital included calming medication and feeding instructions before surgery, as well as pain and anti-inflammatory medication and feeding instructions after we took her home. Since Poppy has a heart murmur, we also followed the advice to have an echocardiogram performed before surgery to enable them to make the safest decisions.

Understand and Follow Instructions

Most veterinary practices will give you written instructions in person or via email. Read those carefully and ask as many questions as you have beforehand. There are no “dumb ques-

tions” when it comes to taking care of your best buddy.

You may find differences from what you have done in the past. Different veterinarians may have varying guidelines, or research has revealed a more effective approach. For example, this was the first time a surgical procedure did not require us to withhold water.

“Let her drink,” seemed to be new guidance, as the team members explained that it was easier for them to perform procedures like drawing blood or inserting a catheter in a well-hydrated animal.

Ask What’s Normal

After a procedure, you should know what’s normal and what symptoms mean you should check in with the professionals. Poppy’s procedure ran long, and we were alerted that she would be very sleepy for a day or so. She could only eat soft food, nothing that would require her to chew.

Urinary leakage, which can occur due to the amount

of fluids administered during the procedure, may be normal after surgery. You may not see a bowel movement for up to 48 hours, considering the fasting period before and the medications administered or the type of procedure performed.

Also normal are being excessively sleepy or reluctant to move, and Poppy developed a post-surgical cough. We were sure we knew the reason; however, we did report it when the team checked in the next day. They assured us it was normal and caused by the tube placed in her airway to help her breathe the anesthesia gas. Poppy’s cough went away just as they said it would.

Ask about milestones in healing that you should see. Those might be signals that you can allow more exercise, allow jumping up and down, give more freedom in the home, and go back to regular food.

Some Tips from Us

• Turn instruction sheets into a checklist of what you



Our dog Poppy was having a healing snooze after her dental procedure. Puppy pads are great to have on hand when you have a furry patient.

need to do each day.

- Transfer the pet medication into seven-day pill containers to make it easy to check.
- Set reminders on your phone or other virtual assistant to stay on schedule.
- Be prepared with a supply of puppy pads ready to protect surfaces from blood or urine.
- Create a warm, comfortable, quiet atmosphere

for your little patient.

- Soothing music can help your pet relax and get deeper, more restful sleep.
- Dry food soaked in water or baby food is a good, soft meal when required.
- Take photos of the incision daily to compare or send to the Vet if you are concerned.
- While watching for problems, also look for improvements that can make

you feel better.

Finally, the more relaxed you are, the more your companion animal will relax. They say stress comes down the leash, and we have found that Poppy always reacts to stress in our home.

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

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perhaps we have a community benefits agreement to actually discuss.”

In response to residents who have been requesting a referendum, DiPierro said, “there is a process in the city charter for citizen-initiative petitions.”

Van Campen said after considering Smith’s request to postpone the Council’s vote on a soccer stadium referendum, “I don’t object to that, and I can appreciate her concern about providing

the public with sufficient information before this is considered as a ballot measure.”

Van Campen said unlike the vote to allow Encore to build a resort/casino in Everett (which was a binding

vote and passed by an 86-13 percent margin), “it’s a nonbinding vote. It’s simply an expression of sentiment that we’re seeking from the community in an effort to get greater engagement.”

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