



**Detached 3 Family on Corner Lot**  
**132 Chelsea St, East Boston \$1,050,000**

*3 - 3 - 2 with full basement, deck and back yard.  
High visibility and traffic count | Development potential  
Near Logan airport, Maverick and Central Square*

eRealtyAdvisors **Jeff Bowen** [info@ChelseaRealEstate.com](mailto:info@ChelseaRealEstate.com) 781-201-9488



# CHELSEA RECORD

YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER SINCE 1890

VOLUME 135, NO. 15 THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025 35 CENTS



The Chelsea delegation is pictured at the National Civic League's 2025 All-America City Award event in Denver where Chelsea earned the prestigious All-America City Award. See pages 3 - 6 for more coverage and photos.

By Cary Shuman

There was some nervousness among the Chelsea delegation as the winners were being introduced in the packed hall, and Chelsea's name has not been yet announced.

The feeling was that Chelsea had clearly distinguished itself with its informative and enlightening 10-minute presentation, its video highlighting the city, and its stellar work in climate change and sustainability, two of the themes of this year's National Civic

League All-America City Awards Program.

And in a moment that will be remembered forever by the members of the Chelsea delegation, it was announced that Chelsea had won the 2025 All-America City Award. A celebration ensued, capped by City Manager Fidel Castro's emotional award acceptance speech (see speech at the end of this story)

Maltez had built a dream team of city department heads, city councillors, school and police leaders, and representatives of Chelsea's most electrifying organizations, Gladys Vega's La Colaborativa and Roseann Bongiovanni's GreenRoots – and the team delivered an historic victory.

Chelsea's presentation featured speaking roles by Rep. Judith Garcia, Beatriz Pereira Moraes, City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, Geneliz Herrera, Mariangeli Echevarria-Ramos, Emily Granoff, Barbara Espinosa Barrera, Grace Agosto, Yaritza Morales-Gonzalez, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, and Police Sgt.

Star Chung. The presentation was flawless.

Maltez credited the duo of Director of Housing and Community Development Ben Cares and Deputy Director of Chelsea Housing and Community Development Emily Granoff for their most impactful contribution to the victory.

"Ben and Emily were in charge of the materials for the presentation," said Maltez. "They developed all the props, all the scripts, and led all the rehearsals."

Maltez also singled out Kelly School Principal Lisa

Lineweaver, who was representing the School Department with Parent Information Center Director, for her role in the achievement.

"Lisa hosted us at the Kelly School and was kind of the glue in the trip," said Maltez.

Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta can certainly take pride in the professional representation of her school system by Lineweaver and Mojica.

Lineweaver wore an "I Love Chelsea Schools" jersey and that symbolized the spirit of the Chelsea delegation.

Said Lineweaver, whose daughter, Holly Hatleberg, was the valedictorian of the Chelsea High School Class of 2025, "It was such an honor to be able to be here and represent Chelsea Public Schools and all of the staff, the families, and the students that give their all to their learning every single day, and to know that we have a whole city surrounding us to really lift kids and welcome and educate all."

As usual at any Chelsea event,

See ALL-AMERICA Page 11

## RECOGNITION TO THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE WINNING A REALITY

### Garcia brought the strength of the Commonwealth to help Chelsea's victory

By Cary Shuman

There were mayors and vice mayors, city managers and department heads. But Judith Garcia was believed to be the only state representative among the 20 delegations in Denver.

And Garcia's presence was noted by one and all, including a member of the

All-America City Awards Jury who mentioned it during the question-and-answer period following Chelsea's presentation.

Garcia, the leadoff speaker in Chelsea's presentation and a role she handled masterfully, said she was proud to be in Denver with the local group.

"It's been such an honor to represent the City of Chelsea, and I think being able to travel to Denver, Colorado, to really tell our story, the story of over 40,000 community members that have chosen to

See GARCIA Page 11

### Chelsea's Amazing Grace Agosto excels mightily in her role as travel administrator

By Cary Shuman

City Manager Fidel Maltez offered a fitting analogy to describe Grace Agosto's leadership role in the Chelsea contingent's trip to Denver for the All-America City Awards.

"Grace was the choreographer of this trip," credited Maltez. "She made sure that everyone was present and they knew where they were going. She coordinated all the details, the hotel, the flight, all the meals, all the shirts and the hoodies – the amount of details that went into this victory were unbelievable."

Agosto took precious command at each step in Chelsea's journey from Logan International Airport to Denver International Airport and on the bus rides

See GRACE Page 11

### Chelsea's leader and ambassador Maltez flourished in national spotlight

By Cary Shuman

If there was an MVM Award – Most Valuable Manager – at the All-America City Awards Program, Fidel Maltez would have another prestigious plaque

for his corner office at City Hall.

Make no mistake about it. Maltez's leadership of the Chelsea contingent was instrumental to it returning

See MALTEZ Page 11

**INDEPENDENT**  
**Newspaper Group**

[www.chelsearecord.com](http://www.chelsearecord.com)



**TRASH NOTICE**

Trash will be delayed by one day due to Fourth of July Holiday.

**OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY WE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JULY 7**

For the latest news in Chelsea that you need to know, check [chelsearecord.com](http://chelsearecord.com)



Chelsea

RECORD

PRESIDENT: Stephen Quigley  
EDITOR IN CHIEF: Cary Shuman

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

With the Fourth of July falling on a Friday this year, many of us will be enjoying a long holiday weekend for which the weather is expected to cooperate.

The Fourth of July brings back fond recollections from our youth, when we celebrated the Fourth with cookouts and a bonfire at our grandmother’s house at Yirrell Beach on Pt. Shirley in Winthrop and took part in the annual Horribles Parade.

Those happy summer memories of our childhood on the beach with family members, most of whom are no longer with us, are etched indelibly in our mind’s eye and always bring a smile to our face as if they happened just yesterday, though they occurred more than half a century ago.

Amidst all of our celebrating however, we often overlook the reason why we have a Fourth of July: It was on that date 249 years ago when a group of America’s leaders and best thinkers gathered in Philadelphia to declare their independence from England by means of a proclamation to the world in which they stated, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

We hasten to point out that in 1776, “men” literally meant only “white men.” About 20 percent -- almost 500,000 persons -- of the country’s 2.5 million population were enslaved. Half of the rest -- women -- were treated as chattel and did not have the right to vote in America until more than 150 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

But in the context of 2025, the basic premise of the Declaration of Independence -- “all men are created equal” -- resonates as loudly and as clearly as ever. To be sure, there are those in our country today who do not adhere to that belief. Racism, sexism, and prejudice still exist to a far-too-large extent.

But if we believe in the vision expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who often stated, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice,” the essence of the Declaration of Independence remains as true today as it did in 1776.

ENJOY A “SAFE AND SANE”  
FOURTH

Back at the turn of the last century (i.e., 1900), newspapers exhorted their readers to observe a “safe and sane” Fourth of July. That’s because in communities big and small all across America, the founding of our nation had become a popular excuse for roving gangs of young men to engage in mayhem of all sorts, causing indiscriminate and serious damage to private and public property starting at 12:01 AM on the Fourth.

The widespread rowdiness caused so much destruction that a “safe and sane Fourth” became a rallying cry among both public officials and the public at large. Within a short time, a concerted public safety campaign all but eliminated the problem.

Although the practices of more than 125 years ago are long since gone, there are far too many Americans who still see our mid-summer holiday as a time to blow off some steam as if anything goes. An often-overlooked aspect of the Fourth, especially during a long holiday weekend, is that too many among us will engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody in Massachusetts, but that has not stopped the proliferation of fireworks in recent years. According to the State Fire Marshal’s office, since 2018 illegal fireworks have caused 532 fires and explosions, about \$1.5 million in property damage, and more than 200 serious injuries that required hospital treatment. with many fireworks’ users losing fingers and suffering burns that will maim them for life.

Nationwide, the problem is much bigger now than it ever was. In 2024, almost 15,000 Americans were treated for fireworks-related injuries — a jump of more than 50% from the year prior, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Other risky behavior also spikes during the holiday weekend. It is estimated that there will be 600 deaths on our roads during the holiday, of which 40 percent will be attributable to drivers who are under the influence. This same admonition also applies to boat owners, who all-too-often think that being on the water while under the influence is safe and acceptable behavior.

Drowning is the leading cause of death of children ages 1-4 in this country. No parent should be impaired when they are near or on the water with their young children.

Although we no longer celebrate the Fourth as wantonly as our ancestors did, nonetheless we all must do our part to make sure that we observe the Fourth’s festivities safely and sanely, both for ourselves and our loved ones. If someone at your party is impaired -- take their keys.

We wish all of our readers a happy, fun-filled, and “Safe & Sane” Fourth of July.

Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Terminated: Attacks on science are attacks on all of us

By Madeleine Scammell, DSc

On a daily basis, residents of Chelsea, Everett, and East Boston, have to deal with air pollution, noise and traffic from the airport, lead poisoning (which we were reminded of when lead fell from the Tobin Bridge), and a history of discrimination from opportunities and investments in our neighborhoods that is directly connected to the housing crisis faced by residents today. These are just

some of the environmental and social stressors faced by communities like ours across the country. Since January, three studies I worked on were terminated. Two were funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and included Chelsea. They were both about the combined effects of social and environmental stressors on public health. The same administration that canceled funding for the flood resilience project on the Island End River

(making us more vulnerable to climate events) is also creating a climate of fear in our communities; fear of deportation and violence at the supermarket, on the way to school, at work, or even on our way home from Church. The negative effects of fear, violence, and stress on our brains and our bodies also makes us more vulnerable to the effects of air pollution, infectious disease and hazards in our environment.

Unlike the clean and con-

trolled environments where scientific experiments are conducted, people live in messy, chaotic and complicated worlds. The science is catching up with reality, and so was government, until January. One terminated project in Chelsea was a partnership between US EPA and GreenRoots. As an independent contractor I interviewed ~20 Chelsea residents, community leaders and elected offi-

See ATTACKS Page 7

GUEST OP-ED

Chelsea community members  
call on America to stand up for science

By Sarah Elizabeth Neville, PhD

Earlier last month, the Chelsea High School gymnasium was filled with researchers, scientists, and young Chelsea students sharing their studies with one another and celebrating science and innovation at the fourth annual Chelsea Research Festival. The students were energetic and filled with a youthful optimism which was in stark

contrast with the sense of dread many of us were feeling regarding the situation with federal funding for research. Science, research, and education are under attack, and the consequences will be dire for Chelsea and for the US as we know it.

Elon Musk’s DOGE has cut thousands of National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF) staff, is undermining the agencies’

abilities to award research grants, and is slashing projects that are already underway. I am currently a post-doctoral researcher in HIV. After training for the last seven years, in December I was told that I had been awarded an NIH grant that would fund the next five years of my salary, making it possible for me to launch my research career. Then, this spring, the NIH illegally blacklisted my school,

Brown University, making it impossible for the University to receive funding, and instituting regulations that prohibit research on my topic.

But the chaos in the federal research funding landscape impacts more than my personal career. It impacts patients, families, and workers in Chelsea and across Massachusetts.

See SCIENCE Page 7

SUBSCRIPTION  
INFORMATION

Chelsea Record is published every Thursday by the Revere -based Independent Newspaper Group. Periodical postage rates paid at Boston, MA. Subscription rates are \$30 per year in Chelsea, and \$70 per year outside the city. The Chelsea Record assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertisements, but will reprint that part of the advertisement in which the error occurs. Advertisers will please notify the management immediately of any errors that may occur. Chelsea Record, 101-680, at 385 Broadway, the Citizens Bank Building, Suite 105, Revere, MA 02151, is a weekly publication. Periodicals postage paid at Boston, MA 02110. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Independent Newspaper Group, 385 Broadway, Suite 105, Revere, MA 02151.

USPS NO. 101-680

CHELSEA  
RECORD  
ESTABLISHED 1890  
stephen.quigley@reverejournal.com

Advertising  
and Marketing

Director of Marketing  
Debra DiGregorio  
deb@reverejournal.com

Assistant Marketing  
Directors  
Maureen DiBella

Advertising  
Ellen Bertino

Editorial  
Reporters,  
Regular Contributors  
Cary Shuman  
(Cary@lynnjournal.com)

Copy Editing, Layout  
Scott Yates

Business Accounts  
Executive  
Judy Russi

Printer  
Concord Monitor

781-485-0588 • www.chelsearecord.com



# DiDomenico congratulates Chelsea on earning prestigious AAC Award

Sen. Sal DiDomenico delivered his congratulatory wishes on behalf of the district to City Manager Fidel Maltez and the Chelsea contingent on receiving the All-America City Award. Following is Sen. DiDomenico’s statement:

“Congratulations to all my friends in Chelsea for

being named the 2025 All-America City and taking home this honor for an impressive third time. This recognition is absolutely deserved and only reminds us what we already know: that Chelsea is vibrant and thriving because they embrace diversity and shared values. I couldn’t be prouder to

represent this extraordinary community that is uniquely situated to solve any problem and create lasting opportunities for everyone because they bring people, nonprofit organizations, and local government together to address issues and make decisions as one.”

# City Manager’s community message focuses on All-America City award

Special to the Record

City Manager Fidel Maltez has placed an emphasis on communicating with residents since he took office last year. Earlier this week, Maltez recorded the latest in his series of public outreach videos to air on Chelsea Community TV. The text of his July video, which focuses on the All-America City event in Denver, is below:

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

Today’s video will be quick, because we are literally preparing to leave for the airport to fly to Denver, Colorado. But before we go, I want to speak with you, because this trip we are taking is about all of us, and we are not going alone, Chelsea, in a way, you’re coming with us!

We’re headed to Denver to compete with cities from across the United States for the 2025 All-America City Award, one of the most prestigious civic honors in the country. We’ll be competing, telling the story of our people, our progress, and our partnerships. We selected city staff and community leaders who work for you day in and day out to join us in this competition. People you see and hear from every day from La Colaborativa, GreenRoots, The

Neighborhood Developers, Jordan Boys and Girls Club, Mystic River Watershed Association, the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, Chelsea Housing Authority, the Chelsea Police Department and Chelsea Public Schools will all be going to represent you.

And though Chelsea may be an underdog in this fight, and in a lot of fights, we’re also a city of fighters, dreamers, and builders. A city of immigrants and innovators. We’ve never had it easy, but that’s never stopped us. In fact, Chelsea has been named All-America City twice before, once in 1998 and once in 2014. The 1998 win was very special. The City was just emerging after receivership, and the theme was “The Pride is Back.” This year’s win will be equally special. Chelsea is a unique place that cares for all of our residents, regardless of your background or immigration status. Chelsea is an example to our Country of what it means to rally together for a common cause.

Winning this award could open doors: to more funding, stronger partnerships, and greater visibility for the work that we are doing to make housing more affordable, to improve parking and traffic, to expand transit access, to clean up our air, and to create a healthier, more livable Chelsea.

We don’t care about the

trophy. It’s about making life better for our residents. Given the national context, we understand that sometimes it feels like the government doesn’t care for us. It is understandable to feel unheard. But I’m here to tell you, this administration is fighting for you. Every day. And we need you to fight with us.

We need you to show up and speak up about the issues that matter most to you right now. That’s why we’ve launched Chelsea ¡Pa’Lante, Onward! - our city’s first comprehensive planning process in over 50 years and are hosting a series of community workshops to gather information about the issues and solutions that are important to you.

So let me ask you: What do you need to stay and thrive in Chelsea? What do you want this city to look like for your kids in 15 years? Do you want parking in Chelsea to be better? Housing in Chelsea to be better? Our streets safer? How do you think we can get there?

Come tell us. Join one of our upcoming community workshops. There will be food, family-friendly activities, and real opportunities to shape our future together. There will be a workshop in Spanish, in English, and virtually on Zoom. To get this information later visit

See MESSAGE Page 11

## CHELSEA - 2025 ALL-AMERICA CITY

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



City Council President Norieliz DeJesus and Raychel Rojas.



Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, CCCTV Technical Director Ricky Velez, Rep. Judith Garcia, and guest speaker Mary L. Thomas, president and CEO of CFLeads.



Director of Housing and Community Development Ben Cares and Commissioner of Public Works Care Fox-Lent.



Helping out with the props for the Chelsea presentations are Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, Community Services Administrator Mike Sandoval, and Police Chief Keith Houghton.



City Manager Fidel Maltez and JB the fantastic bus driver, who rolled out the red carpet for the Chelsea delegation for its trip to Denver International Airport.



Chamber Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Pastor Keila Velez, and Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera.



Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera and his wife, School Committeewoman Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville.



Rob Waters holds some of the many individual gift bags that were given to members of the Chelsea delegation.



City Manager Fidel Maltez stands at the podium as he prepares delivers his All-America City Award acceptance speech on behalf of the delegation.

### Chelsea: an all American city

### Proud to Play our Part!

**CHELSEA RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

*Congratulations, Chelsea, on winning the All-America City Award. You have made us proud.*

**State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and family**

**CHELSEA: OUR HOPE. OUR HEART. OUR ALL-AMERICAN CITY. CONGRATULATIONS!**

-STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUDITH GARCIA

**Congratulations!**

**As a past winner of the All-America City, I am so proud of you for bringing home another All-America award!**

**Leo Robinson**  
Councilor At Large

*Congratulations to the City of Chelsea! & everyone in the community that made this award possible*



CHELSEA - 2025 ALL-AMERICA CITY

Chelsea Police Dept. had a winning experience in Denver

By Cary Shuman

There was a passenger on the airplane heading to Denver who obliged Chelsea Community Police Engagement Dan Cortez’s request for the puzzle page in The Boston Globe.

From the time the plane left the gate to just moments before it took off, Cortez remarkably had filled in the responses to the entire puzzle.

Cortez’s superb puzzle-solving ability did not go unnoticed by the fellow passenger from Chelsea, who simply muttered, “Wow!”

Cortez’s acumen was a good omen for Chelsea’s quest for winning the All-America City Award and other victories.

Sgt. Star Chung was the opening performer in the AAC talent showcase and

she lit up the hall with her poem about Chelsea. The reaction from the audience was a standing ovation and in fact, the other spoken word author in the show made it a point to congratulate the multi-talented Chung on her creativeness and dazzling delivery of the poem.

And in one more big victory, the magnetic leader of the Chelsea Police Department, Keith Houghton – who seemed to have an entourage of admirers in Denver wherever he showed up – was the winner of the grand raffle drawing of two Southwest Airlines ticket to anywhere in the United States.

And how about Officer Nicole McLaughlin, flying in from Hawaii to take part in the Chelsea Hub’s stellar presentation. That what you call dedication to the cause.



Omar Limas of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Sgt. Star Chung, and Matt Frank of the Chelsea Housing Authority.



City Councillor Lisa Santagate, City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, and City Councillor Calvin T. Brown.



City Manager Fidel Maltez joins the Chelsea Police Department contingent for a photo following the awards presentation ceremony, from left, Officer Nicole McLaughlin, Chief Keith Houghton, Sgt. Star Chung, and Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez.



Police Chief Keith Houghton, Sgt. Star Chung, and Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, pictured adjacent to the official All-America City banner.

City Council President DeJesus emerges as a star at AAC Awards

By Cary Shuman

To hear Norieliz DeJesus so proudly and emphatically proclaim her status as “Chelsea’s Council President” during the city’s 10-minute presentation at the All-America Awards, was in a word, wonderful.

But her key contribution to Chelsea’s victory came in the question-and-answer period when a juror (event judge) asked about Chelsea being a sanctuary city.

DeJesus’ response was so on the mark, so informative and so emotional that it drew tears from a city council president from a Colorado(A photo was taken of the exchange and we will ask DeJesus if we may publish it at a later time).

“After I responded to the sanctuary city question, she came outside the room looking for me,” said DeJesus. “She started crying with me because she could connect so much to the stories of our youth, our families – and she told me that she wants to visit Chelsea when she comes to Massachusetts next month.”

DeJesus elaborated on the significance of Chelsea winning such a prestigious national award.

DeJesus had another defining moment at the Chelsea HUB presentation when she revealed the struggles

that one of her relatives had faced, but with the help of Chelsea law enforcement officials and others, her relative is now leading a productive life as a parent.

Finally DeJesus elaborated on the significance of Chelsea winning such a prestigious national award.

“This award means that we get to bring home this symbol of strength, this symbol of hope and our community will feel more united,” said DeJesus. “The award is the grand finale, but this entire weekend was about planting the seeds to strengthen the collaboration among the schools, the city departments, and city officials, with our police department – getting to know each other, because once you get to know each other and build more of that trust, we’re able to provide a better service for the community.”


As the Director of Assistance at nationally La Colaborativa and the President of the Chelsea City Council, DeJesus is answering that call for service from her community every day.

And one more thing. DeJesus’ frequent conversations with the youths in the Chelsea delegation during their time in Denver was much appreciated. DeJesus helped make their memorable experience even better.



City Council President Norieliz DeJesus and Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera greet Shammias Malik, the Mayor of Akron, Ohio.

To the Citizens, Business and Stakeholders of Chelsea



This Is Your All-America City Award Built by Every Hand, Every Heart.







CHELSEA - 2025 ALL-AMERICA CITY

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



The City of Chelsea delegation, pictured at the Civic Fair at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Denver.



The City of Chelsea delegation, pictured on stage moments after the announcement that Chelsea was chosen as a winner of All-America City Award.



The City of Chelsea delegation is pictured at the National Civic League All-America City Award reception in Denver, where Chelsea was the recipient of the prestigious All-America City Award.



The City of Chelsea delegation, with some members signaling that the 2025 All-America City Award was a three-peat for Chelsea.



Eastern Salt Company, Inc.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
CITY OF CHELSEA ON WINNING  
THE ALL AMERICA CITY AWARD



*Thank you to the dedicated residents and local leaders whose collaboration and innovative spirit brought this prestigious honor home.*



# Garcia partners with GreenRoots to champion indoor air quality legislation

Special to the Record

Representative Judith Garcia, in partnership with Chelsea-based environmental justice organization GreenRoots and the Environmental Justice Table, is championing legislation to improve indoor air quality in some of the Commonwealth’s most overburdened communities.

H.2427, An Act to Improve Indoor Air Quality for Highly-Impacted Communities, co-filed by Rep. Garcia and Rep. Sam Montañó of Boston, addresses the often-overlooked dangers of indoor air pollution in public housing, schools, early education centers, and long-term care facilities—spaces that disproportionately affect residents of environmental justice communities like Chelsea and Everett.

“At its core, this bill is

about equity and public health,” said Rep. Garcia. “Everyone—regardless of income, zip code, or background—deserves to breathe clean air in the places they live, learn, and heal. I’m proud to stand with GreenRoots and our environmental justice partners to make that vision a reality.”

The legislation establishes a statewide task force led by the Commissioner of Public Health to develop a coordinated strategy for identifying, monitoring, and addressing indoor air contaminants, including mold, ultrafine particulate matter, and black carbon. These pollutants are linked to serious health risks such as asthma, hypertension, and lung disease, particularly among children, seniors, and low-income families.

Under the bill, the De-

partment of Public Health, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, will be required to develop indoor air quality standards by the end of 2026—setting a first-ever regulatory baseline to protect indoor environments across Massachusetts.

“The air we breathe in our homes, schools and workplaces should not be detrimental to our health and well-being. Unfortunately, it is for so many people, especially in environmental justice communities that are disproportionately burdened by environmental toxins,” said GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni. “Innovative legislation such as An Act to Improve Air Quality for Highly-Impacted Communities, filed by Representatives Garcia and Montañó, will prioritize standards for

improving indoor air quality. We are grateful to work hand in hand with these environmental justice and public health champions!”

The bill has also garnered strong support from a broad coalition of doctors, professors, researchers, and advocates, many of whom turned out in full force at the legislative hearing to deliver powerful testimony in favor of its passage.

Earlier this year, Rep. Garcia and GreenRoots attended a legislative briefing that brought together legislative supporters, environmental advocates, and community-based organizations to highlight the urgent need for action.

Rep. Garcia remains committed to working alongside GreenRoots and the broader Environmental Justice Table to advance the bill.



Rep. Garcia speaks in support of H.2427 at the State House legislative briefing.

# City manager provides update on Quiet Zone construction

Special to the Record

City officials anticipate construction for its final round of MBTA Quiet Zone safety improvements to begin fall 2025 or spring 2026, marking a major milestone in the city’s efforts to regain its MBTA Quiet Zone status - a designation that would end the routine use of train horns throughout Chelsea.

Because the sound of the horns severely impact the quality of life for its residents, particularly those who live close to the commuter rail, the City has been working diligently since 2021 to reinstate Chelsea as a Quiet Zone. To accelerate this work, which has faced delays and technical challenges, Chelsea’s State Representative, Judith Garcia,

recently asked the General Manager of the MBTA for a Quiet Zone update, and, in June, the City met with Keolis, the MBTA, the MA Department of Public Utilities, and the Federal Railroad Administration to review and discuss Chelsea’s Quiet Zone project.

During the discussion, it was determined that the City’s Quiet Zone project design needed to be altered due to the MBTA’s recent infrastructure improvements along its Newburyport/Rockport commuter rail line. In response, the City immediately began to incorporate these changes into its project plan.

“We’re working hard to complete safety upgrades at rail crossings that are in compliance with state and

federal standards and will keep our residents safe,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. “Once these upgrades are implemented, we’ll be one step closer to achieving our Quiet Zone designation and ultimately end the routine use of train horns in our city.”

City officials expect the updated project design to be completed and submitted to the appropriate state and federal agencies for review and approval by July 2025.

They anticipate the construction required to achieve the Quiet Zone designation could begin in late fall 2025 or spring 2026. Construction is projected to take approximately six months from the time it receives approval to proceed.

# Attacks // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

cials about how local, state and federal agencies can more effectively protect the health and wellness of residents of communities like Chelsea. For me, the project was personal. It represented the culmination of many years of research and effort, including by the leadership of GreenRoots, and I was honored that Chelsea was selected for this project.

The Advancing Community Resilience to Cumulative Climate Impacts in the Mystic River Watershed (ACRES) project was a partnership between BU School of Public Health and the Mystic River Watershed Association (MY-WRA). Flor Amaya, our Director of Public Health in Chelsea, was an advisor to that project. Also funded by EPA, the research focused on communities vulnerable to climate change and extreme weather events, power outages and flooding, and the simultaneous threat of chemical exposures such as lead in our drinking water pipes, soil and homes. These are things we experience in real life where we live and that impact our health. Terminated.

The third grant was funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and sup-

ported a Latina graduate student who is working on her doctorate in public health. The funding that supported her was made possible because she is exactly the kind of brilliant person whose experience in life is under represented among the people with PhDs who work in scientific institutions. The field of science needs diversity as much as any discipline. Science requires innovation and creative ideas. The notice of termination on this grant was especially cruel, describing support for people like her as a “low-return on investment.” She is studying how heat exposure and hard work affects the kidneys, and her research had been reviewed by leading kidney doctors at NIH and across the country. Terminated.

The attacks on science by the current administration are attacks on a major engine of economic development and innovation in this country, and on the communities and people who most stand to benefit from science; people with diseases, veterans, essential workers in hazardous industries, municipal workers and first responders, communities of color, and women who have been underrepresent-

ed in science and scientific studies for all of history. As a researcher, I have always sought to bring questions from communities into academic institutions and to make the resources of scientists more accessible to communities least likely to be at the table when scientific issues are discussed. Fortunately, not all of my research was terminated. I am still partnering with GreenRoots on heat research in Chelsea funded by the Barr Foundation. I know that Chelsea residents and community leaders, and City of Chelsea staff, are unwavering in their commitment to the health of our community. The work will carry on. But meanwhile, those of us who can, please stand up for science, for democracy, and for the health and well-being of current and future generations. Please support our state and federal representatives who are supporting science. Please also consider expressing your support via this website: [tiny.cc/sciencepledge](https://tiny.cc/sciencepledge)

*Madeleine Scammell, DSc, is a Chelsea resident and Professor of Environmental Health at Boston University School of Public Health.*

# Science // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The White House’s proposed 40% cuts to the NIH would cripple the Greater Boston colleges and universities where Chelsea residents work and study. Much of the health research being cut focuses on health disparities—research that looks at, for example, why are Latino individuals more likely to be infected with HIV than their white counterparts? How can prevention and treatment efforts be tailored to be more effective with certain racial and cultural groups? At a time when Chelsea, MA, has one of the highest HIV rates in

Massachusetts, this work is more important to us than ever.

And finally, these cuts will do irreparable damage to the research pipeline, and a whole generation of aspiring scientists will not have access to the training programs and grants that would enable them to establish research careers. Building this pipeline is exactly why I founded the Chelsea Research Festival in the first place.

As I sit in uncertainty about the future of my career, I think about the Chelsea high schoolers and

middle schoolers who were so excited to be presenting their studies at the research festival. Will they be able to pursue their dreams? Will they be the ones to cure cancer, find a treatment for ALS, or close gaps in racial health equity? Unless Congress steps up to save the NIH and NSF, the answer is no—and the entire country will suffer for it.

*Sarah Elizabeth Neville, PhD is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Brown University School of Public Health.*

# NEWS BRIEFS

**CHELSEA MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS CLOSED JULY 4TH**

All Chelsea municipal buildings, apart from public safety buildings, will be

closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Curbside trash and recycling collection will not take place on Friday, July 4 – instead, collection will take place on Saturday, July

5. Parking enforcement will be suspended from 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, through 12 a.m. on Monday, July 7. There will also be no street sweeping on Friday, July 4 due to the holiday.

## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Pardon, Aida	Zhu, Xinsheng	128-130 Shurtleff St	\$2,340,000
Pardon, Aida	Zhu, Xinsheng	130 Shurtleff St	\$2,340,000
Trusau, Aliaksandr	Nedelka, Jeffrey	157 Winnisimmet St #2A	\$400,000
Feng, Wanhui	Botea, Stefan L	56 Franklin Ave #12	\$340,000



*Serving buyers, sellers, and landlords since 2001.*

**eRealty Advisors**

[info@chelsearealestate.com](mailto:info@chelsearealestate.com) 781-201-9488



## Rare Find!

## 80 Broadway

## Revere Office: 1,000 SF with Private Parking!





## FOR RENT

**High-visibility Broadway location! This office offers:**

- Spacious, customizable layout
- Parking spaces (a Revere rarity!)
- Office or retail space
- Convenient to transit & amenities



Scan to view more details about the property online

**Don't miss out!**

Contact us for a showing!

**(617) 699-4190**

For Advertising Rates, Please Call 781-485-0588



## DiDomenico nominates Chelsea Superintendent for “Commonwealth Heroine” award

Special to the Record

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico nominated Chelsea Superintendent, Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, as a 2025 Commonwealth Heroine, and honored her at the State House celebration. Each year the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and in their communities. Elected officials are encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency as a means of recognizing their invaluable efforts and extraordinary acts of service, who are making a big differ-

ence in their communities but not necessarily making the news.

“Almi is someone who doesn’t seek out credit or recognition but works tirelessly every day to improve the lives of children and educators across Chelsea public schools,” said Senator DiDomenico. “Her passion to create a bright future for her students inspires everyone she comes into contact with. I am proud to work with this true leader and I look forward to all the great things she will continue to accomplish for the school district that she loves in the coming years.”

DiDomenico also had the opportunity to celebrate other constituents across

his district who were recognized as a 2025 Commonwealth Heroine: Maura Pensak from Cambridge, Barbara Best from Cambridge, Keila Velez from Chelsea, and Elaine Monge from Everett.

“The Commonwealth Heroines are women who don’t make the news, but make all the difference in their communities,” said MCSW Chairwoman Marydith Tuitt. “Thousands of women in every community across the Commonwealth perform unheralded acts on a daily basis that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities, and towns better places to live. Commonwealth Heroines use their time, talent, spirit, and enthusiasm

to enrich the lives of others in their community. They are mentors, volunteers, and innovators - they are the glue that keeps a community together.”

The MCSW celebrated the 22nd Annual Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2025 on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Massachusetts Statehouse in the Gardner Auditorium.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) is an independent state agency created in 1998 to provide a permanent, effective voice for women of the Commonwealth and to promote their rights, opportunities, and equality for all.



Senator DiDomenico with Chelsea Superintendent, Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, in the State House.

## La Colaborativa and the Greater Boston Food Bank expand innovative health partnership

Special to the Record

La Colaborativa and The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), in conjunction with Mass General Brigham, recently launched the Medically Tailored Food Access Initiative.

Aligned with La Colaborativa’s food as medicine approach, this initiative is designed to support residents in Chelsea and neighboring communities living with chronic health conditions by providing access to nutrition that directly supports their medical needs.

“As health is fundamentally shaped by the conditions in which our residents live, work, and grow, we’re thrilled to partner with The Greater Boston Food Bank, Mass General Brigham, and Community Care Cooperative to realize this endeavor,” said Gladys Vega, Chief Executive Officer at La Colaborativa.

Through the program, residents receiving care at a Mass General Brigham or Community Care Cooperative community health



One of the food boxes that is part of the new food initiative between La Colaborativa and the Greater Boston Food Bank.

center can be prescribed medically tailored grocery boxes directly through their doctor’s office.

“Guided by a food as medicine approach, this program affords residents with vital, nutritious essentials to treat chronic health conditions, while providing access to a variety of resources that address social determinants of health,” said Alex Train, AICP, Chief Operating Officer at La Colaborativa.

Curated by expert dietitians at GBFB, the gro-

cery boxes are delivered to homebound residents by La Colaborativa, paired with a range of housing, economic stability, and food security resources. Embracing culturally familiar, nutritious foods, the boxes are tailored to address chronic health conditions. Sponsored by MassHealth, this resource is coupled with bilingual nutrition counseling to instill knowledge on healthy cooking techniques and dietary habits, focused on residents grappling with cancer, diabetes, heart disease,

and other cardiometabolic conditions.

“GBFB dietitians have designed nine boxes for specific health conditions that contain fresh produce, proteins, and shelf stable items known to support the needs of different patients with different chronic health challenges,” said Cheryl Schondek, Chief Operating Officer at The Greater Boston Food Bank. “This program is an extension of GBFB’s overall commitment to empowering our community with a consistent supply of healthy food to promote positive health outcomes.”

As part of an integrative plan of care, clinical providers at a Mass General Brigham or Community Care Cooperative community health center identify the program as a component of a broader chronic disease treatment plan. Once a prescription is issued, the patient’s information is securely shared with GBFB, whose registered dietitians curate the contents of each box based on the individual’s medical condition. On

a biweekly basis, La Colaborativa carries out transportation, last-mile delivery, and member engagement, providing a suite of nutritious, culturally familiar groceries selected to appropriately manage underlying health conditions. In parallel, La Colaborativa offers access to a variety of housing, economic stability, and nutrition services to promote long term stability.

Each box contains nutrient-dense food, including fresh fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains—selected to support conditions like diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. By aligning food access with clinical care, the program aims to improve both health outcomes and quality of life, employing deliberately selected food products to enhance the treatment of chronic health conditions.

Executing this effort requires a contingent of knowledgeable staff, specializing in nutrition counseling, health navigation, and wraparound services.

The program leverages the food security infrastructure La Colaborativa and GBFB have collectively developed through a multifaceted partnership to combat hunger, abate chronic health conditions, and improve food security across the Metro North region.

This initiative is just one facet of La Colaborativa’s broader Health Equity portfolio, which includes:

- Health insurance enrollment (MassHealth, Health Connector)
- Chronic disease prevention and management workshops
- The Teaching Kitchen and “Food as Medicine” cooking classes
- Maternal health services and contraception access
- Nutrition education and one-on-one counseling
- Vaccine clinics and screenings for diabetes and heart disease
- Digital support for navigating healthcare platforms like Patient Gateway
- Support with healthcare bills, medical debt, and access to primary care



THE EASTERN SALT CO.

(617) 884-5201 | 37 Marginal St., Chelsea MA 02150

Enjoy the Fourth Safely!



# NeighborHealth’s 13th 5K event champions community health and fitness

Special to the Record

NeighborHealth, in partnership with the New Balance Foundation, hosted its 13th annual 5K for Fitness event on Saturday, June 7th, 2025, at East Boston’s Memorial Park. The event brought together more than 900 people, including nearly 800 runners and walkers, to celebrate and promote healthy living through physical activity and nutrition education.

“This event is about prioritizing wellness for the entire family and experiencing healthier living as one community,” said Jamie Hazard, NeighborHealth, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. “We know that health care doesn’t start or end at our clinic. The fact is that where we live and how we live can have a profound impact on our health outcomes and wellbeing. Events like the Let’s Get Movin’ 5K encourage everyone to put their personal health first in a fun and supportive setting.”

The race day schedule included a spirited warmup led by the Let’s Get Movin’ team. DJ music energized participants as they wound their way through the East Boston Greenway and Bremen Street Community Park. The first 200 registrants received free T-shirts, and all finishers were awarded medals. The top finishers in each age category were recognized with trophies, and a free raffle concluded the event. More than a dozen community organizations joined the festivities to share resources, and many community members expressed appreciation for the NeighborHealth program.

“Let’s Get Movin’ gave me my life back,” said Let’s Get Movin’ participant Elaine Mendes, pastor at Revival International Center in Chelsea. “After losing so much during the pandemic, I felt like I had nothing left, but this program gave me hope. I showed up in 2022 to volunteer, and what I found was a community that taught me how to move my body and be healthy, not only physically but mentally. I went from not being able to run at all, to crossing the finish line, stronger and faster each year.”

“The Let’s Get Movin’ program has made a huge

difference in our lives over the past 8 years,” said Nuvia Vanegas of East Boston, mother of Brian Vanegas who participated in the program as a child and now coaches for Let’s Get Movin’. “At first, I wasn’t sure if we could do it, but I realized that, with the help of the Let’s Get Movin’ team, eating well and exercising regularly could be a normal part of our family’s life. Today, I am so proud of my son, Brian, who is going off to college, and all our family members who showed up today to support us.”

Let’s Get Movin’ is a lifestyle-change program for children, teens and their families that promotes physical activity and nutrition, while helping young people make healthier lifestyle choices. The program was developed in response to the national epidemic of childhood obesity and its impact on the local community. Built on three main components - medical monitoring, physical activity, and nutrition education - Let’s Get Movin’ offers no-cost training sessions, after-school and summer programs, field trips, community events, garden access, cooking classes, and educational activities for adults who want to learn more about supporting their children’s healthier lifestyles.

NeighborHealth would like to thank our generous sponsors, in addition to the New Balance Foundation, for supporting this event: Wise Construction, Suffolk University, YMCA, Cataldo Ambulance Service, RRT - No Speed Limit; as well as in-kind sponsors Wegmans, Whole Foods, Rumba 97.7, an iHeartMedia station, and Citius Printing & Graphics.

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 Common-



Chelsea resident and Let’s Get Movin’ participant, Pastor Elaine Mendes, gears up for her fourth annual Let’s Get Movin’ race.



East Boston locals Nuvia Vanegas and her son Brian Vanegas after participating in the Let’s Get Movin’ 5K race.



Let’s Get Movin’ 5K runner Diana Gallego enjoying the run with their community.

wealth. 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 health-care providers in our state. For more information, visit [www.neighborhealth.com](http://www.neighborhealth.com).



Let’s Get Movin’ participants leap off the start line commencing the annual 5K race.



The East Boston Social Centers was one of many organizations sharing resources with community members at NeighborHealth’s annual Let’s Get Movin’ 5K.



East Boston families with children of all ages proudly display their medals at the annual Let’s Get Movin’ 5K race, an initiative by NeighborHealth that encourages families and young people to enjoy the benefits of physical activity.



NeighborHealth’s Let’s Get Movin’ Manager Cristina Weddle (left) with NeighborHealth Interim President and CEO & Chief Financial Officer Jamie Hazard (right) as they prepare to welcome participants to the annual race.

For Advertising Rates, Please  
Call 781-485-0588

### SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Record encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to [stephen.quigley@reverejournal.com](mailto:stephen.quigley@reverejournal.com)



## East Boston Farmers Market

Central Square Park, 200 Border Street  
(Across from Liberty Plaza Shopping Center)

**Wednesdays, 3:00 to 6:30pm**  
**July 2 - October 22, 2025\***  
*\*Closing at 6:00pm in October*

**We accept:** SNAP/HIP, WIC, Senior Farmers Market Coupons, City of Boston Farmers Market Coupons



City of Boston  
Food Justice



[Learn more!](#)

### WWW.BOBSAUTOBODY.COM



Bob Bolognese  
Owner

**Conveniently located On The Blue Line**

- **PICK-UP & DELIVERY**

**SAFE DEPENDABLE QUALITY REPAIRS**  
**with a lifetime Guarantee**

**Licensed • Bonded • Insured**

Registered by the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Reg. #3053

**1456 NORTH SHORE RD., REVERE • 781-289-1300**







Region//

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

DeMarco also said he believed there were two candidates, but said he was supporting Chavis because she would not have to overcome the learning curve needed to get up to speed on the council.

DeMarco said he supported Kinlin’s efforts to run on the ballot in November to fill out the remaining two years of Munson’s term.

“I think that is a great idea, I am glad you got involved, but I cannot ignore Karin’s experience and the fact that she can step up on the council on day one like we never missed a councilor at all,” said DeMarco.

Kinlin addressed the council and said he has lived in Winthrop for almost 13 years with his wife and seven-year-old daughter. Currently, he said he runs a high-end custom menswear showroom, and before that, worked as an English teacher for several years.

“I am in absolute awe of Ms. Chavis’s service, and I am not here as a competitor in any meaning whatsoever,” Kinlin said. “I am here simply throwing my hat because I am running for the seat. I felt that it would show my true intention, to do the work on this council and to fight for what I feel needs to be fought for.”

Chavis kept her remarks to the council brief.

“You guys all know me, I think you know what I have to offer,” she said.

Tassinari said there was no question about Chavis’s experience and what she brings to the table.

“It’s an absolute pleasure to work with her, drawing on her knowledge at all of those budget meetings that we just wrapped up,” he said. “When I look at the (council) table, I see a lot of experience here, and I see a whole lot of a lack of other

parents of young children who carry that weight every day,” said Tassinari. “Parents of young children today are thinking about those next 30 years.”

Tassinari said the council has also suffered from a lack of foresight over the past several decades when it comes to things like the MWRA agreement and taking care of the town’s infrastructure.

“I’ve nominated Mike, I think he will be a great candidate for the interim; I think he will be a great candidate to represent Precinct 2 after the election,” he said.

Prior to the first vote on the appointment, Letterie noted that while there were two good people who put in their intentions for the council seat, there was only one good candidate.

“It seems like, by all accounts, I’ve met with Mr. Kinlin for coffee a handful of weeks back and it seems like we have two great people as candidates,” Letterie said. “Without any disrespect, we don’t have two great candidates, we have two great people, but not necessarily two great candidates at this time.”

Letterie said Chavis is the only member of the public who served on three town manager selection committees, and one of only two residents who served on ordinance review committee.

“Karin is a person with zero political agenda, the person with more integrity with anyone I know, a person who could step in day one and be the most knowledgeable councilor sitting up here,” Letterie said.

Letterie noted that Kinlin has never asked to get involved with another board or committee in the town. Like DeMarco, Letterie pointed to the learning curve that comes with being

a new councilor.

“Many member of this council and many members of this council who are supporting Mr. Kinlin have stated at recent meetings that Precinct 2 deserves representation now,” said Letterie. “Well they do, but what they don’t deserve is a learning curve. We are not going to school here to learn in the next four months or the next five months how to be a councilor and give that councilor an edge in the next election at the expense of the residents of Precinct 2 in learning; it’s a hard job.”

After the first vote deadlocked at 4-4, Letterie called for a second vote that ended with the same result.

“I see somebody in Mr. Kinlin who could serve the town for a long, long time,” said DaRos. “He could be the next Karin Chavis, he could be the next Jim Letterie ... so please, don’t discount the support that you see from some of us. This is a business owner, this is a former teacher, that I think offers us a lot as a potential council member.”

Letterie said there shouldn’t have been a debate on the gap in qualifications between the two candidates.

“This isn’t even a question; we don’t have two qualified candidates for this job at this time,” he said. “We have two good people, we have one qualified candidate.”

Letterie said it was shameful to the residents of Precinct 2 that there was a stalemate on the vote.

“At this point, we are going to declare an impasse, and this seat will be ... vacated,” said Letterie following the second vote. “I tell you, I have been here for 20 years and this could be the biggest disgrace I have ever seen.”

Airport Monday morning for the flight back to Chelsea, the first song played was Queen’s “We Are The Champions.”

Yes, there were some anxious moments during the awards presentation ceremony, but Fidel Maltez and the Chelsea delegation ultimately left Denver as undisputed champions.

**City Manager Fidel Maltez AAC Award acceptance speech**

“My name is Fidel Maltez and I am proud to be Chelsea’s City Manager. We are honored and humbled to accept Chelsea’s third All-America City Award.

“This win is special. At a time when low-income and immigrant communities across the nation are under attack, we stand before you proudly to say: Chelsea is strong, Chelsea is united, and Chelsea is an All-America City in 2025.

“We bring this award back home – not just as a recognition, but as a declaration. A declaration that the energy of our culture, the strength of our people, and the dreams we carry will continue to shape a brighter, more just, and more inclusive future for everyone in Chelsea.

“From clean air to cool blocks to energy justice – Chelsea is a testament when frontline communities lead, bold climate solutions follow. This is what resiliency looks like. This is what justice sounds like.”

Chelsea Fire and Police Chiefs

sound alarm on dangers of fireworks

Children Account for 41% of Firework Burns

Staff Report

Children account for approximately 41% of all fireworks-related burn injuries, and alarmingly, 26% of those injuries were to children under 10, according to Mass.Gov.

The City of Chelsea is urging all residents to avoid the use of fireworks this Independence Day, a time of year is especially busy for our firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical teams. Fireworks not only endanger children, pets, and homes, but they also increase emergency call volumes, pulling first

responders away from serious, life-threatening situations.

Fireworks can cause severe injuries and in some cases, can lead to death. Sparklers alone burn at over 1,800°F and are especially dangerous to children. Fireworks also pose a serious fire risk, potentially destroying homes and property, and triggering trauma for veterans, seniors, pets, and those affected by gun violence.

The possession, use, or sale of fireworks is both dangerous and illegal in Massachusetts under Chapter 148, Section 39 of the Massachusetts General

Laws. Violators will be fined \$300 under City of Chelsea Ordinance 210 and may also face arrest.

Chelsea residents can choose to help keep Chelsea safe this holiday, and are encouraged to attend only licensed, professional firework displays.

To report illegal fireworks, call Chelsea Police at (617) 466-4800. For emergencies, call 911 immediately.

For more information and a list of legal displays, visit the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services website at [www.mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-fire-service](http://www.mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-fire-service)

Message //

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

it [palante.chelseama.gov](mailto:palante.chelseama.gov)/events

We want every voice in this city to be heard. Whether you’ve lived here for 30 years or just arrived, your input matters.

This is how we build the future together. Win or lose in Denver, we’re not slowing down.

Thank you for believing in this city. Thank you for being part of it. CHELSEA

Grace //

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

from the airport to the hotel and the hotel to the airport.

“You should be a tour guide,” lauded Police Sgt. Star Chung as Agosto pointed out the landmarks in Denver to the Chelsea group during the bus ride to the Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown Denver.

To have this brilliant, personable young lady display such poise and self-confidence in her key role and exemplify the cordiality of the Chelsea delegation in her interactions with attendees from across the United States was a major highlight of the successful trip that resulted in Chelsea’s victory.

City Councilor Calvin T. Brown was among the many Chelseans on board commending Grace Agosto, who is the executive assistant in the City Manager’s Office.

“Grace was just amazing,” said Brown. “We were notified about everything that was happening far in advance. If I were a teacher, I would give Grace a

grade of A-plus. Right to the very end on the bus ride back to the Denver airport, Grace made sure there were snacks available for anyone who wanted them. How’s that for thoughtfulness and attention to every detail? Thank you so much, Grace, for all you did to make this trip smooth and efficient, and thank you, City Manager [Fidel Maltez] for giving Grace your full support, trust, and encouragement in her position.”

Garcia //

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

make Chelsea their home – it’s a story that really reflects who we are. That was the reason why I thought it was important to be here with the team, to bring more hope to Chelsea.

“We left our hearts here,” continued Garcia. “We had a team. We rehearsed. We practiced to tell our story in ten minutes, and I think we

did the job. This was an opportunity that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives. It drew us closer, and I hope to continue to bring more hope to Chelsea.”

Maltez //

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

home with the All-America City award it so greatly desired.

Yes, there was plenty of sportsmanship on display at the All-America City Awards but it was clear that Mr. Maltez was “in it to win it.” His competitiveness and confidence in his group radiated in the rehearsals, a lesson in life that the youths in the group will carry with them forever.

But Maltez also made sure that the Chelsea delegates stopped to savor the moment and treasure the honor of representing their hometown in a national competition. During one of the rehearsals in Denver, Maltez gathered the group into a circle and asked each member to explain the significance of his/her first name such as City Council President Norieliz DeJesus whose beautiful name, we learned, is actually a combination of two other family members’ names. During that exercise, Sgt. Star Chung revealed she was born on Christmas Day, and the conclusion can be easily drawn the community-minded police office was a gift to her family on that day and is now an ongoing gift to Chelsea.

Maltez was approached by many people at the conference to talk about his city and how it is confronting issues such as affordable housing, air pollution, and climate change, and how the city continues to try to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic which struck the city hard.

Maltez watched proudly as the Chelsea Police Department set itself apart with his presence at the event. The presentation about Chelsea Hub by Police Chief Keith Houghton, Officer Nicole McLaughlin, and Community Engagement Specialist was extraordinary and eye-opening, giving others a glimpse into the CPD’s innovative work with at-risk individuals in the community.

It was exciting to see Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey (who told us he will be a candidate for re-election in 2026 and not pursue the gubernatorial position and Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella, who has been in office for 16 terms (32 years) approach and converse with Maltez at the forum. Maltez’s reputation as a competent and dynamic chief executive had preceded itself.

Maltez certainly lifted his personal profile at the All-America City Awards with Chelsea’s victory. Some observers feel that former City Manager Jay Ash ascension to a Cabinet post in the Governor Baker Administration was enhanced by his guidance of Chelsea to the All-America Award in 2014.

Maltez is eminently capable of following the lead of Ash (who is now president and CEO of the Massa-

chusetts Competitive Partnership) into a statewide position, but for now, Chelsea residents can take great pride in the fact that Maltez is at the helm of Chelsea city government.

Yes, Fidel Maltez was that impressive in Denver. We witnessed it.

The fact is that if Fidel Maltez hadn’t decided to leave his town manager’s position in Reading and take the city manager’s job in Chelsea, this awesome All-America achievement would not have been made possible.

Rep. Judith Garcia credited the city manager for his decision to compete in Denver and build a team that united administrators, law enforcement professionals, nonprofit leaders, school officials, and youth in a now-successful quest to bring national prominence to Chelsea.

“I cannot thank our city manager enough for leading us, for taking the bold courage of really encouraging the City of Chelsea to apply for this incredible award,” said Garcia. “We took a shot and through his leadership, it hasn’t been easy – we faced a lot of challenges. But what I love about our city manager and respect about our city manager is that he never loses hope in this community, and he knows exactly that Chelsea is capable of everything.”



# Revere Council approves funds for Sand Sculpting Festival

By Adam Swift

The Revere City Council approved \$140,000 in funding to help pay for security and public safety details at this year’s Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival at last week’s meeting.

The event, which will celebrate its 21st year this year, kicks off on July 25 and is organized by the Revere Beach Partnership.

For at least the past decade, the city has worked with the Revere Beach Partnership to help defray the costs of hosting the popular event.

“Over the years, the city has used free cash to help stabilize and help keep this partnership’s event going each year,” said Mayor Patrick Keefe. “If you go back 20 years, you know (former mayor) Tom Ambrosi-

no and the crew that really started this partnership, the cost to run this event from a state police standpoint and a DCR standpoint was probably \$50,000, \$25,000.”

This year, the mayor said, the bill is \$223,000.

The balance of that bill will be paid through a grant from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, according to Keefe.

In the recent past, Keefe noted that the city was able to use ARPA Covid relief funds and paid as much as \$175,000 toward the festival.

“We all know that the event is a fan favorite every year, it attracts between 500,000 and 750,000 visitors and it is a boon to the local economy, and of course, it is emblematic of what the city of Revere has when it comes to the first public beach,” said Keefe.

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said he is a big booster of the sand sculpting festival, but said he had issues with the Revere Beach Partnership’s decision a number of years ago not to accept donations from a particular corporate sponsor that donated over \$150,000 to the festival over the years. Zambuto proposed a \$20,000 cut to the amount proposed by the mayor, but that motion failed and the council approved the \$140,000 free cash request.

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo asked Revere Beach Partnership Vice President Adrienne Sacco-Maguire about the possibility of the council or mayor appointing a representative to the nonprofit’s board, given that the city has been a financial partner with it for many years.

Maguire noted that Linda DeMaio from the mayor’s office does serve on the partnership, and she added that while an elected city official could not serve as a voting member, one could serve as an advisory member.

Keefe added that his wife recently joined the board as a non-voting member, so as not to create the appearance of a conflict.

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said the partnership likely does not need an appointed city official looking over it.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro asked the mayor about how much the festival boosts the local economy.

“It’s definitely a metric where we want to generate more actual revenues,” said Keefe. “But we are a city, and we have a beach, it is a

tourist attraction. We have to have attractions to make people want to come here outside of the beach, that is obviously a large part of it, but we wouldn’t be a beach community without having events.

“The city of Revere, to put on an event of this magnitude ... we all need the partnership to do it, it is a heavy lift.”

Keefe said the partnership does a number of events throughout the year, and that the sand sculpting festival helps subsidize those other events throughout the rest of the year.

“There is definitely an add to the economy,” said Keefe. “The restaurants at 500 Ocean Ave. are packed from Wednesday to Sunday, the hotel is over capacity. As a matter of fact, ... all the other hotels in the area are filling up for the tourists

and the people coming to the event.”

Apart from the money, Keefe said the festival is a great event for the city and the surrounding area.

“I know our residents do complain about the traffic that weekend, but we also love it, enjoy it, we share in the joy with some of the traffic misery that we have to go through,” said the mayor.

This year’s Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival runs from Friday, July 25 through Sunday, July 27. In addition to the sand sculptures from international sand sculpting artists, the festival features over 75 food vendors, food trucks and exhibitors, interactive activities, amusement rides, and fireworks.

# Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts welcomes new board member

Special to the Record

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts (BBBSEM), New England’s largest Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliate, is pleased to welcome Andrew Graff, of Boston, to its Board of Directors. This addition follows the recent merger of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts and Big Sister Association of Greater Boston (BSAGB), forming a unified effort to expand access to one-to-one youth mentoring programs across the region.

As part of the merger, BBBSEM will be integrating programs and staff from BSAGB. This includes welcoming new board members who bring extensive experience and dedication to gender-intentional mentoring and community-building for young girls, women, and gender-fluid youth. The combined efforts

of these experienced leaders will significantly contribute to BBBSEM’s mission of empowering youth to reach their full potential through mentorship.

“Our innovative approach to youth mentoring and ability to scale across 150 communities in Eastern Massachusetts enables us to have a profound impact on the lives of young people,” says Mark O’Donnell, BBBSEM President & CEO. “We are thrilled to welcome Graff and other esteemed members from Big Sister Association of Greater Boston to the board. Their unique expertise will help ensure we continue to expand our programs and reach more youth in the region, while preserving the best practices for gender-specific mentoring.”

Graff brings decades of advertising and marketing experience, mentorship, and leadership to the Board of



Andrew Graff, newest member of the Board of Directors for BBBSEM.

Directors at BBBSEM. For 9 years he served on the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston’s Board, and nearly 2 years as Board Chair. Currently, Graff is the CEO of Allen & Gerritsen, a fully integrated marketing agency based in Boston.

“Mentorship means showing up – to listen, to challenge, and to stand be-

side someone as they grow. It’s one of the most meaningful ways we can create lasting change,” says Graff.

BBBSEM Board of Directors commit to serving the organization over the course of two years. As a member, Graff will help to advance the agency’s mission, service to children, and impact. As a group, the Board establishes agency policy and sets strategic goals, as well as provides leadership and counsel to staff for strategic initiatives. Board members serve as enthusiastic goodwill ambassadors and actively advocate on behalf of the nonprofit and BBBSEM community.

In its 76th year of service, BBBSEM stands at its highest point as the second largest Big Brother Big Sister affiliate in the country, behind only the nonprofit covering the entire state of Texas. This year, the organi-

zation is supporting nearly 4,000 youth, over 50 percent of whom identify as female. In the past seven decades, BBBSEM has created and served more than 25,000 matches.

BBBSEM is now enrolling and matching Littles and Bigs. The organization welcomes Bigs and Littles of all races, ethnicities, cultures, socio-economic backgrounds, genders, sexual orientations, and physical abilities. For more information, to donate, or to become a volunteer or register your child, visit: [www.emass-bigs.org](http://www.emass-bigs.org).

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts is an innovative, energetic organization that is making a real difference in the lives of nearly 4,000 youth annually by providing them with an invested, caring adult mentor in long-term, professionally supported relationships. With research

and proven outcomes at its core, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts is working to defend the potential of children facing adversity and ensure every child has the support from caring adults that they need for healthy development and success in life. The organization’s vision is to inspire, engage and transform communities in Eastern Massachusetts by helping youth achieve their full potential, contributing to healthier families, better schools, more confident futures and stronger communities. Throughout its 75 years, the largest Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliate in New England has created and served more than 25,000 youth. For more information about the agency and its mission, visit [www.emassbigs.org](http://www.emassbigs.org).

CHLSEA RECORD

YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER SINCE 1890

2025

Greeting Pages

Make sure to keep your name or business in the paper with our seasonal and holiday greeting pages!

On your mobile device or PDF program, please check off the ones below that you would like to participate in and send it back to us

3 OPTIONS

2col-x-3" block... \$70

1/2 banner..... \$100

Full Banner..... \$200

Ready to Go?

Give us a call at 781-485-0588 or email this form back to your rep with your chosen ad size.

deb@reverejournal.com

mdibella@winthroptranscript.com

charlestowndads@hotmail.com

COMMON AD SIZE 3.37"-x-3" 2col-by-3-inches

☐ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

☐ Ramadan

☐ Easter

☐ Graduation

☐ Memorial Day

☐ Juneteenth

☐ Independence Day

☐ Back to School

☐ Rosh Hashanah

☐ Columbus Day

☐ Veterans Day

☐ Thanksgiving

☐ Xmas/Hanukkah

Looking for even greater results?

Consider an ad in one of our partner-papers

Revere Journal – East Boston Times

Everett Independent – Winthrop Sun Transcript

# ‘Fatal firefighter injuries in the U.S.’ decrease from 2023

Special to the Record

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) released its “Fatal Firefighter Injuries in the U.S. in 2024” report today, which showed a total of 62 on-duty U.S. firefighter fatalities in 2024. This number reflects a 31 percent decrease over the 90 on-duty firefighter fatalities reported in 2023 and tied for the fourth fewest fatalities since 1977, when the annual study began. Eleven of the fatalities were due to heart attacks or medical conditions within 24 hours of duty and the remaining 51 deaths occurred while firefighters were on duty.

Of the 51 on-duty firefighter deaths in 2024, 19 were volunteer firefighters and 26 were career firefighters, with eight volunteer and three career firefighter fa-

talities occurring within 24 hours of duty. The non-municipal firefighters included two state forestry service firefighters, one federal forestry service firefighter, two state contractor employees, and one industrial firefighter.

Firefighters ages 40 to 49 experienced the highest number of fatalities, accounting for nearly one-third of the total (20 deaths), while 13 of the firefighter fatalities were among the ages of 50 to 59. Eleven of the firefighter fatalities were among those aged 70 years or older.

According to the report, overexertion or strain injuries continues to represent the leading cause of firefighter deaths with 40 fatal injuries (65 percent) in 2024. This share of the total is unusually high due

to the inclusion of 11 fatalities that occurred within 24 hours of duty, which were not included in the study prior to 2022. All but 10 of the deaths in this category were fatal heart attacks, representing the leading medical cause of fatal firefighter injuries and accounting for nearly half of the deaths (30 deaths, 48 percent).

“Although the downward trend in the annual number of fatal firefighter injuries is an encouraging indication that injury prevention efforts through the years have been successful, there is a clear need for continuing attention to firefighter safety and health,” said Richard Campbell, a senior research analyst at NFPA and the lead author of the report. “To this end, sudden cardiac deaths remain a critical concern.”

Traumatic injuries accounted for approximately one-third of the deaths (18 deaths, 32 percent) and six firefighter fatalities were due to unspecified medical symptoms, while two firefighters suffered fatal aneurysms or embolisms and two died as a result of heat stroke. One firefighter each died due to thermal burns, electrocution, gunshot wounds, and drowning.

One-third of the fatal injuries were sustained while firefighters were operating at fires or explosions (20 deaths, 32 percent), followed by injuries that occurred while engaged in training duties or at non-fire incidents, each with 11 deaths (18 percent). Injuries sustained while firefighters were engaged in normal station activities accounted for 10 fatalities (16 percent).

# 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.

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 some 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 Dog: 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.



# MBTA announces July service changes

Special to the Record

The MBTA announced service changes in July on the Red, Orange, and Framingham/Worcester lines.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at [mbta.com/PlannedWork](http://mbta.com/PlannedWork). 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, @MBTA\_CR, and @MBTA\_CR\_Alerts for up-to-date service information.

- On the Red Line:**
- In order to accomplish planned maintenance work:
- Red Line service between Kendall/MIT and JFK/UMass will be replaced with free and accessible shuttle bus service during the following dates:
    - Beginning at approximately 8:30 PM on Thursday, July 10, and all day, every day, for the next three days, July 11 – 13.
    - Beginning at approximately 8:30 PM on Thursday, July 17, and all day, every day, for the next three days, July 18 – 20.
    - Free and accessible shuttle bus service will make all stops between Kendall/MIT and JFK/UMass with the exception of Park Street.
    - Riders heading southbound should instead disembark at Otis Street @ Summer Street and use the Winter Street concourse to travel between Downtown Crossing and Park Street.
    - Riders heading northbound should instead disembark at Federal Street @ Franklin Street and use the Winter Street concourse to travel between Downtown Crossing and Park Street.
    - Shuttle buses will also serve State (on the Orange and Blue lines) and Haymarket (on the Orange and Green lines) for easier connections to other subway lines.
    - Riders using shuttle buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Downtown Crossing from Ashmont or Braintree should budget an additional 30 – 45 minutes of travel time in addition to their regular commute.
    - There will be free fares with the fare gates open at JFK/UMass, Kendall/MIT, Haymarket, State, and South Station.
    - Riders are encouraged to consider fare-free Commuter Rail service between Braintree and South Station as well as between Porter and North Station.
    - This service change is in place to perform regular, planned maintenance work. This maintenance work will address routine needs, ensure that all infrastructure is in peak operating condition, and includes inspections, adjustments, and repairs to keep the system safe and running smoothly.

- On the Orange Line:**
- In order to modernize signals and perform accessibility upgrades at Jackson Square:
- Orange Line service will be suspended between Wellington and Back Bay during the weekend of July 26 – 27.
  - Free and accessible shuttle buses will operate during this service change.
  - Local shuttle buses will make all stops between Wellington and North Station.
  - Express shuttle buses will operate directly be-

- tween Wellington and North Station.
- For service through the downtown area near Back Bay, riders are encouraged to utilize parallel Green Line service between North Station and Copley (which is less than a quarter-mile or about a four-minute walk from Back Bay). The MBTA will increase Green Line service during this time to accommodate Orange Line riders.
  - There will be free fares with the fare gates open at Back Bay, Copley, Wellington, and North Station.
  - Riders are encouraged to consider fare-free Commuter Rail service between Oak Grove and North Station as well as between Forest Hills and South Station.
  - 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.
  - Orange Line service will bypass Jackson Square beginning at approximately 9 PM until the end of service each day for 30 days in the following way:
    - In the Forest Hills-bound direction, July 26 – August 9.
    - Forest Hills-bound riders wanting to exit at Jackson Square should instead exit at Stony Brook and board an Oak Grove-bound train back to Jackson Square.
    - Forest Hills-bound riders wanting to board at Jackson Square should instead board an Oak Grove-bound train at Jackson Square, exit at Roxbury Crossing, and board a Forest Hills-bound train to their destination.
    - In the Oak Grove-bound direction, August 10 – August 24.
    - Oak Grove-bound riders wanting to exit at Jackson Square should instead board a Forest Hills-bound train at Jackson Square, exit at Stony Brook, and board an Oak Grove-bound train to their destination.
    - This service change is in place to accomplish accessibility upgrades at the platform-level of Jackson Square.
  - On the Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line:
    - Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between Framingham and South Station during the weekend of July 26 – 27.
    - A dedicated diversion schedule will be available on [mbta.com](http://mbta.com).
    - Free and accessible shuttle bus service will replace train service between Framingham and South Station. There will be four shuttle routes available during this closure.
    - Shuttle Bus Route 1 will operate between Framingham, West Natick, Natick Center, Wellesley Square, Wellesley Hills, and South Station.
    - Shuttle Bus Route 2 will operate between Wellesley Hills, Riverside on the Green Line D Branch for connections to the subway, Auburndale, West Newton, Newtonville, Boston Landing, and South Station.
    - Shuttle Bus Route 3 will operate between Framingham, West Natick, Natick Center, Wellesley Square,

- Wellesley Hills, and Back Bay.
- Shuttle Bus Route 4 will operate between Wellesley Hills, Riverside on the Green Line D Branch for connections to the subway, Auburndale, West Newton, Newtonville, Boston Landing, and Back Bay.
  - There will be no shuttle bus stops at Wellesley Farms and Lansdowne.
  - Passengers who typically board at Wellesley Farms should instead travel to Riverside.
  - Passengers who typically board at Lansdowne should instead travel to Kenmore (which is about a quarter mile or a six-minute walk) for shuttle bus service or to connect to the Green Line B, C, and D Branches for further Red Line connections toward South Station.
  - Passengers should also

- note that Commuter Rail service between Worcester and Framingham will be fare-free during this service change.
- This service change is in place due to work taking place on the Natick Center Station Accessibility Improvements project.
- The MBTA previously announced service changes in June. More information is available here.
- The MBTA understands how these service changes affect riders’ daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.
- For more information, visit [mbta.com/Planned-Work](http://mbta.com/Planned-Work) or connect with the

- T on X @MBTA and @MBTA\_CR, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @them-bta, 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](mailto:mediarelations@mbta.com). For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit [MBTA.com](http://MBTA.com) or follow @MBTA on social media.

## OBITUARIES

### James “Jamie” G. Horgan

Co-owner and operator of Pine Valley Golf Course

It is with great sadness that we announce the departing of our dear family member James Gerard Horgan on May 19, 2025 at age 48, affectionately known by those closest to him as Jamie.

Most recently, Jamie was co-owner and operator of Pine Valley Golf Course in Pelham, NH. A talented and seasoned cook, it was his vision and involvement that spearheaded the renovations to build out a completely accessible restaurant on the grounds. Jamie was financially astute and generous. He was not attached to material things and preferred simplicity.

Jamie resided with the Gloor family in Pelham since he sold his condo in Lowell about 5 years ago, grew up in Chelsea, MA graduated from Chelsea High School, and spent many summers in PEI, Canada visiting extended family. He loved to drive, wander, and explore. Rushing was not in Jamie’s vocabulary—he preferred to take his time and enjoy his surroundings, yet when engaging in sports like baseball and hockey, he was quick on the field and agile on the ice. He demonstrated strength and skill when practicing kung fu. He was an incredible singer and gifted actor, who in his youth, starred in a local production of West Side Story as the lead character, Tony. He had an exceptional memory—he only needed to see a movie twice to have every line, inflection, and interaction memorized. In fact, he was naturally good at anything he tried doing.

From his childhood, Jamie was curious about how things worked and was eager to take them apart. He enjoyed video and board games, loved puzzles, and was an avid reader as well. He loved learning and took courses at Boston University, University of Southern Maine, and Middlesex Community College. An Army veteran, Jamie served for four and half years including a tour in Afghanistan. Through his service, he formed bonds with colleagues in Germany and



Texas.

Jamie is survived by his parents, Marie (Wedge) and Stephen Horgan of Chelsea, MA; his sister and brother-in-law Amy and Scott Gloor of Pelham NH; his sister and brother-in-law Danielle and Jorge Pazos of Chelsea, MA; his sister Bridget Horgan of Chelsea, MA; his brother Joshua Horgan of RI; and his brother by choice, Joey Bouche.

He fiercely loved his nieces and nephews: Aurora, Brianna, River, and Jeremiah Gloor with whom he resided; Christopher Pazos and his wife Kaitlyn; Emily, Jacob, and Nathaniel Pazos; and his 2 great-nephews, Easton and Myles Pazos. He is also survived by his paternal grandmother, Rita (Paone) Horgan and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

One of Jamie’s favorite places in the world was El Paso, Texas. If you happen to go there, stop by Carlos and Mickey’s for a taco and a local beer and toast to him! Jamie shared his medical records with doctors and researchers with the hope of helping others with similar conditions, his final gift to the world.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. E-condolences at [www.pelhamfuneralhome.com](http://www.pelhamfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Neurofibromatosis and Schwannomatosis Research Fund at <https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate/nsrf> or Caregivers Support at the Manchester VA [https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate\\_online](https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate_online) (please indicate that you would like to donate to FCP 4040 or Caregiver Support in the notes section). Arrangements by the PELHAM FUNERAL HOME - PELHAM - NH - (603) 635-3333.

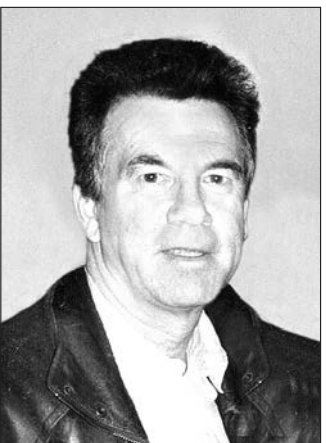
### Robert E. “Bob” Shoemaker

Retired Everett Police Sgt., owned The Tax Office in Everett for 20 Years

Robert E. “Bob” Shoemaker passed away in the care and comfort of his home in Taunton on Monday afternoon, June 23, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was 82 years of age.

Born in Winthrop, the son of the late William M. and Clementine (Dioguardi) Shoemaker, Bob grew up in Everett, attended Everett Public Schools and graduated from Everett High School in 1961. He went on to study Biology at Salem State University, receiving both an undergraduate degree and a Masters Degree. After college he joined the Everett Police Department. He retired from the EPD as a Sgt., after serving 19 years on the force. During his time as a police officer, Bob taught biology and police science courses at Bunker Hill Community College. He worked for the IRS and a few tax preparer companies before finally opening his own business. He owned and operated The Tax Office in Everett for over 20 years before finally retiring in 2018.

Bob was a late Chelsea Alderman and a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club in Chelsea. He will be fondly remembered by all



of his family and friends.

The former husband of Loretta J. Shoemaker of Chelsea, he was the beloved father of Matthew R. Shoemaker of Everett, Erik S. Shoemaker and Kurt R. Shoemaker, both of Chelsea, longtime boyfriend of Margaret A. Corbett of Taunton; dear brother of William J. Shoemaker of Connecticut and the late John R. Shoemaker and Marjorie A. Shoemaker. Bob is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours at the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea, on Monday June 30 and Funeral Services were conducted in the Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 1. Interment followed at the family grave in Glenwood Cemetery in Everett.

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

Carafa Family

Funeral Home Inc.

389 Washington Ave.

Chelsea

617-884-4188

Amy C-Almas

William R. Carafa -

Funeral Directors

carafafuneralhome.com

TORF FUNERAL SERVICE

Pre-need planning with our price protection guarantee. Arrangements made at our facility or in the comfort of your own home

4 generations of the Torf Tradition:  
Deborah Torf Golden Amy Torf Golden  
Hyman J. Torf (1903-2000)  
M.L. Torf (1867-1940)  
Richard A. Pruneau

(617) 889-2900  
(800)428-7161

www.torffuneralservice.com

visit [www.chelsearecord.com](http://www.chelsearecord.com)

“Meeting the needs of the families we serve.”

ANTHONY MEMORIAL - FRANK A. WELSH & SONS FUNERAL HOME

Peter A. Zaksheski  
Type III Licensed Funeral Director

718 Broadway, Chelsea – 617-889-2723 – 617-884-3259  
www.ChelseaFuneralService.com







LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

AREA RESIDENTS ON NSCC'S DEAN'S LIST

Danvers, MA - North Shore Community College President Dr. William Heineman is pleased to announce that the students listed below were Dean's List students for the Spring 2025 semester.

Dean's List Honors are awarded to students who

have earned six or more semester hours of academic credit with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.30 or higher.

Local students who made this accomplishment are as follows:

- Michelle Albanell
- La Noire
- Scott Allen
- Harris Barrios
- Djenica Blanc
- Nicholas Bridge

- Juliana Cardona-Berrio
- Veronica Castro
- Lydia Debenedictis
- Nicolas Desouza
- Naomy Gonzalez Spencer
- Santos Hernandez
- Kylie Lemerise
- Gladis Martir Gonzalez
- Farah McCormack
- Jailene Muniz
- Jeynmy Sanchez Perez
- Ana Yanes

MBTA // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

The Charlie Service Center will be closed on Friday, July 4.

Enhanced Security Measures and Safety Tips for Riders

With many people expected to attend July 4 festivities this year, the MBTA also encourages the public to help maintain a safe and family-friendly environment while riding the T. Additional MBTA staff, Transit Ambassadors, Keolis personnel, and Transit Police will be deployed throughout the system to assist with safety, wayfinding, boarding, paying for fares, and schedule information.

The MBTA Transit Police Department will have an enhanced presence throughout the system to respond to any incidents.

To report an emergency, dial 911 or call the MBTA Transit Police Department at 617-222-1212. Riders are reminded that emergencies can also be reported anonymously with the SeeSay

app on iPhone or Android device. The SeeSay app is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and riders can expect a response within a few minutes of a report.

The MBTA stresses the importance of celebrating responsibly on public transit. Vandalism and disorderly conduct can create safety hazards, delays, and additional cleaning costs—which can divert valuable resources away from essential maintenance services and improvements that benefit all riders.

For more information, please visit [mbta.com/holidays](http://mbta.com/holidays) or connect with the T @MBTA, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @ theMBTA, Threads @them-bta, or TikTok @them-bta.

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 sys-

tems 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.

• Revere • Everett • Winthrop • Lynn • East Boston • Chelsea • Charlestown



781-485-0588

Fax: 781-485-1403

Ext 102

E-Mail Your Ad To: [classified@reverejournal.com](mailto:classified@reverejournal.com)

7 COMMUNITIES

Independent Newspaper Group

Classified

More Than 100,000 Readers Each Week

REAL ESTATE

Sales • Rentals

Land • Commercial

RECRUITMENT

Professional • Medical

General • Services

• Auto Sales • Yard Sales

• Miscellaneous

APARTMENT FOR RENT

CHELSEA - Apartment for Rent; Second-floor  
3-4 Bedroom, New Floors, Stove, Fridge, New Kitchen + Bath  
Call 781-844-1133


DEADLINES: For classified line ads, deadlines are Monday by 4 p.m. Call 781-485-0588 or fax the ad to 781-485-1403

NEED TO SELL Your House? Call to reach over 50,000 readers. Call 781-485-0588 or fax the ad to 781-485-1403

SELLING YOUR AUTO? Call for our 4 week special!

Chelsea's Professional Service Directory

ELECTRICIAN

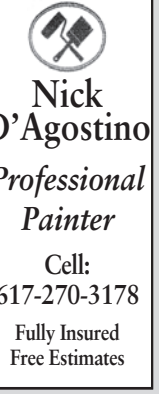


2 col. x 2 inch

\$240.00 for

3 Months

PAINTING



JOHN J. RECCA

PAINTING

Interior/Exterior

Commercial/Residential

Fully Insured

Quality Work

Reasonable Rates

Free Estimates

781-241-2454

LANDSCAPING

Jim Costello

LAWN CARE

617-962-5621

Reasonable rates

Senior Discount

1 col. x 1 inch

\$60.00

For 3 Months

(\$5 Per Week)

Spring Clean Ups

CLOVERS LAWN CARE

New Lawns Installed

Trees and Branches

Mulch & Hedges

Mowing & Fertilizing

Junk Removal

FREE ESTIMATES

Call Kevin

617-884-2143

[cloverslawnca@gmail.com](mailto:cloverslawnca@gmail.com)

REAL ESTATE

Gina S Soldano REALTOR®

ABR®, AHWD®, e-PRO®, GREEN®, MRP®, PSA®, SFR®, SRES®, SRS®

Broker/Associate

(857) 272-4270

[GinaSSoldano@gmail.com](mailto:GinaSSoldano@gmail.com)

[gsoldanorealtor.com](http://gsoldanorealtor.com)

PLUMBING

MASTER PLUMBER

LIC #10914 \$75/HR

EDWARD DILORENZO

NOT FIXED - NOT CHARGED

781-853-9108

ELEC. DRAIN CLEANING

1 col. x 2 inches

\$10/wk

PATRIOT

Sewer & Drain Plumbing Services, LLC


24 HR. SERVICE

CALL

781-656-4884

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

It's that time of year again!



24th Annual Beach Baby Pages

Share your fav. Beach Babel!

Adults, Children, Pets

All are welcome!


Photos should be at a beach or swimming pool setting. Please include your child's name.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT Aug. 15th

Aug. 21st SEE IT IN THE PAPER!

Taking the picture with your phone?

Just scan here and attach the photo to the email that opens up!



Catch the Summer Wave

Grow Your Business with our ONLINE SUMMER Special

3-MONTH MIN. BUY JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

Clients & customers are just a CLICK away if you advertise ONLINE

Call (781) 485-0588 or email your Rep.

MDIBELLA@WINTHROPTRANSCRIPT.COM

CHARLESTOWNADS@HOTMAIL.COM

DEB@REVEREJOURNAL.COM


160PX BY 300PX

BLOCK ADS

\$150/MO

PROPORTIONAL 1/2 SIZE AD SPACE

MAXIMIZE YOUR EXPOSURE



THE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER GROUP

REVEREJOURNAL.COM • WINTHROPTRANSCRIPT.COM • LYNNJOURNAL.COM

EVERETTINDEPENDENT.COM • EASTTETIMES.COM • CHELSEARECORD.COM

CHARLESTOWNBRIDGE.COM • BEACONHILLTIMES.COM • THEBOSTONSUN.COM

NORTHEASTREGIONALREVIEW.COM • JAMAICAPLAINGAZETTE.COM • MISSIONHILLGAZETTE.COM



DIDOMENICO MEETS WITH LOCAL FIRE CHIEFS



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Fire Chiefs and Senator Patrick O'Connor on the Senate floor



Senator DiDomenico with Fire Chiefs on the Senate balcony.

“It was a pleasure meeting with Fire Chiefs from my district and across the Commonwealth at the State House for the Metro-fire Legislative Breakfast,” said Senator DiDomenico. “I was happy to welcome Everett Fire Chief Joseph Hickey, Boston Fire Commissioner Paul Burke, Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri, and Cambridge Fire Chief of Operations Brian Gover and thank them for all they do each day to ensure our communities and neighbors are safe and protected.”



Senator DiDomenico with Fire Chiefs from his district in the Senate Chamber

Metrofire is comprised of 38 Fire Departments in the Metropolitan Boston Area. It is the largest Fire Mutual Aid Organization protecting the largest and most diverse population and complex fire department issues in the Commonwealth.

FRESH AND LOCOAL

When You Don’t Feel Like Cooking

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In summer, you sometimes want to exchange time spent cooking for time spent outdoors enjoying the season. You may also decide that you don’t want to add the heat from cooking to your home in hot weather. If you do a bit of planning and some strategic shopping, you can have what you need for the times when you don’t feel like cooking.



A bag of chopped greens, peanuts, and crispy noodles, along with a piece of grilled salmon, made for an enjoyable no-cook meal.

**Strategic Shopping**  
During a recent heat-wave, we faced a busy week and little time to cook. Penny set off early one morning to stock up on healthy fresh foods that she could assemble into a few meals instead of cooking. You can start with a list that lets you choose foods you and your eaters enjoy that are easy for you or them to make. We love big salads with grains and added protein.

Penny grabbed two bagged salad mixes, one with noodles and one with cheese, a package of grilled salmon, and one of grilled shrimp. These would be the main meal we would have that day. The bonus here is that we would each have our favorite proteins.

If salads and grain bowls are not your thing, head to the deli and cooked food counters. That’s where Penny found our grilled seafood. Often, a rotisserie chicken is a great item for no-cook weeks.

Don’t overlook the canned goods aisles. We recently watched a vegan vlog that reviewed the vegan meals available from Trader Joe’s. The salad kit we mentioned received rave reviews, as did the canned dolmas, eggplant with tomatoes and onions, giant beans in tomato sauce, and

Greek chickpeas with parsley and cumin.

**Have a Freezer Stash**  
You can turn frozen English muffins into toaster-oven pizzas. You’ll typically find a few packages of frozen brown rice in our freezer. When Penny cooks, she prepares extra servings of items ready to thaw and heat for future meals.

On the topic of microwaving, we have a set of Anyday dishes that let us do more with our microwave. Chef David Chang has endorsed these, and both he and the company have recipes available for easy and delicious microwave meals.

A high-quality frozen meal can mean you don’t have to cook. We tend to choose ones that we can heat in the microwave or air fryer, which, for many meals, is as quick and easy as the microwave.

**Appetizers and Street Food**

Another approach to a no-cook meal comes from the tradition of Mezze in the countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea, antipasto in Italy, and night markets in Asia.

For Mezze, you can gather an array of dips and spreads along with items to dip them into or spread them onto. Dips and spreads could be not only a meal, but also a picnic or a party theme. Lay out the containers and let everyone choose what they would like to make from the selection.

If your preference is for meats and cheese, pick up your favorite antipasto items from the deli or a salad bar and make your version of antipasto with items from any country you love!

Finally, you can have takeout the way you would if you were wandering through an Asian night market and choosing small snacks from a variety of vendors. You can do that at a supermarket with frozen dumplings and similar items, or order a few items from your neighborhood Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, or Japanese restaurant.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

YUM!

Summer & Fall 2025

FOOD TRUCK & CART ROLLOUT

APPLY NOW?

WITH LICENSING DEPT

Choose Your Location

ARLINGTON STREET

GROVE STREET

BROADWAY

VOKE PARK (CARTS ONLY)

HIGHLAND PARK

TO LEARN MORE ON HOW TO GET STARTED

Contact Omar Miranda 617-466-4198

CHELSEA

EST. 1630

INCORPORATED 1739

A CITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

BURGERZ

ice cream

Happy Birthday, William

Dennis Eaves D.M.D.

A graduate of Chelsea High School Class of 1976, Boston College, and Boston University Dental School.

Also a Chelsea Little League champion as a superb pitcher for the White Sox and a hockey standout for Chelsea High's greatest hockey team (1975-76 season).

Dr. "Billy" Eaves brought much joy and happiness to his proud parents, the late Thomas F. Eaves and Irma Eaves.

Mammograms Save Lives.

All women over 40 should have a mammogram once a year. Breast cancer found early offers the best chance to be cured. Free or low cost mammograms are available.

For more information and answers to any of your cancer questions, contact us any time, day or night.

www.cancer.org

1.800.ACS.2345

American Cancer Society