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JORDAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CELEBRATES THE FOURTH OF JULY



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

The Jordan Boys and Girls Club hosted a pre-Fourth of July party on July 3 at the clubhouse on Willow Street. JBGC leaders and members are pictured above at the celebration that featured food, fun, and games.

Chelsea, Revere receive funding for energy efficiency programs

Special to the Record

The Sponsors of Mass Save recently announced the 2025-2027 cohort of Community First Partners. Chelsea and Revere are among 58 municipalities and community-based organizations who will work with their local Mass Save Sponsor to provide energy efficiency solutions to residents and small businesses

to reduce energy use and increase the comfort of homes and buildings.

The initiative leverages local knowledge and trusted relationships of municipalities and community-based organizations to increase participation in Mass Save energy efficiency programs. This initiative seeks to target renters, landlords, in-

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La Colaborativa proposes economic development center on Heard Street

By Adam Swift

La Colaborativa will be back before the planning board at its July 22 to discuss a planned economic development center at 50 Heard St.

The planning board opened the public hearing on the proposal at its regular meeting last month before continuing it to the July meeting. Board members requested more information on noise mitigation, the center's planned hours of operation, water drainage plans, the height of the building, and potential traffic issues at its July meeting.

"50 Heard St. is situated in the R2 residential district, it is currently comprised of a vacant three-unit home that was recently sold in May of 2024 to La Colaborativa by the former owner, who subsequently retired and moved out of state," said Alex Train, La Colaborativa's chief operating officer. "At that point in time, the or-

ganization sought to really bolster economic development infrastructure within the community to improve access to living-wage jobs, catalyze small businesses, and ensure that all residents have access to high-quality education."

La Colaborativa retained the architectural firm of Gamble Associates to conduct a neighborhood visioning process and provide a redevelopment plan, according to Train.

"In total, the floorplan calls for a four-story structure that will eventually house our new workforce training, vocational education, and small business development programming," said Train. "Over the past year, we've purposely scaled a lot of that to meet the needs of existing residents and help residents boost their income and engage in economic self-sufficiency."

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ZBA opens public hearing on planned Boston Provisions facility

By Adam Swift

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a special meeting last week to open the public hearing on the proposed Boston Provisions 80,000-square-foot facility on the former Signature

Bread site on Justin Drive last week.

The project will still need to go before the planning board later this month for recommendations on several permits before coming back to the ZBA for a potential vote in August.

The project requires special permits to establish a seafood processing and distribution facility in the Industrial District and extend the use into the adjoining lot in the Naval Hospital Commercial (NHC) District for parking.

The owners and team from Boston Provisions laid out the case for the food processing facility, which they said will bring jobs and tax revenue to the city and will create minimal traffic and odor issues.

However, a number of residents raised concerns about the project, especially about the odor from the fish processing, noise, and traffic.

"We are here to talk about our proposed project at 100 Justin Drive, a project we believe will bring jobs, opportunity, and long-term investment to this community," said Boston Provisions CEO Mike Moniz.

Moniz said the goal of the ZBA presentation was to give a clear, thorough understanding of the company and how it operates, and

what the project will mean in terms of job creation, environmental safeguards, traffic flow, and community engagement.

"We also hope that tonight serves as an opportunity to clarify some of the questions and concerns that have come up around the project," he said. "There's been a fair amount of information circling, and we want to ensure that everyone has had the chance to understand the accurate picture of what we are proposing and why."

For starters, Moniz said that what is being proposed is not a seafood processing facility.

"Boston Provisions is a food-centric, chef-centric wholesaler and distributor," said Moniz. "We serve professional kitchens, restaurants, hotels, universities, and specialty retailers by providing them with premium seafood, meats, and gourmet essentials. If you think of a grocery store, Boston Provisions is like

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NEW OFFICER



COURTESY PHOTO

New Chelsea Police Officer John Strazzullo was sworn in on Monday by Assistant Clerk Gabriela Solis, witnessed by City Manager Fidel Maltez, City Administration, and Professional Standards Division Command Staff. Officer Strazzullo has been in law enforcement since 2024, formerly with another police department, and is a new-hire with the Chelsea Police Department after registering with our local registry. He will undertake additional on-the-job training, riding with a veteran officer in the Chelsea Police Field Training Program, before hitting the streets on his own.

Chelsea philanthropist Herbie Kupersmith plans birthday celebration and scholarship luncheon at CHS

By Cary Shuman

Herbie Kupersmith, who has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Chelsea High School student scholarships, will host a birthday party and scholarship lun-

cheon on Sunday, Aug. 10 at noon at the Saul Nechtem Gymnasium.

Kupersmith celebrated his 86th birthday on Feb. 3, but the former Williams Junior High School basketball great has always held his fantastic galas during the summer months.

Kupersmith has already pledged a \$10,000 donation to the CHS Scholarship Fund. Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta will accept the generous gift at the luncheon. City Manager Fidel Maltez will lead

a delegation of officials attending the event.

Kupersmith is being assisted in the planning and hosting of the event by organizing committee members Minna Karas-Marino, Ed Medros, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Steve Harris, Frank DePatto, and Frank Henry.

In addition to his work in support of Chelsea High School graduates, Kupersmith has also been instrumental in the preservation and advancement of the Walnut Street Synagogue.

"Herbie has done so much for the Chelsea community, especially its students," said Councilor-at-Large Robinson. "I look forward to joining Herbie and hundreds of his friends at the celebration. It's an opportunity for us in Chelsea to say 'thank you' to Herbie for all his philanthropy and generosity to others. And as we all know, if Herbie's involved, it's going to be amazing event."

(Donations will be accepted at the door).

Special to the Record

Katherine Cabral has announced that she is running for re-election for At-Large School Committee member. The following is her announcement:

My name is Katherine (Kati) Cabral and I am elated to share that I am running for re-election to continue to represent you as your At-Large School Committee member this November—to continue advocating for policies that ensure every student is known by name, strength, and story.

I was educated in Chelsea Public Schools (CPS), and I am proud to serve Chelsea and specifically represent you for the past four years. As a Black Latina, an educa-



Katherine Cabral.

tor, and a current Education Policy Masters student at Boston University, I know firsthand the challenges and opportunities that exist within our schools.

My journey in public service began as a student representative on the School

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CHELSEA LAUNCHES FOOD TRUCK PILOT PROGRAM

The City of Chelsea is excited to announce the launch of a new pilot program allowing food trucks and food carts in designated locations throughout the city during the summer and fall of 2025.

The goal of the program is to support local entrepreneurship, activate public spaces, and increase access to diverse food options in the community.

Vendors interested in participating in the program or learning more are encouraged to contact Omar Miranda at (617) 466-4198 or by email at omiranda@chelseama.gov

La Ciudad de Chelsea se complace en anunciar el lanzamiento de un nuevo programa piloto que permitirá food trucks y carritos de comida en ubicaciones designadas durante el verano y el otoño de 2025.

El objetivo del programa es apoyar el emprendimiento local, dinamizar los espacios públicos y ampliar el acceso a diversas opciones gastronómicas en la comunidad.

Se anima a los vendedores interesados en participar en el programa o en obtener más información a contactar a Omar Miranda al (617) 466-4198 o por correo electrónico a omiranda@chelseama.gov

WOMEN'S COMMISSION, MASSHEALTH OFFERING WORKSHOP ON PREGNANCY RESOURCES

The Chelsea Women's Commission has partnered with MassHealth on a workshop focusing on pregnancy programs offered by MassHealth.

If you are pregnant or thinking about growing your family, this workshop is for you.

MassHealth offers a wide range of programs to support a healthy pregnancy, but navigating all the information can often feel overwhelming.

Please join the Chelsea Women's Commission, on Tuesday July 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a workshop where they will walk through the available resources and answer questions about the programs.

CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER INVITES COMMUNITY TO ANNUAL ICE CREAM PARLOR DAY

The Chelsea Senior Center has announced children age 10 and under can get free ice cream and face painting at its Annual Ice Cream Parlor Day fundraiser taking place on Thursday, July 17, from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. The event, which

will be held at the Senior Center, located at 10 Riley Way, is open to the public. There will be a live DJ and raffle tickets sold during the event.

The menu and prices for the event are as follows:

- Ice cream sundae (with toppings) - \$4.00
- Banana Boat - \$6.00
- Plain Ice Cream - \$3.00
- Limber - \$2.00
- Meatball Sub - \$6.00
- Hot Dog - \$3.00
- Hotdog with Chips \$4.00
- Pupusa - \$2.00
- Coffee (free)
- Ice Tea - \$1.00
- Horchata - \$1.00

This fundraiser is held annually as part of the city's efforts to go above-and-beyond in its support and programming for Chelsea's seniors. All proceeds from the event will go directly toward the center's programming and activities that enhance the quality of life for Chelsea seniors.

"Join us for a day filled with delicious ice cream, food, exciting raffles, face painting, a live DJ, and fantastic company – all in support of a wonderful cause," said Geraldine Portillo, Director of Elder Affairs for the City of Chelsea. "Mark your calendars and bring your friends and family for a sweet, fun-filled celebration. We can't wait to see you there!"

For more information, please contact the Chelsea Senior Center at 617-466-4370.

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come-eligible households, language-isolated households, and small businesses in participating communities to ensure the benefits of energy efficiency are more equitably distributed, particularly among those who have been historically underserved.

In Chelsea and Revere, this means the two communities will be able to go from a part-time to a full-time energy advocate that will help residents and small businesses focus on potential energy savings, according to Chelsea community development director Ben Cares. That will include more opportunities for the energy advocate to meet with landlords and property owners about the Mass Saves programs.

As part of the proposed Massachusetts 2025-2027 Energy Efficiency and De-

carbonization Plan, the Sponsors will enhance support and flexibility for Community First Partners, enabling them to tailor their outreach strategies more effectively, retain skilled staff and design marketing initiatives that resonate with their residents and small businesses owners. Additionally, the Sponsors will provide training for the lead vendors and energy advocates on small business incentives and opportunities to drive more small business energy assessments.

The 2025-2027 Community First Partners may receive up to \$85,500 per year to support an Energy Advocate and local marketing efforts, comprehensive training on energy efficiency and electrification, support from energy efficiency and electrification experts, co-branded multilingual

marketing materials, and coaching and best practices to encourage program participation.

In 2022-2024, Community First Partners received up to \$60,000 in funding annually for up to three years, as well as in-kind marketing and technical support, with 52 communities benefiting from local community-led outreach.

Mass Save is a collaborative of Massachusetts' electric and natural gas utilities and energy efficiency service providers including Berkshire Gas, Cape Light Compact, Eversource, Liberty, National Grid, and Unitil. We empower residents, businesses, and communities to make energy efficient upgrades by offering a wide range of services, rebates, incentives, trainings, and information.



Pictured at the rostrum in the historic State Senate Chambers are (from left) Anais Caraballo-Velez (holding Evelina Caraballo-Velez), Ammi Velez, Ricky Velez, honoree Pastor Keila Velez, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Rep. Judith Garcia, and Dale Atlas.

Garcia honors Pastor Keila Velez as 2025 Commonwealth Heroine

Special to the Record

On June 25, 2025, Representative Judith Garcia honored Keila Velez of Chelsea as a 2025 Commonwealth Heroine during a celebration at the Massachusetts State House. Velez was nominated by Representative Garcia in recognition of her long-standing service and dedication to the Chelsea community.

Keila Velez serves as a pastor at La Luz de Cristo Church and has played an active role in supporting local families and community members through her ministry and community engagement. Her leadership and commitment to service have had a meaningful impact across the city.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) partners annually with state legislators to identify and recognize women from each district who make outstanding contributions to their communities. Since it was established in 2004, the Commonwealth Heroines program has honored remarkable women across Massachusetts.

The ceremony at the State House served as a celebration of public service, civic engagement, and lo-

cal leadership. Pastor Keila Velez was presented with a recognition from the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and received official legislative citations from Representative Garcia and Senator DiDomenico in honor of her contributions to the Chelsea community.

Representative Garcia spoke to the significance of honoring individuals like Keila Velez through the Commonwealth Heroines program. "Keila's commitment to her community is a powerful example of everyday leadership," said Garcia. "Through her tremendous faith and her calling to serve God, she has a unique ability to bring people together. Her work often happens quietly, without seeking recognition, yet its impact runs deep. I'm truly honored to celebrate her contributions through this program."

In addition to her pastoral work, Velez has remained actively involved in supporting the Chelsea community through various forms of service and engagement. Her work reflects a strong commitment to uplifting others and responding to the needs of local families.

"I am humbled to know and work with Pastor Keila

Velez," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "Over the past two years, Keila worked tirelessly to organize Chelsea's Peace Vigils with the theme "United for Chelsea". Keila has been instrumental in re-launching Chelsea's "Faith & Blue", a key initiative that partners Chelsea Police Department with houses of worship. Keila has been an incredible conduit for collaboration between our faith community and local governments. But most importantly, Keila leads with love and centers family in her work. We are honored to have such a dedicated member in our community."

The Commonwealth Heroines are selected for their contributions to civic life, community service, volunteerism, and professional achievement. Honorees are nominated by state legislators to acknowledge their roles as leaders, caregivers, mentors, and advocates.

For more information on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and the Commonwealth Heroines program, please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-commission-on-the-status-of-women>



From left, Yoski Wurtz, Legislative Aide to Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Evelina Caraballo-Velez, Anais Caraballo-Velez, Ricky Velez, Pastor Keila Velez, Rep. Judith Garcia, Dale Atlas, and Ammi Velez.



Enjoying a visit to the State House balcony overlooking Boston Common are Ammi Velez, Pastor Keila Velez of United for Chelsea/Unidos por Chelsea, Ricky Velez, Anais Caraballo-Velez, and Evelina Caraballo-Velez.

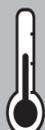
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the back of the house version; we have a seafood department, we have a meat department, we have a specialty dry goods department."

Instead of serving shoppers, Moniz said the customers are chefs, and instead of having shopping cars, the company loads up refrigerated trucks heading to the region's best kitchens.

"We aren't a manufacturer or a processor in the traditional sense, we are a service provider sourcing and preparing exceptional ingredients for people who rely on quality, consistency, and transparency every day," said Moniz.

Boston Provisions serves as the operational backbone of long-time noted Boston food companies Wulf's Seafood and Savenor's Butchery.

"The project isn't just about a new building, it's about people," said Moniz. "Boston Provisions is 100 percent employee owned and operated. We pay a median wage of over \$62,500 and cap executive compensation at no more than four times the lowest salaried employee."

Currently, the company has 125 employees, with Moniz stating that many of them live in Chelsea.

"We plan to relocate all 125 jobs to Justin Drive on day one, and we anticipate creating another 125 jobs in the first three years," Moniz said.

The existing facility at Justin Drive is approximately 264,000 square feet, and Boston Provisions will be leasing about 80,000 square feet of that space on the second floor of the west side closest to the marina.

With the owner of the building, Moniz said Boston Provisions plans to invest \$15 million in the interior of the building to create a modern, clean, and efficient food distribution facility.

"In addition, we are committing significant resources to improving the exterior, including full regrading of the parking lot to ensure better drainage usability, along with extensive landscaping and beautification efforts," said Moniz. "Our goal is not just to occupy the space, but to elevate, turning what's currently a tired industrial site to a well maintained, professionally run facility that Chelsea and its neighboring residents can be proud of."

Moniz said the facility is not about heavy manufacturing, noting that about 25 percent of the space will be used for light fabrication.

"It's about efficient temperature control, handling, and distribution of premium food products," he said.

The plan is to have two shifts at the facility, one from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a second from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., with the majority of employees and activity during the first shift.

Boston Provisions officials said the odor from the facility would largely be mitigated. In addition, they noted that only Wulf's Fish only has 30 percent of its vehicles that are diesel. In addition, they said the drivers will be aware that when leaving the facility, they will never be able to turn right onto Commandants Way.

An air quality consultant hired by Boston Provisions stated that he found very clean facilities when he visited both the Wulf's facility on the waterfront in Boston and the butchery facility in Cambridge that will both be

consolidated in Chelsea.

Given the operation, the consultant, Dale Raczyński, said the only time there would be likely to be odors was when the barrier between the trucks and the facility were broken when the temperature was above 38 degrees.

"It kind of spills out the bottom, if you will, and the hot air comes in the top, so there is a slight instantaneous exchange there," he said. "So what I then looked at is ... what would happen to this odor, how would it get into the community, and the way odor moves it is pretty obvious, it is with wind direction. Fortunately, this is a very well-sited facility from this respect, because the part of the facility that we'll be using doing the fish processing and the loading docks is almost due north of the closest residential building to the south of the facility on Admiral Hill, which is about 400 feet away."

Wind patterns show that the wind blows away from the residential area at that site about 95 percent of the time, Raczyński said.

"From my experience with odor; odor measurement, odor dispersion, my judgement is that that small amount of occasional brief odor might come out, spill out the base of the loading dock," he said. "By the time it gets, even within that 5 percent, by the time it gets to the residences, it will be further away and diminished, there should be very little odor. There might be a brief, occasional whiff of odor, but there's not going to be any cloud of odor over the neighborhood; it's just not possible in this circumstance."

In addition to the minimal odor, the company's traffic consultant stated that there would be a minimal impact on traffic in the area as a result of the project.

During the public hearing, Commandants Way resident Svetlin Bordarov said he was not against a new business moving into the former Signature Bread facility, he did have concerns about noise and the proximity of parking to the residential development.

"The extreme proximity of the facility to the residential building causes moderate to severe risk of physical, mental, emotional, social, occupational, and environmental wellbeing of residents," Bordarov. "With the fleet of all these trucks moving and idling so many hours a day ... I'm afraid the noise is going to cause a few issues."

Suzanne Perry of Commandants Way said she has lived in the area for 25 years, and during most of that time, either the Pillsbury or Signature Bread facility was on Justin Drive.

"It was part of the entryway into our neighborhood, and it wasn't the best, however, I do have to admit that the smell of bread wins in a

competition with the smell of fish," Perry said. "Instead of looking at a similar company, or maybe an improvement, we're looking at Boston Provisions, which I know is a superb company. It's a fine company and I'm sure all their rules and regulations are up to date, but that's not my concern."

"The question is, does this business belong in a residential neighborhood, and that is my question," Perry continued. "Frankly, the smell of raw fish permeates the place where they are now."

Perry also questioned how the other three-quarters of space at the Justin Drive facility will be used, and said she was concerned other fish processing facilities would consider moving to the site to expand their businesses.

"I think Chelsea is moving in the wrong direction with this endeavor," Perry said. "Everett is putting up housing hand over fist on Second Street ... there are so many things, so much building and so much improvement going on. Chelsea itself is looking to improve, looking to be better, I just don't see that the fish processing area ... is a boon or a help to Chelsea."

Other residents spoke to their concerns about noise, traffic, odors, and safety during the public hearing.

Jerry Jennings, the director of the Admirals Hill Owners' Association (AHOA) said his association is concerned about the impact of the proposed facility on common roadways on Admirals Hill.

"I'd like to remind the board that the AHOA pays for all the maintenance of these common roadways, which includes snow clearing, and more expensively, road resurfacing," said Jennings. "The AHOA itself is funded by the residents of Admirals Hill. The proposed fish plant intends to use Commandants Way from the intersection of Justin Drive to Williams Street, and that is one of the common roadways under the aegis of the AHOA."

Jennings said the traffic will result in much greater wear and tear on the road with the need for increased maintenance that will be borne by the residents.

"Secondly, the AHOA is also concerned for the safety of the pedestrians ... in this densely populated residential neighborhood, due to the heavy trucking resulting from this plant," he said.

Nicholas Gregoretti of Breakwater Drive said the city should not focus on the short-term gain of some new jobs over potential long-term issues.

"If allowed to proceed, BP will spill foul odors, pollutants, and negative consequences that will disrupt, dismantle, and devastate Chelsea's quality of life, public spaces, and long-term economic growth," he said.

Chelsea police officer facing domestic violence charges

A Chelsea police officer is facing domestic assault charges and has been placed on administrative leave.

At approximately 1:34 a.m. on Thursday, July 3, Chelsea police officers responded to a report of a disturbance at a location in the city, according to a press statement from the department. After interviewing individuals on scene, officers developed probable cause to arrest an off-duty Chelsea Police Officer, Michael Villanueva, 33, on charges including domestic assault and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, according to the police.

With the assistance of the Everett Police Department, Villanueva was located a short time later and placed into custody by Chelsea police without incident.

Villanueva was arraigned in Chelsea District Court last Thursday and is due back in court in August. According to prosecutors, Villanueva struck his fiancé with a car.

Villanueva was ordered to have no contact with his fiancé and to surrender his firearms.

He has been placed on administrative leave pending

the outcome of both the criminal case and an internal investigation by the department's Professional Standards Division, according to Chelsea police.

"The Chelsea Police Department takes these matters seriously and is fully cooperating with the judicial process," police officials stated in a press release. "No further comments will be made by the Chelsea Police Department at this time as the investigation proceeds, additional information may be released by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office."

Second man charged in April murder

A second man has been charged in connection with the shooting death earlier this year of 20-year-old Julio Catalan of Chelsea.

Jonatan Hernandez Molina, 23, of Lynn was charged last week in Suffolk Superior Court with possession of a firearm and carrying a loaded firearm.

Clerk Magistrate Edward Curley set bail at \$7500 and ordered Molina to stay away from the shooting location and have no contact with witnesses. Curley ordered Molina to wear a GPS bracelet if released. Molina will return to court August 19 for a probable cause hearing.

Carlos Utrera, 27, of Lynn was charged in April with murder and ordered held without bail. Utrera's next court date is August 26.

In the early morning hours of April 26, Utrera

and Molina were in the area of Watts Street in Chelsea staking out Isaac Ortega, Catalan's step-brother, in order to attack him, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Video surveillance over the course of two hours showed Molina continually adjusting his waistband and later showed what appeared to be a heavily-weighted object in his hooded sweatshirt pocket, according to prosecutors.

Shortly after 12:30 a.m., prosecutors alleged that Utrera and Molina attempted to drag Ortega off his front porch. Ortega ran back inside his home. As Utrera and Molina walked away, Catalan exited the home and attempted to speak to them, according to the district attorney's office. Prosecutors alleged that the pair began to run, and while fleeing, Utrera produced a firearm

and shot, striking Catalan in the head. Catalan later died from his injuries.

Molina told police he brought the gun to the scene and gave it to Utrera shortly before the two attempted to grab Ortega. He also told police he took the gun back after the shooting. Police later found the gun in Molina's apartment, according to the DA's office.

"These defendants' terrible decisions and terrible actions that early morning ended Julio Catalan's young life, decisions and actions that now have them facing serious charges in court," said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Haydent. "As in all homicide cases, the impacts go far beyond the immediate people involved. The lives of families and loved ones are forever changed as well."

Boston Logan International Airport

RUNWAY 27 SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Massport will host a hybrid (in-person & virtual) information session on the upcoming Runway 27 End Safety Area (RSA) Improvements Project taking place at Boston Logan International Airport. In collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Massport will begin work on the Runway 27 End on September 2, 2025, with construction planned for approximately 75 days.

This information session will discuss the project's purpose, schedule, and temporary impacts. The information session will be streamed in English and Spanish.

Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00PM
Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
Logan Airport Rental Car Center*
15 Transportation Way
East Boston, MA 02128

Zoom Link:
<https://massport.zoom.us/j/87352326881>
Meeting ID: 873 5232 6881

Requests for additional languages must be made by Friday, July 11, 2025. If you have questions, please contact community@massport.com.

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CHELSEA -- AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY!

We wish to offer our congratulations to Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and the City of Chelsea for winning the All-America City Award in Denver recently.

The National Civic League presented this honor to recognize the city's efforts to engage residents in the pursuit of environmental goals. The Civic League stated as follows:

"We are happy to name Chelsea as a 2025 All-America City. Through their application and presentation, they showed that they are a national model for engaging residents, businesses, and government stakeholders in the pursuit of environmental goals. Their efforts are creating lasting impacts that reduce and mitigate the effects of climate change while bolstering residents' well-being. They remind us that communities and our country are strengthened through both individual and collective action."

This marks the third time that Chelsea has been recognized as an All American City, the previous awards having been earned in 1998 and 2014.

This is truly an amazing accomplishment and a testament to the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of City Manager Maltez and our elected and appointed city officials, as well as the residents of our city, all of whom should be enormously proud of this national recognition.

SUMMER IS FLEETING, SO MAKE THE MOST OF IT

The excitement and bustle of the Fourth of July weekend have come and gone, and now we can settle into our summer rhythm — whatever that may be for each of us and our families — for the remaining eight weeks before the Labor Day weekend, which comes exceedingly early this year because Labor Day falls on September 1.

Mother Nature cooperated by bringing us a dry holiday weekend for the first time in forever (it seems) and the sort of weather — hazy, hot, and humid — that makes the summer, summer.

The ocean water temperatures have climbed in the past two weeks from the frigid 50s into the low 60s, which makes taking a nice, cool dip a bearable and even pleasant experience amidst the heat.

As we think about the joys and pleasures of the summer weeks to come, two popular songs from the early 1960s (from our now-long ago youth) come to mind.

The first was by Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, *Dancing in the Street*:

Calling out around the world

Are you ready for a brand new beat?

Summer's here and the time is right

For dancing in the street

The second was recorded by the legendary Nat King Cole:

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer,

Those days of soda and pretzels and beer.

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer,

You'll wish that summer could always be here.

So let's make sure we "Carpe Diem" — Seize the Day — and make the most of summer for ourselves and our loved ones. Though the summer season may be short, our summer memories will last forever.

CELL PHONES MUST BE BANNED IN THE SCHOOLS

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell has spearheaded a bill that would require all public schools to create a formal policy regarding the use of cell phones, tablets, and other personal electronic devices during the school day.

The bill, known as the STUDY (Safe Technology Use and Distraction-free education for Youth) Act, would prohibit access to a personal electronic device by students and require each school district to educate students on the social, emotional, and physical risks of social media use.

There would be exemptions to the policy to accommodate a student's needs for an individualized education program (IEP) and in case of emergencies.

In addition, the STUDY Act would seek to hold social media companies accountable for the harmful and pernicious influences that they have on our children. The bill calls on the companies to implement an age verification system; to keep any information about a user's age confidential from third-parties; to provide default settings for a minor user to ensure privacy and limit prolonged engagement; and to add features for a user to flag unwanted or harmful content.

Almost three-quarters of high school teachers cite cell phone use as a major problem in their classrooms. Phone use during the school day serves no educational purpose and only increases the risks of cyber-bullying, harassment, and hate incidents.

In short, the STUDY Act seeks to implement a "bell-to-bell" restriction on access to cell phones and personal electronic devices during school hours in order to improve the overall learning environment and school culture.

We urge all of our representatives in the state legislature to get behind this bill and pass it in time in order to have it on Governor Healey's desk for her signature before the start of the new school year.

DiDomenico brings \$750,000 to his district in transportation and education supplemental budget

Special to the Record

Senator DiDomenico, and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature approved \$1.39 billion in new investments in public transportation and public education across the Commonwealth. The supplemental budget is funded by surplus revenue from the Fair Share surtax on incomes over \$1 million, and allocates \$716 million for transportation and \$593.5 million for education at every level.

This supplemental budget is a compromise between the House and Senate versions of the bill, and now it has now been signed into law by the Governor. DiDomenico's local earmarks will direct \$750,000 to support education and transportation projects across every community in his district. His funding will go towards projects such as playground enhancements, athletic and theater programs, creating sensory classrooms, assisting with repairs in our schools, new bleachers in a high school gym, after school programming, traffic calming measures on our streets, and new signalization to create a safer environment for drivers and pedestrians.

"I am proud to bring these impactful investments home to my communities, and I can't wait to see how many students and residents will benefit from new and enhanced school programs, public infrastructure, and transit projects," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "This influx of revenue was made possible thanks to the fair share amendment, and I am proud to work alongside my colleagues to ensure every dollar is spent improving daily life for commuters, students, and people of all ages across the Commonwealth."

This supplemental budget makes significant investments in the MBTA, Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs), water transportation, roads, and bridges — with the goal of advancing affordable, safe, and reliable transit for all residents.



Senator Sal DiDomenico

It also provides critical support for public colleges and universities, expands vocational education programs, and strengthens services for students with disabilities.

The supplemental budget utilizes estimated revenues generated from the Fair Share ballot initiative approved by voters in November 2022, which established a new surtax of four percent on annual income above \$1 million to improve the state's education and transportation sectors. It also utilizes one-time revenues from the Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund and the Transitional Escrow Fund.

Key Transportation Investments

MBTA Upgrades. \$535 million for improvements and infrastructure upgrades across the MBTA system, including:

\$300 million to support the MBTA budget reserve.

\$175 million in workforce and safety funding to implement improvements recommended by the Federal Transit Administration.

\$40 million for MBTA physical infrastructure upgrades.

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

Aid For Cities and Towns. \$103 million for regionally equitable, shovel-ready transportation improvements, including:

\$80 million for supplemental Chapter 90 aid to ensure every city and town receives funding to maintain local roads and bridges, including \$40 million to help support small and rural communities by distributing

funds based solely on road mileage.

\$16.4 million for municipally owned small bridges and culverts.

\$7 million for the improvement and maintenance of unpaved roads.

Regional Equity in Transportation. \$73 million for regional transit initiatives, specifically:

\$25 million for capital improvements to equipment and facilities at Regional Transit Authorities, which serve and connect all regions of the Commonwealth.

\$25 million for efforts to improve workforce recruitment and retention at the Regional Transit Authorities.

\$13 million for public ferry infrastructure improvements.

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

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

Key Education Investments

Special Education. \$248 million for special education costs, including Circuit Breaker reimbursements to local school districts.

Public Higher Education Deferred Maintenance. \$115 million for public higher education infrastructure investments, including \$10 million for lab modernization capital improvements and upgrades at community colleges, helping ensure community colleges have the needed resources to provide a first-class education to the surge of students signing up after passage of MassEducate, which provides free community college to Massachusetts residents.

Career Technical Education Capital Grants. \$100 million to expand capacity and accommodate additional career technical education school opportunities, including \$15 million for a pilot program to support career and vocational technical

annex buildings on comprehensive high school campuses.

EEC Workforce, Affordability, and Quality Improvement. \$45 million for initiatives to support workforce development, affordability and quality improvements in the early education and care sector, including \$20 million for rate increases to support early education providers.

Literacy Growth. \$25 million for high dosage tutoring to support accelerated literacy growth and success for students in kindergarten through grade 3.

Endowment Match. \$20 million for the endowment incentive match program to leverage public funds to encourage private fundraising by the state's public higher education institutions to support accessible and affordable education programming, including \$10 million for a Department of Higher Education (DHE) endowment incentive match and \$10 million for the University of Massachusetts endowment incentive program.

English Language Learning Programs. \$10 million for educational grants to help speakers of languages other than English to learn English—and subsequently aid in filling in-demand jobs—by reducing the waitlist for services.

Holocaust Museum Boston. \$10 million to support the Holocaust Museum Boston.

Green School Works. \$10 million for grants to eligible local school districts for clean energy infrastructure improvements and upgrades.

Regional School Transportation. \$8.1 million to support regional school transportation costs.

Tomorrow's Teachers Scholarship and Loan Forgiveness. \$2.475 million for scholarships and loan forgiveness initiatives to encourage qualified high school and currently-enrolled college students to seek teaching in the Massachusetts public school system as a career pathway.

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Committee, where I saw how policies directly impacted my classmates and I. This experience inspired me to return to Chelsea after college as a middle school science teacher, supporting students who, like me, deserved teachers who reflected their lived experiences. I quickly realized that our district needed stronger systems to recruit and retain educators of color, ensure multilingual learners and students with IEPs receive individualized support, and expand pathways for post-secondary success.

As Vice-Chair, I have worked to advance CPS'

strategic plan by advocating for an equitable budget and supporting policies that prioritize inclusive and culturally responsive education. This past year, I have:

- Achieved a Empowered Governance Certificate through School Board Partners (SBP) in partnership with Colorado State University Global
- Hosted several community listening sessions to ensure budget meets community needs
- Successfully passed a resolution in support of a financial literacy requirement for high school graduates
- Co-developed an oper-

ating protocol for onboarding new school committee member and improve board efficiency

- Presented with our Superintendent, Executive Cabinet, fellow committee members, and CPS students about our equity and inclusion practices at the 2023 MA School Committee conference
- Played a key role in passing the Code of Conduct and increasing student attendance
- Our efforts led to 390 student graduates securing \$9.2 million in scholarship dollars in 2024

But there is more work to do. Together, we can

strengthen our schools by increasing transparency in the decision-making process, holding ourselves accountable to students and families, and ensuring that every child receives the support they need to thrive.

I ask for your support in this election on November 4th, 2025 —your voice, your vote, and your partnership in building a stronger Chelsea. Let's continue this work together. For more information, visit www.votekaticabral.com.

Gracias,
Katherine (Kati) Cabral
Chelsea School Committee At-Large

OBITUARIES

Gladys Yutkins

A remarkable woman who lived with compassion and devotion, leaving an indelible mark of love in the lives she touched



It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Gladys Yutkins, a cherished member of the Chelsea community. She left us at the age of 81 on Sunday, June 29th, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a brief illness.

Gladys was born and raised in Chelsea and was the devoted daughter of the late Sophie (Wozniak) Pistone. She carried her mother's memory in her heart and provided love and care for her throughout her life. A proud graduate of Chelsea High School, Gladys dedicated her life to her family and community, demonstrating unwavering support and kindness.

For 60 beautiful years, Gladys enjoyed a loving marriage with her husband, Frederick J. Yutkins. Together, they created a nurturing home for their two sons, Joseph and Frederick, filling it with warmth and laughter. As "Nana," Gladys found profound joy in spending time with her grandson, Joseph Yutkins Jr. Her home was a sanctuary for him, especially during sleepovers that were filled with love and cherished moments.

Her commitment to her community was evident in her role as a parish secretary at St. Stanislaus Church. Many remember her for her culinary skills—her meals, always prepared with care, brought clergy together during special events and were enjoyed greatly by all who attended.

Gladys also treasured her time spent at casinos, she loved shopping, dining with

family, and hosting delightful gatherings, where her famous baked stuffed shrimp and broccoli casserole created lasting memories. She ensured that every family gathering was a celebration filled with plenty of food and love.

Sadly, she was predeceased by her son Frederick, her sister Marie Casaletto and her brother Paul Pistone.

In this time of reflection, we remember Gladys's loving spirit and the legacy she leaves behind. She is survived by her devoted husband, Frederick J. Yutkins, her son Joseph Yutkins and his wife Claudette, her beloved grandson Joseph Yutkins Jr., her sister Carol Barone, and a host of cherished nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services for Gladys were held on Tuesday, July 8th at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea and she was laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

As we gather in remembrance of Gladys Yutkins, let us celebrate a remarkable woman who lived with compassion and devotion, leaving an indelible mark of love in the lives she touched.

To send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welsh-fh.com.

Development // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

David Gamble of Gamble Associates said the 50 Heard St. site is adjacent to two existing La Colaborativa buildings which begin to form a small campus.

"What you see here in the profile line is the 12,200-square-foot, yes, four-story building, but also on a site that changes grade, which is an important consideration regarding building height," said Gamble. "Central to the design of the building is the creation of a public space, a placita that has a dialogue with their existing two buildings, so their survival center and the Eco center, combined with the new economic development center, start to form this public space."

Gamble also noted that La Colaborativa currently has 128 surface parking spaces beneath the highway which is important not only for parking demand, but also for events which La Colaborativa hosts.

Gamble added that many of the design decisions that

were created and much of the landscaping is designed to address stormwater issues.

"It's a small building, so on one side are workshops that face south, and on the Heard Street side there are classrooms that face the street, with the building core in the center," said Gamble.

The intention of the overall design, Gamble said, is to align it with the adjacent residential triple deckers. In addition, the entrance to the building will not be on Heard Street, but on the plaza side of the building.

Planning Board member Mimi Rancatore said she had questions about the loading dock for the project, as well as trash removal and the size of the building, as well as landscaping and lighting.

"I understand what you want to do, and I understand we are concentrating a lot on the outside of the plaza, but nobody's concentrating on what's going

on inside the building or how you are going to move equipment around, power, you are going to need water, you have multiple bathrooms," said Rancatore. "I am a little concerned about the density for this place, because it does change the neighborhood quite a bit. I understand the work that you guys do, and it is important, but it is a pretty big building."

Gamble said that while it is a big building, it is not much bigger than what is there now.

Citing noise concerns from a neighbor, planning board member Czernizer asked if the hours of operation could be limited to 6 p.m.

Board members also agreed that they would like to see more information addressing potential noise, the height of the building, the potential access point on Heard Street, and stormwater management in addition to the hours of operation prior to the July 22 meeting

of the planning board.

"I want to extend our gratitude for the feedback relative to the height, the hours of operation, the noise, and some of the other legitimate issues," said Train.

Train said La Colaborativa is amenable to submitting a noise mitigation plan as well as moderating its hours of operation to close at 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.

"I think our only request would be to consider many of the working families that we serve that would only be able to attend night classes, and balance that with some of the neighborhood issues," said Train. "Similarly, stormwater management, we can certainly present a final plan for approval that's agreeable to the city's DPW. I will say that we have engineered our stormwater system on-site a little differently than characterized tonight, and we would be happy to share more detail about it."

Chelsea man charged with raping woman and threatening to report her to ICE

A Chelsea man faces a July 14 dangerousness hearing after being charged with raping a woman at knifepoint and then threatening to report her to ICE if she contacted police, Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced today.

Alfredo Romero-Cortez, 48, was charged in Chelsea District Court on July 7 with aggravated rape, assault and battery on a household member, assault with a dangerous weapon and intimidating a witness. Judge William Martin ordered Romero-Cortez held without bail pending the July 14 hearing.

At about 5:28 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, Chelsea Police responded to Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. They spoke to the victim, 35, who told them that she had been assaulted and raped by Romero-Cortez

on July 4. The victim told police that she and Romero-Cortez were about to have consensual sex when Romero-Cortez became angry because she said she would not proceed unless he used a condom. The victim said Romero-Cortez slapped her three times in the face, pulled her by her arm, and then produced a cream-colored pocketknife. She said Romero-Cortez told her she "better do what he says" while threatening her with the knife. She told police Romero-Cortez then raped her.

The victim told police that she wanted to report the assault but that Romero-Cortez told her he would report her to ICE if she did. The victim said she feared being separated from her young daughter, so did not contact police. The victim then left Romero-Cortez's

Hooper Street apartment.

The next morning the victim went to work but left early because she didn't feel well. She went to the hospital for treatment and disclosed the incident to a nurse.

The hospital contacted Chelsea police. Hayden praised the hospital for alerting authorities "on behalf of a victim too frightened—and understandably so—to take such action herself."

"The facts here are troubling on numerous levels, certainly with the physical harm the victim suffered in the assault along with her reluctance to report because of the threats about ICE and her fear of separation from her child. This is the type of combined anguish no one should have to experience," Hayden said.

The victims of any crime,

including domestic or sexual violence, should call 911 in an emergency. SafeLink, a statewide DV hotline, can be reached at 877-785-2020. SafeLink is answered by trained advocates 24/7 in English, Spanish and Portuguese, as well as TTY at 877-521-2601. It also has the capacity to provide multilingual translation in more than 140 languages. RAINN, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization in partnership with more than 1,000 local sexual assault service providers

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Chelsea High School Class of 1975 holds 50th Reunion

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The Chelsea High School Class of 1975 held its 50th Reunion at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.

Graduates from the Williams, Carter, Shurtleff, Saint Rose, Our Lady of Grace and Saint Stanislaus Schools attended the reunion, along with other students from Chelsea who joined the class during their high school years.

The class is unique and stands out in many ways, most notably it was the first class to attend all four grades (9-12) at Chelsea High School, following the restructuring of the junior high system after a fire destroyed the Carter School in 1971.

Reunion Committee members, the personable and charming Jerold Bornstein and the charismatic and dynamic Robyn Glazer, welcomed their classmates to the celebration.

Bornstein told a witty story about how as a student in English teacher, Dr. Max Ross' class, he was making an oral presentation and "I got up there with my [note] cards, and I dropped them. So here I am 50 years later, I made cards and I'm not going to drop them."

"Thank you, everyone,

for being here," said Bornstein. "We have classmates that have come from all over the country far and wide, which is nice. It really meant a lot for everybody that's here to be here (For example, successful businessman Robert Hart traveled from his home in Beverly Hills to attend the reunion, while noted author and storyteller Barbara Gross also journeyed from California to be with her classmates).

Bornstein believed that "we all wanted to be here and we all wanted to see each other and we all have a connection.

"And the connection that we have is to the City of Chelsea and to ourselves. We all have that Chelsea pride, and it's something that if you're not from Chelsea you just don't get [understand]."

Bornstein, who obviously had prepared his remarks for the auspicious occasion, then drew upon a quote from legendary afternoon talk show host Dick Cavett.

"Dick Cavett once said it takes a certain amount of guts to go to your class reunion," said Bornstein. "So, I'd say we all have guts."

"I'm going to let Robyn

Glazer say a few words, and then we can party like it's 1969 (a play on Prince's song "1999") concluded Bornstein jestfully.

Glazer Milbury, whose husband, Tom Milbury [Walpole High School] has been made an honorary member of the class, thanked her fellow reunion committee members for their diligent efforts in organizing the reunion.

"Enjoy, cheers to the class, and a lot more to come," said Glazer Milbury.

Also highlighting the festivities were a drawing for a world-famous Chelsea Clock, musical entertainment by DJ George Athas (whose father, Peter Athas, was the CHS cafeteria manager in the 1970s), and a brilliantly decorated table of CHS souvenirs and memorabilia, including the Red Devil Press.

The committee also arranged a thoughtful tribute to deceased members of the Class of 1975.

(The Chelsea High Class of 1975 50th Class Reunion was recorded for broadcast by Chelsea Community Cable Television and the video can be on the station's YouTube Channel).

A successful and spirited class

The Class of 1975 had extraordinary success in academics and athletics. The CHS baseball team memorably won the Eastern Mass. title in the 1975 season. Three of the stars of the school's greatest baseball team coached by Joe Bevere – outfielder Bobby Spinney, first baseman Bob Ham, and catcher Tommy Duval – were in attendance at the reunion.

Also of note, reunion guest Paul Finklestein was the first freshman to suit up for the CHS varsity basketball team. The football team, led by the aforementioned Spinney (quarterback) and Duval (running back), linemen David Webb and Dominic DeAngelis, and Thom McAn Award recipient Richard "Turk" Szarythe (running back and record-breaking track athlete) defeated Everett in Thanksgiving games.

"I want to thank David for keeping me healthy with his excellent blocking," said Spinney 50 years after the fact.



Kenny Botticelli and event DJ George Athas, a member of the CHS Class of 1976.



They started dating at the end of their freshman year after months earlier David Webb had seen the beautiful Maryellen May in the CHS corridors and told his friends, "I'm going to marry that girl." More than 50 years later after that proclamation, David Webb and his wife, Maryellen Webb, are pictured at their 50th class reunion.



Showcasing their ebullient personalities at the reunion are classmates Richard "Turk" Szarythe and Barbara Gross.



Nancy Wheeler and Joan Agri Ramage.



Ronny Venooker, Paul Finklestein, Audrey Venooker, Paul Finklestein, and Barbara Gross.



Graduates of the Saint Stanislaus School on Chestnut Street, Stanley Sinitski, Ellie Miller Lincoln, Mary Jagielski, and Paul Malachowski.



Seated are Marty Monahan, Dominic DeAngelis, and Lynne DeAngelis. Standing are Stanley Sinitski, Claudia Dowe, and Erin McCarthy.



Seated are Barbara Gross, Robert Hart, Robyn Glazer Milbury, and Tom Milbury. Standing are Candy Cole Salas, Dale Atlas, Michael Moore, and Jackie Forman Moore.



Together again at the 50th reunion are Paul Finklestein, Marty Katz, Robert Hart, Ronny Venooker, Jerry Bornstein, and Jeffrey Swartz.

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Chelsea High classmates are pictured in the class photo at their 50th reunion.

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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975 HOLDS 50TH REUNION

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Front row are Cathy Lee, Marty Katz, Paul Finklestein, and Lisa Finklestein. Back row are Ronnie Venooker, Audrey Venooker, Kenny Botticelli, Jerry Bornstein, and Nancy Bornstein.



The reunion committee did a great job organizing the 50th reunion. From left, are members Joan Agri Ramage, Janis Altavilla Breslin, Barbara Gross, Jerry Bornstein, Robyn Glazer Millbury, and Richard Szarythe.



Seated are Susan Francis Cameron, Maryann Carroll and Joan Agri Ramage. Standing are Franni Taverna and Nancy Wheeler.



A table of Red Devil sports greats, (seated, from left) Bobby Spinney, Paul Finklestein, and Tommy Duval. Standing are Richard "Turk" Szarythe, Bob Ham, David Webb, and George Freese.



Seated are Maryellen May Webb and David Webb. Standing are George Breslin, Janis Altavilla Breslin, Bob Ham, Christine Stagno, and Louanne Eccleston.

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Northeast Metro Tech students build new shed for non-profit animal rescue organization

Special to the Record

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that 17 Northeast Metro Tech Carpentry students teamed up with instructors to construct a new storage shed for a non-profit animal rescue organization in Saugus.

Eddie's Ranch is a non-profit animal rescue organization run by Lisa Mattuchio out of her home in Saugus. Mattuchio, a former vet tech for MSP-CA-Angell, has always made a habit of rescuing dogs, but in 2021, when her dog Eddie passed away, Mattuchio decided to start an organization in Eddie's honor. Eddie used a wheelchair throughout his life. Eddie's Ranch now

works to rehabilitate senior and disabled dogs, with a mission of finding them loving homes. Dogs that do not get adopted live out their years at Eddie's Ranch with Mattuchio.

When Northeast Metro Tech instructors heard that Mattuchio needed a new storage shed, they sprang into action.

"Eddie's Ranch is a place where animals can be free, safe, loved, and have a home," said student Kevin Rodriguez, of Malden. "We saw a need and we had the skills to help. It's as simple as that."

Over eight weeks, Carpentry instructors and 17 students built a 10- by 14-foot Gambrel-style storage shed for Eddie's Ranch, to help save Mattuchio from

needing to buy one on her own. As an added bonus, students working on the project got to interact with the rescue animals living at Eddie's Ranch.

Students started the project by creating construction documents and making a list of materials they needed for the shed. Students then obtained lumber and built the shed from scratch, building the floor, walls, and ceiling framing with a built-in loft for extra storage. Students then designed and built Gambrel-style roof trusses, and a custom-made double door with a ramp leading into the shed.

"Doing this job was an amazing experience for us. I was so happy and proud to do something for this amazing community," said

student Yeudiel Zelaya, of Chelsea.

Students who participated in the project are Nathan Blauvelt, of Stoneham; Pedro Luis Rodriguez, of Revere; Isaac Fernandes, of Malden; Makayla Bellavance, of North Reading; Matthew Case, of Revere; Antonio Gasbaro, of Woburn; Shane Comeiro, of Woburn; Kimberly Juarez, of Chelsea; Bryan Aguirre Lemus, of Revere; Samuel Villanueva Portillo, of Chelsea; Cory Pleitez, of Chelsea; Yoselin Martinez Santamaria, of Chelsea; Destiny Faith Shaw, of Winthrop; Joseph Kohanski, of Saugus; Vayron Orellana, of Malden; Lindsay Dabrillo, of North Reading; Daniel Escobar, of Revere; Yeudiel Zelaya, of Chelsea, and



Student Yeudiel Zelaya of Chelsea holds one of the rescue dogs living at Eddie's Ranch, a non-profit animal rescue organization in Saugus. (Photo Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)



Northeast Metro Tech students, instructors, and Superintendent David DiBarri stand together with staff from Eddie's Ranch, a non-profit animal rescue organization in Saugus, after students built a new shed for the ranch. The new shed is pictured at rear. (Photo Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

Kevin Rodriguez, of Malden.

"My new shed has helped me so much, giving me more storage space, which was much needed," said Mattuchio. "I am so grateful for Northeast Metro Tech and its students for building me this incredible shed. Seeing the kids every day and watching them with the rescue dogs was a fun bonus!"

"This was a rewarding project that involved both junior and senior students,

and which will benefit the animals at Eddie's Ranch for years to come," said Superintendent DiBarri. "I am proud of our students for their fine craftsmanship, but also for their caring and community spirit. This is exactly the type of community support and involvement that we love to see from our students here at Northeast Metro Tech."

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Community gathers to launch MVES' 50th year

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) kicked off its Golden Anniversary on June 24, launching a year-long commemoration of five decades of service to older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers.

To mark this milestone, MVES welcomed community leaders, partner organizations and supporters to Rivers Edge in Medford. The gathering honored the strong partnerships and shared commitment that have made MVES' mission possible. MVES serves Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Winthrop and seven other communities north of Boston.

Over the past 50 years, MVES has grown from a handful of staff to a team of several hundred, added

a team of dedicated volunteers, and expanded the agency's scope of services far beyond its initial Home Care offerings. The nonprofit has provided many thousands of meals, rides, in-home supports, referrals, and more.

"What began in 1975 as a small grassroots effort has become a cornerstone of our community. All of this was possible thanks to our connections and collaborations with the cities and towns we serve, state and local leaders, our community board members, business supporters, nonprofit partners and fellow aging services professionals," explains Lisa Gurgone, MVES Chief Executive Officer. "It was an honor to kick off our 50th celebrations with the people who

helped us reach this milestone."

The event included Keynote Speaker Edward Alan Miller, Professor of Gerontology and Chair of Gerontology at UMass Boston, who is also a Melrose resident. Dr. Miller discussed the growing need for long-term support services, both locally and nationwide, and explained how sustained investment and innovation are necessary to meet this challenge.

MA Senator Jason Lewis also addressed the audience. He presented MVES with a Resolution from the Massachusetts Legislature recognizing the agency's history and role in the community.

The MVES executive team and Board of Directors offer their thanks to all

who attended, with special recognition for Dr. Miller and Senator Lewis, as well as event sponsors Agero, the Cross Country Group and Preotle, Lane & Associates.

Mystic Valley Elder Services is also celebrating its 50th in several other ways. Visit www.mves.org/mves50 to learn about a series of events in each community MVES serves, nominating an outstanding individual for the MVES Community All-Stars Award, and special upcoming event with a nationally recognized anti-ageism leader. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Questions may also be directed to the MVES Development Department at 781-388-4802 or development@mves.org.



Gabriella Snyder Stelmack, Executive Director of Bread of Life, with Lisa Gurgone, CEO of Mystic Valley Elder Services, at MVES' 50th Kick-Off Event. Both nonprofits serve Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Winthrop, and other local communities.

DIDOMENICO MEETS WITH TEACHERS ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Senator Sal DiDomenico with teachers from his district who belong to the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts and Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Senator Sal DiDomenico met with teachers from his district who belong to the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts and Massachusetts Teachers Association. They discussed school funding, an educator minimum wage, paid family & medical leave, and more critical legislation. One of their top priorities is ensuring all teachers can retire

with their full benefits and legislation entitled, Retirement Plus, which would create a fairer system and give them the path they deserve when they move on from teaching.

"I had a great discussion with teachers about my support for their Retirement Plus bill and the other legislation they highlighted that would improve the lives of

educators in my district and throughout the Commonwealth," said Senator DiDomenico. "They have dedicated their lives to teaching and mentoring our children. I will continue to ensure that their voices are heard, and we take action to show how much we value the work they do each day."

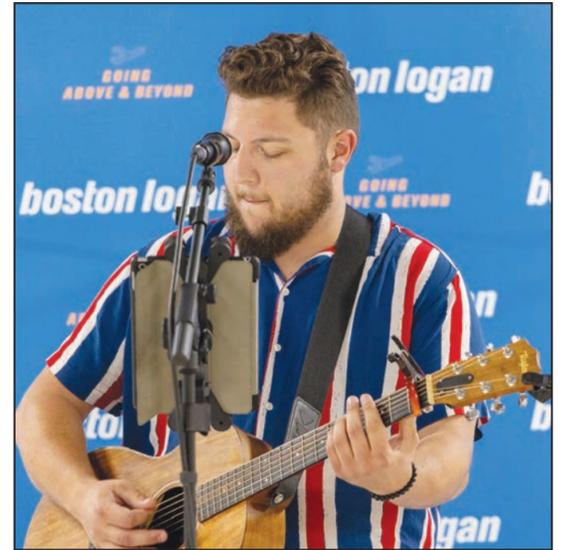
"Live Music at Logan" takes Off: Music meets travel at Boston's Gateway

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is thrilled to announce a new collaboration with Mass Cultural Council to bring live music to Boston Logan International Airport this summer. Beginning on July 1, professional musicians and local college students will perform in the baggage claim areas of Terminals B and C. The pilot program will run through the end of August.

Enhancing the passenger experience at its facilities is a top priority for Massport. Initiatives like this music program, along with public art displays, sports exhibits, and the Sensory Room at Boston Logan's Terminal E, help reduce travel-related stress and makes the Authority's airports more welcoming and enjoyable for everyone. Over the years, Massport has introduced a variety of stress-reducing initiatives at its airports – including increased natural light, a variety of seating options in gate areas, thoughtfully designed public art and sports exhibits, and curated music played throughout the terminals.

"Everyone enjoys live music, and if we can make the experience of waiting for your luggage a little better, that's a win," said Massport CEO Rich Davey. "When you arrive at Boston Logan, you're either coming home or visiting Boston – and in both cases, we want to make your journey as pleasant as possible. This is just one of the many new features we're bringing to the airport to enhance the passenger experience. A big thank you to the Mass Cultural Council for partnering with us on this initiative. I'm really excited about the lineup of musicians and the diverse range of music they'll be performing. I think travelers are going to love it."



Brandon Furtado, Musician (@brandonfurtadomusic on Instagram).

As the Commonwealth's independent state arts agency, Mass Cultural Council is charged with bolstering the cultural sector, thereby advancing economic vitality, supporting transformational change, and celebrating, preserving, and inspiring creativity. Mass Cultural Council achieves its mission through grantmaking and building cross-sector partnerships, such as this initiative with Massport, that result in new economic opportunities for creative individuals and cultural organizations.

Performing artists participating in the program are being compensated, and Mass Cultural Council has used their networks to promote the initiative and encourage local musicians to apply. Playing at Boston Logan – one of the top 20 busiest airports in the U.S., with over 43 million passengers last year – offers musicians a unique opportunity to showcase their talents and potentially land more paid gigs.

"Mass Cultural Council is proud to partner with Massport to bring the joy of live music to Boston Logan



Michael J. Bobbitt, Executive Director, Mass Cultural Council.

this summer," said Michael J. Bobbitt, Executive Director, Mass Cultural Council. "This collaboration not only enriches the travel experience for millions of passengers but also creates new paid performance opportunities for local musicians. It's a beautiful example of how the arts can elevate everyday spaces and connect people through creativity. We're thrilled to help make Logan a gateway to the vibrant cultural life of Massachusetts."



Rich Davey, CEO, Massport.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

GARCIA PARTNERS WITH GREENROOTS

EVERETT - 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 Montaña 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 Department 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 det-

rimonial 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 Montaña, 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.

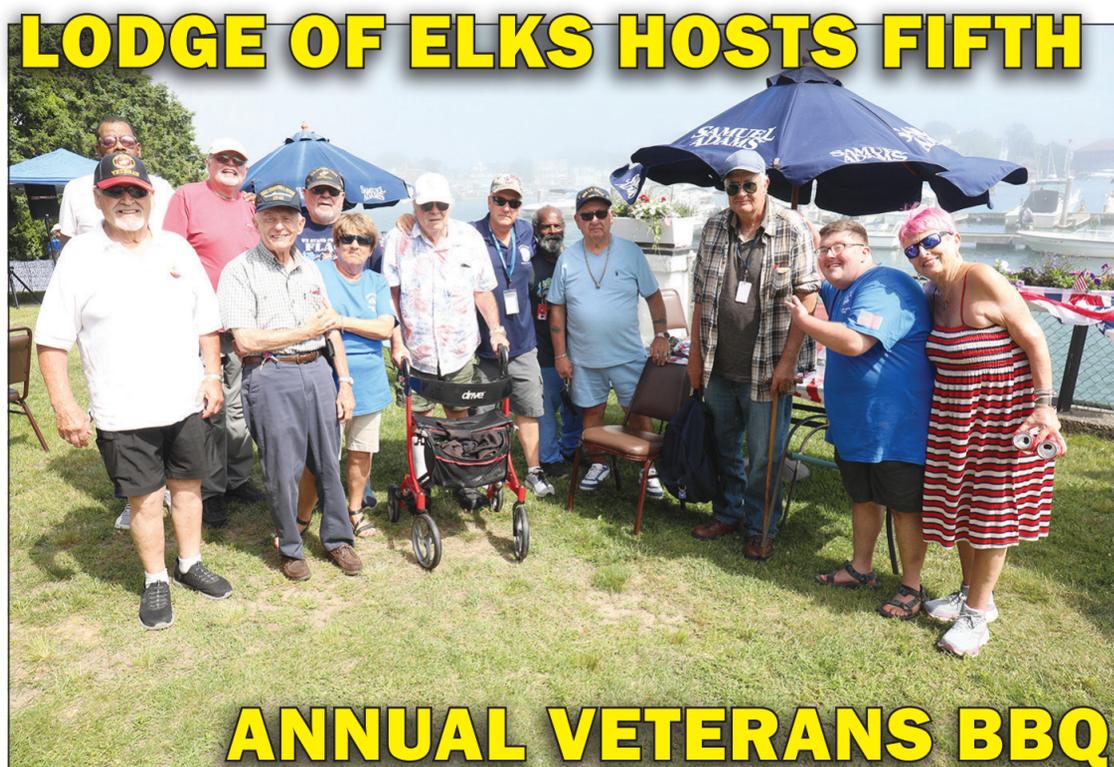
Rep. Garcia remains committed to working alongside GreenRoots and the broader Environmental Justice Table to advance the bill.

MAVERICK STREET MARKET SEEKING LICENSE UPGRADE

EAST BOSTON - -At the latest Gove Street Neighborhood Association (GSNA) meeting last week, representatives from Maverick Street Market shared their plans to upgrade their existing alcohol license.

Kevin Butler, an attorney from McDermott, Quilty, Miller & Hanley LLP, explained that the business located at 207 Maverick Street, which, according to the city’s website, is situated on the first floor of a four-story condominium building, currently holds a Wine and Malt Alcoholic Beverages License.

“The ownership team has



Veterans from all over surrounding communities were bussed in for the annual BBQ held at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks 1078.

operated here without incident, and now, at the request of their customers in the neighborhood, they’re looking to expand their offerings to the community,” Butler said, noting the establishment is seeking an All-Alcoholic Beverages License.

“They’ll continue to strive to be good neighbors by continuing to keep the interior and exterior of their store clean and by preventing loitering,” he added.

Butler also indicated that an abutters meeting was held previously and said there were “no issues with the proposal at that time.”

Roberto Gomez, East Boston’s Liaison, corroborated Butler’s characterization of the abutters meeting, saying, “There were absolutely no concerns.”

“In fact, this is one of only two projects that Eva (Jones, a community engagement specialist with the city) has handled where there was very strong support for the proposal that

they have tonight,” Gomez added, indicating residents signed on to a petition to support the establishment, which he described as not being normal.

Those in attendance did not raise many questions or issues about the proposal at last week’s GSNA meeting.

However, one resident did make a comment calling the establishment a “perennial eyesore.” The resident also took issue with the window signage and the interior storefront, which they described as “unkempt.”

In response, Butler said, “We’re definitely open to doing a better job with all of that. It’s been our priority to keep the interior clean as well as the exterior.” He also mentioned he could have a discussion with the ownership team to help solve the issue.

Regarding the potential for a vote on the proposal, it is customary for the GSNA to have projects presented twice before they are put to

a vote.

Butler indicated that a vote would depend on the timing of the future Licensing Board hearing.

He stated that if the projected Licensing Board hearing were later, they would be happy to return to the GSNA next month for a second presentation and a vote, but would forgo it if they could get on sooner. For more information about the GSNA, visit its website at <https://www.govestreet.org/> or its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/govestreet/>. The next GSNA meeting is scheduled for July 28.

COUNCILLOR PROPOSES CAP ON RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS PER UNIT

REVERE - The city council’s public safety subcommittee will consider a recent motion made by

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya seeking to limit the number of on-street residential parking stickers issued per address to four.

“Right now in Revere, there are no real limits to how many residential parking permits can be issued per address,” said Guarino-Sawaya at last week’s regular council meeting.

“Residents can receive up to 10 per unit, whether it is a single-family home, or a multi-family building. This lack of regulation is creating serious parking problems across the city, leaving neighbors with limited options and increased tensions on our streets.”

The motion requests the mayor to ask the traffic commission to consider establishing a regulation to cap the number of permits at four per unit.

“Households that require

See REGION Page 11

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2025-12

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of:

Felipe’s Driving School LLC (c/o Felipe Aguilera) For Special Permit seeking approval to establish a driving school and classroom in the first floor which does not meet the minimum requirement for off street parking at the premises known as:

471 Eastern Avenue

A copy of the application and petition is available for review at:

City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

Publication in The Chelsea Record Thursday, July 10, 2025 and Thursday, July 17, 2025.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Chelsea Housing Authority (“CHA”) is seeking affordable housing development consultant services from one or more qualified individuals or firms (each a “Consultant”) with extensive expertise in feasibility studies, financial modeling, project management, including

financing and permitting applications, and strategic planning. The Consultant will support CHA in advancing the redevelopment of CHA’s 198-unit subsidized housing portfolio (transitioning from traditional public housing financing to diverse affordable housing financing sources), renovating and modernizing the existing portfolio, and expanding CHA’s affordable housing portfolio through new construction.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU25D1166DR

Hoa Thi Tran vs. Hung Van Nguyen

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party.

SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve

upon: Mithra D. Merman, Esq. Greater Boston Legal Services, 197 Friend St., Boston, MA. 02114 your answer, if any, on or before 07/22/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of said Court. Date: June 26, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 07/09/2025 CR

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU25D0185DR

Katherin Gonzalez vs. Erick Uriel Vasquez Moreno

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party.

SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Katherin Gonzalez, 20 John St., Tewksbury, MA 01876 your answer, if any, on or before 09/04/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of said Court. Date: June 26, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 07/09/2025 CR

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU25C0198CA

In the matter of: Maria Enma Belfort-Thronsen

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Maria Enma Belfort-Thronsen of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Memma Thronsen

IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00

a.m.on the return date of 07/29/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 1, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 7/10 CR

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU25P0195EA

Estate of: Esad Iriskic Date of Death: Sep. 21, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Malka Iriskic of Chelsea, MA Malka Iriskic of Chelsea, MA has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Procedure Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter

relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 7/10 CR

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott J. Richards to Rockland Trust Company dated August 3, 2017 and recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 58346, Page 98, and covering the premises located 21 Jefferson Avenue, Chelsea, Massachusetts (the “Premises”) of which mortgage Rockland Trust Company is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction on July 22, 2025 at 11:00 AM, at or upon the mortgaged premises located at 21 Jefferson Avenue, Chelsea, Massachusetts, more particularly described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Chelsea, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and being the Westerly part of Lot 105 Jefferson Avenue on Plan

of Chelsea Highlands by Joseph R. Carr, C.E. dated June 22, 1882, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1567, Page 153, and being numbered 21 on said Jefferson Avenue, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on Jefferson Avenue at the division line between Lots #105 and #106 on said plan and then running EASTERLY on said Jefferson Avenue, twenty-nine (29) feet; then turning and running SOUTHERLY in part through the center of a brick partition wall, one hundred five (105) feet; then turning and running WESTERLY twenty-nine (29) feet; then turning and running NORTHERLY by the division line between Lots 105 and 106, one hundred five (105) feet. Containing three thousand forty-five (3,045) square feet of land, more or less and all according to said plan, and being shown as Lot A on a subdivision plan dated January 14, 1921, M.L. Goldblatt, Engineer, recorded with Suffolk Deeds Book 4273, Page 71. For grantor’s title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 55632, Page 173.

For informational purposes, the sale is subject to a senior mortgage recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 55632, Page 174.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the

adjourned sale date. The premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, condo liens, assessments, Title 5 requirements, tenancies, rights of possession, building and zoning laws, betterments, liens or claims and all other claims in the nature of liens, if any there be, insofar as the same are still in force and applicable to the premises. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. If the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale defaults in purchasing the property according to the terms of this notice of sale or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder (or other successive bidders, in order of their bid) provided that such other bidder deposits with Mortgagee’s attorneys, Kline & Sanders, LLP, the amount of the required deposit as set forth below within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to such other bidder within thirty (30) days of the default. TERMS OF SALE: Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) is to be paid in cash, certified

check and/or bank cashier’s check by the Purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by the Purchaser by certified check and/or bank cashier’s check within thirty (30) days thereafter at the offices of Kline & Sanders, LLP, 233 Needham Street, Suite 460, Newton, MA 02464. Other terms to be announced at the sale. ROCKLAND TRUST COMPANY, the present holder of said mortgage by its attorney, KLINE & SANDERS, LLP 233 Needham Street, Suite 460 Newton, MA 02464 (617) 964-2200 6/26/25, 7/3/25, 7/10/25 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Re: RESCHEDULED OF LICENSING MEETING

Chelsea Licensing Commission, July 14, 2025

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing scheduled by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on

Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to Monday,

July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA.

CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 7/3/25, 7/10/25 C

MBTA announces launch of Pop-up Summer Music Series

Special to the Record

The MBTA announced the launch of its Summer Music Series this season, which.

An effort to brighten the commutes of thousands of MBTA riders, current or graduated Berklee College of Music musicians will perform live at surprise station pop-ups throughout the subway system on weekday evening rush hour periods through the end of this month.

“Every day, we work to make our public transit system not just safe, reliable, and accessible — but a place where people feel welcomed and cared for,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. “The Summer Music Series brings moments of joy and light into riders’ daily lives, showcasing the incredible talent of local musicians while turning an ordinary trip into something uplifting. Music has a way of reaching people, offering comfort, hope, and connection — and through this series, we’re not only enriching personal wellbeing, but strengthening our communities and protecting our environment.”

“While we remain fo-

cus on rebuilding our infrastructure to deliver safe, more reliable, and improved service, the comfort and experience of our riders is a top priority. Stations are the gateway to our system and to local communities, and we recognize the station environment is essential towards delivering a more enjoyable customer experience to our riders,” explained MBTA General Manager Phil Eng. “As we continue to seek ways to express our appreciation to our riders, we are happy to provide musical entertainment and create a summer vibe for the public to enjoy.”

“The leadership of the MBTA is committed to making the T experience safe, reliable, and enjoyable. As some of our most visible public spaces, it is a powerful statement to have our T stations host and celebrate the arts,” said Peter J. Koutoujian of the MBTA Board of Directors. “I’m proud that our public transit system prioritizes public art just as we do public safety. We look forward to riders enjoying the work of these talented musicians throughout the month.”

The Summer Music Series is part of a larger initiative by the MBTA to

identify opportunities to say “Thank you” to its riders for taking the T. Recent efforts include:

Providing holiday music at stations

During the hottest days of summer, handing out more than 3,000 frozen slushies to riders

During the coldest months of winter, providing more than 5,000 hand warmers

And as the T closed out the historic Track Improvement Program, eliminating more than 200 slow zones, the MBTA celebrated with its riders by handing out its popular Track Improvement stickers

As we rebuild public trust and welcome existing and returning riders to the transit system, the Summer Music Series will showcase the local musical talents of Celist Celia Sieckert, Guitarist Joe Sabourin, Bassist Louis Stringer, Guitarist Santiago Lopez, Guitarist Toby Stone, and Singer Maeve Chiarella as well as The Hopeless Romantics. Musicians will perform outside stations each day including Government Center, Reservoir, Forest Hills, JFK/UMass, and Orient Heights, among others.

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more than four would still be able to apply for an additional permit through an appeals process,” said Guarino-Sawaya.

The appeals process would ensure that special circumstances are accommodated, such as if someone has four children and they all have their own cars. “I am also proposing the option of a modest annual fee for any permits beyond the cap to help manage the demand and support enforcement,” the councillor said. “This motion is not about punishment, it is about creating a fair, balanced, and sustainable system. Cities like Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston already limit the number of parking permits issued by households and have annual fees in place; Revere needs to join them by modernizing our approach to residential parking.”

“Our streets are a shared public resource and it is time that we manage them responsibly for the good of all the residents in the city of Revere.”

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo praised the motion and said he appreciated Guarino-Sawaya putting it on the agenda.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro said he understood the logic behind the motion but would like to see some more discussion about it in subcommittee.

“I think we can find a way to really make this work, and at some point, I think we should talk about the resident parking program as well,” he said.

MANAGER PROVIDES UPDATE ON FINANCIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

WINTHROP - A fiscal impact analysis completed by RKG Consultants was recently sent out to the town council.

Further discussion of the analysis was expected at Tuesday night’s council meeting, and Town Man-

ager Tony Marino said the full fiscal impact analysis will be posted on the town’s website.

A fiscal impact analysis estimates the municipal revenues and costs associated with new development, according to the summary from RKG.

“The primary focus is on the town’s General Fund since that is typically where tax revenues and most municipal service costs are accounted,” the report states. “RKG applied an incremental cost approach to Winthrop’s General Fund budget which covers both town costs and school costs. From there, we can determine the costs borne by the town resulting from both residential and commercial development.”

As the town moves forward, Marino stated that it can forward different unit counts for development to RKG, and they can create any model the town needs to see the impact of development over the next five to 10 years.

“This will help with budget planning in the future as we anticipate any increase in services that future development will require,” Marino stated.

In other updates in his latest report to the council, Marino stated that the Re-

vere Street TIP project will be paving the next section of binder during the evening hours of Friday, July 11.

“This project continues to move forward on schedule, and they have started installing the new curbing,” he added.

The request for qualifications criteria for the architect and designers for the new fire station project have come in and Marino said the town is in the process of scoring them and deciding who should be brought in for an interview. The town received five proposals from architectural firms.

In other business, Marino said the town has reached out to several ambulance companies as the town looks to improve service.

“Ambulance contracts do not have to be put out to bid and we are looking at local ambulance companies to improve service and minimize response times,” the town manager stated.

Finally, Marino said the town has successfully negotiated four of its five union contracts. The only remaining contract to be finalized is the clerical contract, and Marino stated that there are two dates scheduled in July for negotiations with that union.

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For Omar Limas, All-America City event was ‘a life-changing’ experience’

By Cary Shuman

From the group's departure from Logan Airport to City Manager Fidel Maltez's delivery of an unforgettable All-America City Award acceptance speech in Denver, to the return trip home to Boston, Omar Limas said it was the time of his life.

Limas, who was representing the Jordan Boys and Girls Club in the Chelsea delegation, said the four days at the National Civic League's AAC Awards Program roughly 2,000 miles from Chelsea was "a life-changing experience."

Limas, 31, has worked at JBGC for nine years. He is the Smith Family Teen Program Manager.

Limas elaborated on the emotions he experienced as Chelsea strived for and ultimately took home one of the nation's highest awards for cities.

"It feels incredible, honestly," said Limas during the AAC post-event awards reception at a venue 38 stories up and overlooking downtown Denver and the Rocky Mountains in the distance. "I feel very humbled and very appreciative to be part of this opportunity. I'm very excited just to have been inspired to hear what all the great communities are doing, and I can't wait to get back to Chelsea to continue to serve."

Limas added that he was "honored" to represent the Chelsea Boys and Girls

Club, its executive director Gina Centrella, the staff, and the club's members at such a significant national event.

"It's a complete honor due to the fact that I had the opportunity to represent the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea, and I was able to help continue to put Chelsea on the map and the club on the map," related Limas. "It was awesome."

Limas grew up in Malden, "but being here for the last nine years, I really feel a part of the community and I love representing the city."

Limas saved his highest praise for Fidel Maltez, the architect of Chelsea's quest for national recognition and the man who inspired a commitment to public ser-

vice by young members of the delegation.

"Our manager is incredible – a big shout-out to Fidel Maltez. The reason why I'm here and I was given this opportunity is because of Mr. Maltez," said Limas. "I'm excited that he got Chelsea this award and it was an experience that I will

cherish the rest of my life. It was extremely life changing for the youth that were here and everybody who was a part of it. It really is a village that helps keep Chelsea together. I'm grateful to be here celebrating with all these community leaders from Chelsea."

Limas offered that what

he will bring back to "Chelsea and the Jordan Boys and Girls Club, specifically, is the energy, vibrancy, and teamwork he saw at the AAC Program and the information about all the projects that other cities are doing in this nation."

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Digital resources

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We have two shelves of books on dog care in our library, and we do use them occasionally. However, when researching topics for these columns, we often turn to digital resources. So does City Paws reader, Larry Bolger. He suggested writing about resources like the app and website, "Bring Fido."

Bolger had used the app for a cross-country trip with his 20-pound dog and found it especially helpful when a snowstorm disrupted his return trip, forcing him to find an alternative to a planned stop in Aspen, Colorado.

Trip Planning

In addition to "Bring Fido" (which offers more comprehensive information), you can use any hotel reservation site and select "pet-friendly" as a filter. The site will provide a list of accommodations that claim to be pet-friendly.

We recommend conducting further investigation before making a reservation. How many dogs do they allow? What size? What is the daily fee per dog? What are the rules and regulations for you and your pets? The same applies to car rentals, flights, trains, ferries, and other modes of transportation.

You may be familiar with the rules and regulations for your area, but when traveling, it's essential to review the local version in the community you're visiting. We also add the address and

phone number of the nearest veterinary hospital to our phones.

Health Information

In an emergency, you need a reliable resource for First Aid. We recommend adding an animal first aid app to your phone. You'll find a variety of options available in your app store, and you should choose the one that works best for you. Once you have it installed, consider a few likely scenarios your pet might encounter and review the advice. You may also want to learn time-sensitive procedures, such as CPR and the Heimlich maneuver.

The American Animal Hospital Association features a "For Pet Parents" area that offers sound, professional guidance on various topics, including one of our favorites: "What to expect at the vet." Other trustworthy organizations include the American Humane Association, PetMD, WebMD, ASPCA Poison Control Center, and many veterinary hospitals.

Animal Welfare and Rescue Groups

One of the truly great animal welfare organizations, Best Friends Animal Society (www.bestfriends.org), is a valuable resource for a wide range of expert advice. As they say on their Pet Care home page, "From pet training tips to pet health advice – we've got you covered."

They have a nationwide network of partners

who have adopted the Best Friends' standards. We asked for those within 25 miles of Boston, and up popped a list of 25 rescue organizations.

If you have questions about a specific breed, most breeds have rescue groups with volunteers who love and understand that type of dog. You can start at the AKC and reach the rescue groups from there, or enter the breed into a search engine with the word 'rescue' to find them.

Library Digital Resources

Once you turned to a local library for print materials, but today we utilize their digital resources more frequently for research. You can download helpful eBooks on topics from choosing a dog or cat to caring for a senior dog with cognitive decline. We have taken courses on training via library programs like Kanopy. We download or stream audiobooks, magazines, and videos.

Remember, when it comes to digital materials, you have resources beyond your community library. The Minuteman Library Network, CLAMS Library Network on Cape Cod, and Metro Boston Library Network allow you to borrow from a collection of area libraries.

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



Omar Limas (far right) of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club, pictured at Logan Airport on the way to Denver with other members of Chelsea's All-America City delegation, from left, City Manager Fidel Maltez, Police Chief Keith Houghton, Kelly School Principal Lisa Lineweaver, photographer Matt Frank of CHA, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, Police Sgt. Star Chung, and Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez.

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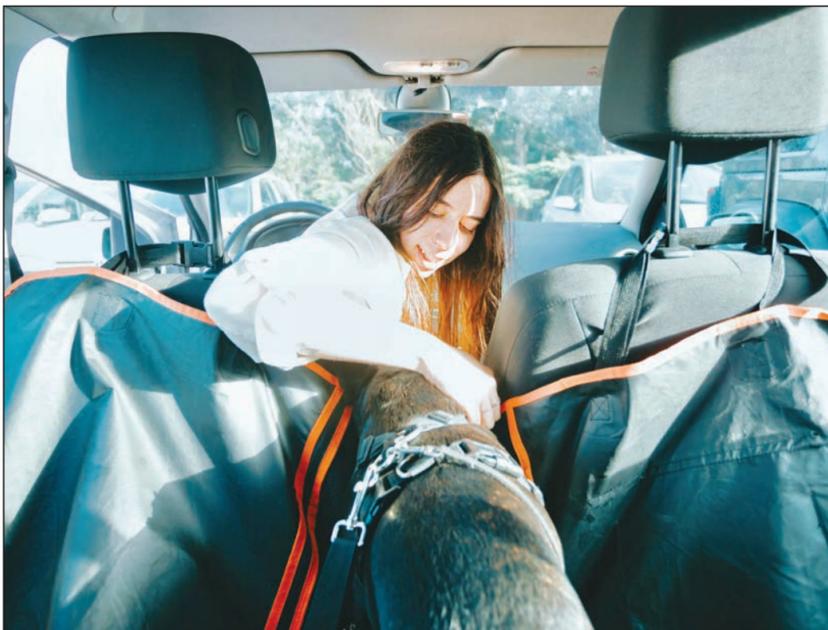
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