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THE CITY OF CHELSEA PRESENTS GEORGE WASHINGTON RETURNS TO CHELSEA



District 1 City Councilor Todd Taylor (second from right) joins Lee Farrington and Lourdes Alvarez in welcoming General George Washington and members of the Black Jacks (far left), Freedom Fighters in the Age of Sail, to the re-enactment event Saturday at Washington Park.

Photos by Cary Shuman

The City of Chelsea presented “George Washington Returns to Chelsea,” a free outdoor celebration recognizing the city’s vital role in the American Revolution. The event took place Saturday, July 26 at Washington Park and featured a special appearance by George Washington reenactor John Koopman on horseback.

Washington Park, located at 428 Washington Avenue,

sits across from the site of the Thomas Pratt Mansion, also known as the Washington Pratt House or Old Pratt House. General George Washington reportedly stayed at the house multiple times during the early years of the Revolution.

During the speaking portion of the program, Washington (Koopman) spoke about his dinner and stay with the Pratt family and

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Susan Stewart and Mark Nowacki, pictured in 18th century attire at the event Saturday at Washington Park.

Deadline approaching to return municipal election papers

Staff Report

City officials are reminding the community that the deadline to submit nomination papers for the upcoming 2025 local election is Tuesday, August 5, at 5 p.m. and nomination papers must be certified by the Chelsea Board of Registrars by Tuesday, August 19, at 5 p.m.

These documents must be delivered to the City Clerk’s Office, located in Room 209 of Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway.

The following elected offices are up for election this fall:

- District City Councilor - 50 certified signatures required
- District School Committee - 50 certified signatures required
- City Councilor at Large - 50 certified signatures required
- School Committee at Large - 50 certified signatures required

A complete list of certified candidates will be posted at the City Clerk’s Office and on the City of Chelsea website on Wednesday, August 20.

To review the list of individuals running for public office in Chelsea, and for more information about this election, visit chelseama.gov/departments/city_clerk/index.php or request a dig-

ital or physical copy by contacting the Chelsea City Clerk’s Office at (617) 466-4050 or visit www.chelseama.gov.

Residents are encouraged to register to vote and check their voter registration status as soon as possible. The City will notify the community of other key election dates once all nomination papers have been certified.

As of Tuesday, there were a number of potential contested city council and school committee races.

The three incumbent council at-large candidates – Leo Robinson, Kelly Garcia, and Roberto Jimenez-Rivera have all pulled papers for reelection. Yesenia Alfaro and Nicholas Gregoretti have also pulled papers to run for the three at-large seats.

In District 1, Christian De Jesus Franco and incumbent Todd Taylor have pulled papers.

In District 2, Deron Hines and incumbent Melinda Vega have pulled papers. In District 3, current council president and incumbent Norieliz DeJesus has pulled papers.

In District 4, the potential candidates are Marnie MacAlpine and Andy Ramos. In districts 5 and 6, and 7, incumbents Lisa Santagate,

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Councilor Garcia earns MWPC endorsement

Special to the Record

City Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia has been endorsed by the Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus PAC endorsement in her reelection bid.

“The MWPC PAC is proud to endorse City Councilor Kelly Garcia for Chelsea City Council,” said Shannon Montanez, Chair of the MWPC PAC Board

of Directors. “Throughout her tenure on the Council, Councilor Garcia has consistently ensured that every voice has a seat at the table. Councilor Garcia is a strong advocate for the school system, affordable access to housing, and transparent leadership.

“Councilor Garcia’s priorities continue to reflect our values of representa-

tional governance, reproductive justice, and civic liberties for all,” Montanez continued. “A vote for Councilor Kelly Garcia is a step towards a more equitable and brighter Chelsea.”

The MWPC PAC is a 527 organization that provides support to qualified, pro-choice women candidates running for municipal, legislative, and statewide offices.

“I am honored to receive the endorsement of the MWPC PAC and am committed to fighting for my community and for the causes that matter most to women in our Commonwealth, such as civil rights, access to health care, and reproductive rights,” Garcia said.

An Instant Hit

Antojitos brings the rich flavors of Latin American cuisine to the neighborhood

By Cary Shuman

There is something very special happening in a new restaurant at the corner of Congress Avenue and Division Street.

Chelsea residents are making owner Jeidi Berganza’s restaurant, Antojitos Latinos, an immensely popular gathering place in the neighborhood for breakfast,

lunch, and dinner.

Berganza and her staff prepare and serve Salvadorian, Guatemalan, Honduran, Mexican, and Spanish food. As its website boasts proudly, “Antojitos is known for its authentic dishes like pupusas, burritos, and gorditas. The restaurant also offers a variety of desserts and traditional drinks like horchata. With a cozy and inviting atmosphere, it’s an ideal spot for casual dining, breakfast, or takeout. Customers appreciate the homemade taste, excellent service, and affordable prices that make every visit memorable.”

Berganza, 45, who is originally from El Salvador,



Antojitos Latinos restaurant owner Jeidi Berganza (center), pictured with culinary and operations staff, Delmy Portillo (left) and Laura Mejia (right).

said she’s very happy about the reception from the Chelsea community.

“Everything is going very well,” said Berganza, who has also owned a restaurant

on Ferry Street in Everett for 15 years. “People like our dishes, salads, soups, rice, beans – everything

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Planning board looking forward to busy August meeting

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea Planning Board is looking at a packed agenda for its August 26 regular meeting.

During last week’s meeting, three major projects before the planning board were continued to its August 26 meeting.

In addition, the Boston Provisions proposal for 100 Justin Drive is scheduled to be on the August 26 agenda.

One of the projects continued until August was La Colaborativa’s planned economic development center at 50 Heard St.

The floorplan calls for a four-story structure that will eventually house the nonprofit’s new workforce training, vocational education, and small business development programming.

Earlier this summer, the planning board 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 associated with the project.

The board also continued a 34-unit residential proposal planned for 34-62 Winnisimmet St. and 14-20 Pembroke St.

At the initial public hearing on the project, nearby residents raised concerns about the density of the project, as well as traffic and potential environmental concerns. The project attorney, Anthony Rossi, stated that he was seeking the continuance in order to meet with neighbors and address some of the concerns at the previous meeting.

The project for 816-818 Broadway that was continued calls for the demolition of an existing structure to be replaced by a 15-unit residential building.

In addition to the three continued projects, the public hearing on the Boston Provisions project is also

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Local municipal officials call for state action to keep food waste out of the trash

Special to the Record

While residents across the Commonwealth have just experienced a record-breaking heatwave in some areas, municipal officials are acting on a less-often-discussed contributor to the climate crisis: food waste. Fifty-one municipal officials from 17 cities and towns across Massachusetts, including Revere, Boston, Everett, Lynn, and Chelsea, made that connection and urged the state to take action in a letter delivered this week to Governor Maura Healey and Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Commissioner Bonnie Heiple.

While landfill space in Massachusetts is rapidly filling up, food waste decomposing in landfills produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas. And according to EPA data, landfills are one of the largest sources of methane emissions in the Bay state. MassDEP estimates that food waste accounts for more than 25 percent of the waste stream after recycling, or over 1 million tons per year.

“We ask the State to put in place concrete plans,

funding and technical assistance to increase composting infrastructure, working in partnership with communities like ours to divert food waste and minimize the climate impact of discarded food,” the letter states “An expansion of sustainable waste management practices will benefit our residents and our economy. Communities like ours are ready to partner with the state to expand composting in (Massachusetts.)”

Local municipal officials who signed the letter include Revere City Councilors Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Marc Silvestri, Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ira Novoselsky, Michelle Kelley, and Robert Haas, III; Chelsea City Councilors Kelly Garcia, Tanairi Garica, Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, and Melinda Vega; Boston City Councilors Henry Santana, Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, Enrique Pepén, and Gabriella Coletta-Zapata; Lynn City Councilors Natasha Megie-Maddrey and Nicole McClain; and Everett City Council President Stephanie Martins.

“Municipalities across the state are leading by building waste diversion programs

that address the climate crisis effects of landfilling food waste,” said Revere City Councilor Juan Pablo Jaramillo. “We need the resources to build out these programs into comprehensive municipal services that make it easier and affordable for working class communities and their residents to partake in reducing methane emissions and meeting out the Commonwealth’s emissions goals.” Amber Schmidt, Zero Waste Organizer at Clean Water Action, who helped coordinate the letter, said diverting organic waste from landfills will prevent the unnecessary release of methane while providing numerous benefits such as compost for healthy soil and new green jobs.

“Keeping food waste out of our landfills is not just an environmental imperative, it’s a moral one,” said Chelsea City Councilor Kelly Garcia. “In Massachusetts alone, more than 1 million tons of food waste end up in our trash every year, contributing to methane emissions that are over 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide. By expanding composting infrastructure and supporting local com-

munities, we can cut these emissions, create healthy soils, and build a more sustainable future. I’m proud to join municipal leaders across the state in calling for this urgent action.”

Massachusetts current-

ly generates over six million tons of waste per year, with a growing percentage exported to other states. In 2024, Clean Water Action and MASSPIRG launched a campaign called Plate to Planet with a goal of reduc-

ing food waste and diverting all organics from disposal. To reach the goals in its 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan, the state must more than double its rate of food diversion from landfills and incinerators.

One arrested on drug and gun charges

Staff Report

On Thursday, July 25, the Chelsea Police Department’s drug unit, with the assistance of the Revere Police drug unit, executed a court-authorized search warrant at 68 Orange Street as part of an ongoing narcotics investigation.

The target of the investigation, Jordy Ramos Romero, 27, was taken into custody without incident, according to police. As a result of the search, officers recovered one unlawfully possessed firearm, approximately 68 grams of crack cocaine, and \$9,600 in suspected drug proceeds

The investigation was led by Chelsea detectives.

Their work is a reflection of the ongoing commitment by the Chelsea Police Department to proactively address drug trafficking and firearm-related violence



Chelsea Police photo of drugs and money taken from an Orange Street address last week.

in our community, according to Police Chief Keith Houghton.

“This case highlights the importance of regional partnerships in targeting individuals who bring dangerous drugs and illegal firearms into our neighborhoods,” said Houghton. “I commend the Chelsea and

Revere drug units for their professionalism and dedication.”

Romero is being charged with multiple offenses including trafficking a Class B substance (crack cocaine), unlawful possession of a firearm and was expected to be arraigned in Chelsea District Court.

DONNA EAVES FINNIE HOSTS CHESTER AVENUE REUNION



Donna Eaves Finnie (front row) hosted a reunion for Chester Avenue residents at her home in Revere. Pictured with Donna are guests (back row) Susan Lanzillo DeSantis, Christine Delvental MacMullin, Karen Delvental Swartwout, and Joan Lanzillo Haesey.

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Giovanni Recupero, and Manuel Teshe so far have no challengers.

In District 8, incumbent Calvin T. Brown is facing potential challengers Marceza Kotoni and Nicholas Gregoretti.

Incumbent school com-

mittee candidates who have pulled papers to run for reelection include Katherine Cabral, Shawn O’Regan, Sarah Elizabeth Neville, Jonathan Daniel Gomez-Pereira, Mayra Balderas, Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo, Ana Hernandez,

and Lucia Henriquez.

Other school committee candidates who have pulled papers include Richard Maronski, Hugo Perdomo, Katherine Palencia, Leonard Warner, and Jacob Small.

Sen. DiDomenico moves to eliminate outdated and offensive laws

Special to the Record

Senator DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to unanimously pass two separate bills that will bring Massachusetts laws into the 21st century by removing offensive language from state statute and repealing outdated, unconstitutional laws that hamper civil rights.

The Senate passed An Act relative to archaic laws, which repeals outdated statutes that criminalized acts now understood to be protected under the Constitution. Senator DiDomenico secured an amendment to this bill that would remove the crime of petit treason from the Massachusetts General Laws. Petit treason is shockingly still in our laws as a crime of killing one’s “superior,” namely an enslaved person killing their enslaver, a wife killing her husband, or a clergyman killing their superior. DiDomenico has been filing legislation and advocating to remove this language for several years.

Senator DiDomenico spoke in favor of his amendment on the Senate floor, “There are two individuals that were convicted of petit treason in the commonwealth in 1775 — if you can believe this law has been in existence since 1775 in our state — and it happened in the district I represent today. There were two enslaved people who could no longer endure their enslaver’s severe cruelty. Each was convicted and sentenced to death. Mark was the first person, who was hanged publicly, while Phyllis, the second person, was burned to death. Petit treason is archaic and was primarily used for discriminatory purposes, and it should be

stricken from the general laws. Removal of this antiquated and offensive statute is an important step towards ensuring our laws reflect our collective commitment to correcting our past history.”



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

This legislation also includes the repeal of centuries-old laws that criminalized sodomy as a ‘crime against nature’ and so-called ‘unnatural’ acts between consenting adults. The criminalization of sodomy, which was punishable by up to 20 years in prison, was used to discriminate against LGBTQ+ residents in the past. Any remaining sodomy laws in the United States were invalidated by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2003. The archaic laws bill, S.1034, would also repeal the 18th century law that calls for punishment of up to one year in jail for a person who utters a blasphemy, something now acknowledged to be covered under the fundamental freedoms of speech and religion. Moving forward, a permanent commission of experts established under this legislation would conduct periodic reviews to ensure state laws remain as up-to-date as possible.

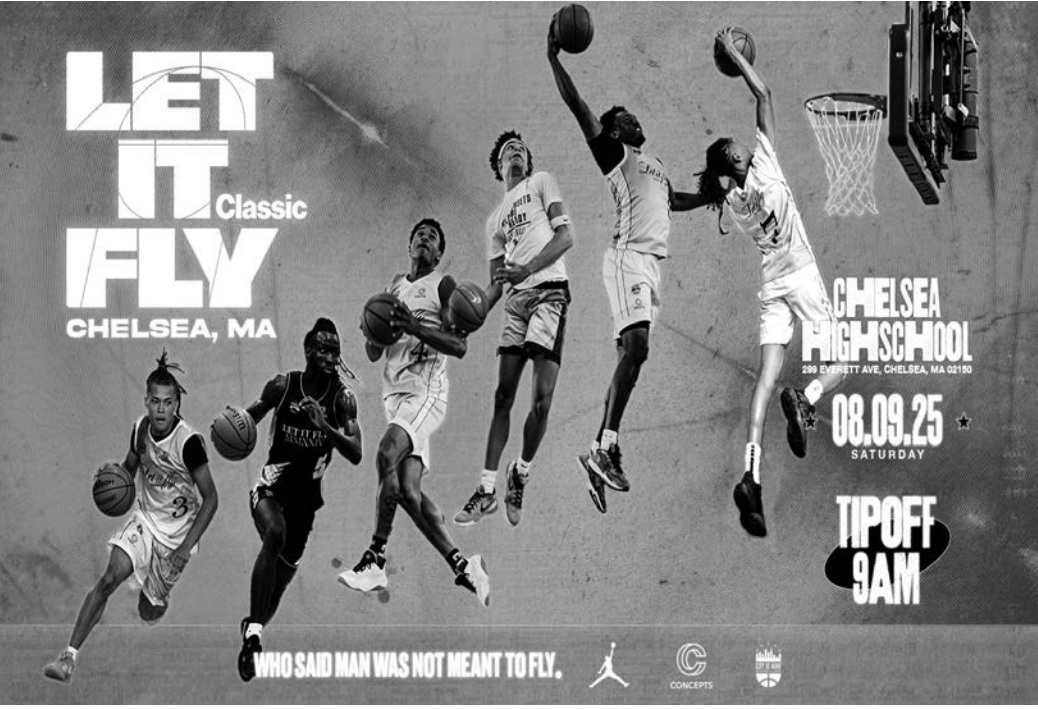
Additionally, the bill creates a panel of experts—including bipartisan appointees from the Legislature, the executive branch, pros-

ecutors, and public defenders—would search for any defects or anachronisms in state laws, aided by suggestions from the Judiciary and other officials. The commission would report proposed fixes to the Legislature at the close of every term.

The Senate also passed An Act amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities, which strikes the ‘r-word,’ a derogatory slur for people with disabilities, out of state law in the dozens of instances where it currently appears. This includes renaming an entire chapter of law that prominently includes the r-word.

The bill, S.137, also builds person-first language into state law, prioritizing terminology like ‘person with a disability’ that places the individual first. Other outdated references such as ‘handicap’ or ‘needy’ to describe people with disabilities are also erased from the law.

Melissa Reilly, advocate for people with disabilities and former policy advisor to Senator James B. Eldridge: “The Archaic Language Bill, S.137—An Act amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities—is really important because all people with disabilities should be treated and respected by others and not mocked or judged or bullied by others for their disabilities. We are all unique and deserve respect, we do not want to be known as The ‘r-word.’ We all are unique and different. People with disabilities deserve respect. We are able and capable and not disabled. We are hardworking people and we need to be respected and dedicated and have dignity. Please help us to make a difference and support this bill.”



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21ST ANNUAL REVERE BEACH INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL



“The Rise of AI,” by Matt Deibert, of New Jersey.



First place winner, “Delicate Balance,” by Abe Waterman, Canada.



“Catch Your Dreams,” by Jobi Bouchard, Canada.



John Hamel, Chairman, Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, expressing his appreciation for the organizing team, sponsors, and volunteers.



Kristen Karshis, President, Revere Beach Partnership.

Revere Beach Partnership, that’s mission is to enhance and preserve America’s first public beach, held its 21st Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival on the July 25,26, and 27 weekend, filling the boulevard with local and global visitors.

“We are proud of this event,” said John Hamel, Chairman, Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, who expressed his appreciation for the organizing team, sponsors, and volunteers. “As chairperson, I can speak for everyone in saying how grateful we are for the master sand sculptors who have come from all over the world and graced this beach with beautiful works of art.”

Abe Waterman, of Canada, won both the People’s Choice Award and first place for his piece, “Delicate Balance.” Second place was awarded to “Deep Sleep,” by Slavian Borecki, of Poland; and third place was awarded to “I See You,” by Henneke Supply, of Belgium. Mayor Patrick Keefe was also presented a golden shovel in appreciation for his instrumental commitment and passion for the festival, and his dedication to the City of Revere throughout the year.



Amalia Linden, Jaydon Treadway, Sam Cartreine, and CJ Gilbert, of the William Diamond Juniors Fife and Drum Corps, of Lexington.



“Beneath the Flesh,” by Joon Park, California.



“I Want to Break Out,” by Jimmy Bejko, Boston.



“Ink,” by Bouke Atema, The Netherlands.



Mass. State Police troopers pose with a get well message in sand for Lt. Donald Bossi.



This year’s Sand Sculpting Festival theme celebrated the nation’s upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, with historical reenactors like Revere resident, Tom Coots, and Jonathan Lane, Executive Director, Revolution 250.



Second place winner, “Deep Sleep,” shown to the right, by Slavian Borecki, Poland.



Revere author, Gerard Cole, and his wife, Geraldine Cole.



Visitors admiring the sand sculptures at Revere Beach on July 26.

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PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEYS DESERVE FAIR COMPENSATION

The ongoing work stoppage by the public defender attorneys who are part of what is known as the Bar Advocates program needs to be resolved by the legislature as soon as possible.

The Bar Advocates are private attorneys who are court-appointed by a judge to represent indigent defendants in all sorts of cases, most notably criminal and mental health matters. An attorney who is a member of the Bar Advocate program chooses one or two days per month in a district court on which they will be available to take cases of defendants. A Bar Advocate typically is assigned to a defendant at the time of a defendant’s first appearance in the courtroom, which usually is at the arraignment.

However, for the past four weeks or so, many of the Bar Advocates informally have agreed to stop taking on new clients for a very simple reason: Their compensation rate of \$65 per hour is a joke -- a pathetic joke.

Massachusetts compensates its Bar Advocates at a pittance compared to neighboring states such as Rhode Island (\$112 per hour), New Hampshire (\$125 per hour), and Maine and New York (\$150 per hour).

The \$65 rate in the Commonwealth of Mass. is not even half of the average of those other states.

As a result of the refusal of many Bar Advocates to take new assignments (we would note that they still are providing representation to their current clients), judges are either releasing defendants who are being held on bail or dismissing their cases without prejudice because the law mandates that these defendants must receive hearings within a certain number of days at which they are entitled to have legal representation.

Even though a dismissal of charges without prejudice means that the district attorney can refile the case at a later time, the bottom line is that many defendants who may pose a threat to public safety are being released, which obviously is not a good thing.

How the legislature and the governor allowed us to get to this point is irrelevant -- finger pointing is a useless exercise. However, both the legislature and the governor have the ability to rectify the situation by very simply raising the compensation for Bar Advocates to a rate comparable to our neighboring states.

Bar Advocates, who have spent tens of thousands of dollars to obtain a law degree, are not even being treated as an after-thought by the governor and the legislature. The Bar Advocates are being taken for granted, with the result that public safety -- and justice -- are being sacrificed to the detriment of every citizen of our state.

ALL ABILITY DAY IS SET FOR AUGUST 9 AT REVERE BEACH

The second annual All Ability Day at Revere Beach is scheduled for next Saturday, August 9, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The event is being sponsored by the Revere Disabilities Commission, which has received a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for the second year in a row, in conjunction with the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Revere Recreation Commission.

Accessible sand and swim chairs will be provided. Last year’s inaugural event, which was attended by persons from throughout the Greater Boston area, was a big success and the organizers are hoping for an even-bigger turnout this year.

The festivities will take place from the Oak Island Bathhouse at 462 Revere Beach Boulevard, (Entry #36). The first 100 people to register will receive a free lunch if they do so by August 5 on Community Pass on RevereRec.org.

All Ability Day provides a wonderful opportunity for persons with disabilities to enjoy a day of fun in the sun. Those who participated last year were thrilled with their experience and this year’s event promises to be even more festive and meaningful for those who attend.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

about odors, fumes, and noise from delivery trucks and their contents arriving early in the morning; to the nature of the business itself; and to exponentially increased traffic along Commandants Way. This will affect not only a densely populated neighborhood, but also an assisted living and center for persons with ALS who frequent the same street in wheelchairs.

Many concerned neighbors brought up the environmental impact to the area, since the parcel abuts Island End River and is adjacent to a state park which hundreds of Chelsea families enjoy weekly.

Since Boston Provisions will occupy only one quarter of the space initially, the remaining three-quarters could be available for BP

expansion.

Two other parts of Chelsea are already zoned for companies like Boston Provisions, and locating the business in one of these will give Chelsea the jobs and tax revenue that Boston Provisions promises, without impacting any residential neighborhood negatively. Moreover, Chelsea officials are not following its own guidelines in considering this special per-

mit. In our opinion, this is “spot zoning” and the city of Chelsea should do better.

It should be clear from the public response at the Planning Board meeting and the over 500 signatures gathered thus far, that we intend to pursue our objections to this Special Permit.

Eddie Gaffney
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supposed to be back before the planning board on August 26.

Both the ZBA and the planning board have held lengthy special meetings dedicated to the project.

At the last planning board meeting earlier in July, numerous nearby residents and abutters raised concerns about odors, fumes, and noise from delivery trucks and their contents arriving early in the morning; to the nature of the business itself; and to exponentially increased traffic along Commandants Way. Residents noted that the project would affect not only a densely populated neighborhood, but also an assisted living and center for persons with

ALS who frequent the same street in wheelchairs.

The project team from Boston Provisions have stated that the project would help revitalize the site, and bring an existing 125 jobs to Chelsea with the potential to double that number in three years. They have also noted that professional noise and traffic studies show there would be little adverse effect to the neighborhood.

Given the heavy agenda for the August 26 planning board meeting, city land use and planning director John DePriest said he would speak to the applicants to see if any of the projects could be further continued until September.

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Spanish.”

Berganza, who is married and has three children (ages 22, 15, and 8), credits District 7 Councilor Manuel Teshe for helping her navigate the pre-opening legal process and build up her business.

“I’m very grateful to Manuel for his help and guidance,” said Berganza.

“He’s a great person.”

Berganza said she was also excited to have City Manager Fidel Maltez stop in to personally congratulate her on the new venture and wish her well for the future.

(Information from the restaurant’s web site was used in the compilation of this story).



District 7 Councilor and law school student Manuel Tesche (right) was very supportive of Jeidi Berganza in her quest to open a new restaurant in Chelsea. The duo is pictured inside the popular dining establishment on Congress Avenue.

REGARDING COVERAGE OF BOSTON PROVISIONS AT PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Dear Editor,

The coverage by the Chelsea Record of the Planning Board meeting (July 15) regarding the application for a special permit by Boston Provisions (BP), did not accurately reflect the number, or the views, of dozens of neighbors who spoke in opposition to Boston Provisions occupying 100 Justin Drive. Since we are the few neighbors who were quoted, we would like to raise those additional issues here.

At the meeting, those whose homes about this property raised concerns

NEWS BRIEFS

OVERNIGHT DOUBLE LANE CLOSURES ON ROUTE 1 NB AND SB OVER WEBSTER AVE.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that it will be implementing overnight double lane closure on Route 1 northbound and southbound during weeknights for approximately three weeks. These impacts are scheduled to occur Monday night to Thursday night from approximately 10:00 p.m., through 5:00 a.m.

The lane closures are necessary to establish a work zone which will enable crews and contractors to carry out work as part of the ongoing project to clean, paint, and make steel and concrete repairs to Webster Avenue Bridge on Route 1.

Appropriate signage and law enforcement details will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

Drivers traveling through the area should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For information on traffic conditions travelers are encouraged to:

Dial 511 before heading out onto the roadways and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, access to traffic cameras, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

Download MassDOT’s GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

NFPA OFFERS RESOURCES FOLLOWING FALL RIVER FIRE TRAGEDY

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is emphasizing the critical fire risks associated with

smoking in the presence of medical oxygen and offering the public and the media resources on the topic.

At a press conference today, the Bristol County District Attorney’s Office and the Massachusetts State Fire Marshal’s Office provided an update on the ongoing investigation into the fatal fire at Gabriel House, an assisted living facility in Fall River, Massachusetts. Investigators confirmed the fire began in a second-floor resident room and remains classified as “undetermined” under NFPA 921 guidelines.

However, two possible accidental causes were identified as likely ignition sources: an electrical or mechanical malfunction involving an oxygen concentrator, or the improper use or disposal of smoking materials. Investigators also emphasized that the presence of medical oxygen contributed significantly to the rapid spread and lethality of the fire, which claimed 10 lives.

These initial findings highlight longstanding concerns around home oxygen use and smoking. NFPA offers several resources on these topics, including:

- Medical Oxygen Safety
- Smoking & Home Fire Safety
- Data on Fires and Burns Related to Medical Oxygen

“NFPA urges all caregivers, facility managers, and individuals using home oxygen to review and share these safety guidelines,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach & Advocacy. “Smoking near oxygen is never safe, and extra precautions must be taken to protect vulnerable populations.”

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CFD responds to fire at the Verizon building

Special to the Record

On July 23, 2025, at 3:05 p.m., the Chelsea Fire Department (CFD) responded to a working fire at the Verizon building located at 1 City Hall Ave after a person alerted a firefighter at the Central Fire Station that there was black smoke coming from the building. That firefighter quickly ran up City Hall Ave and observed fire and smoke coming from the roof.

Engine 4, the first unit on scene, reported fire showing from the roof, and quickly initiated an aggressive fire attack while firefighters from Tower 1 searched the building, locating two workers who were not aware of the fire and safely evacuated them.

All Chelsea units, in-

cluding the department's new Drone Unit operated at this fire with assistance from Revere and Everett. Crews were able to contain the fire to one section of the roof, preventing further fire spread and limiting damage to the facility. The new drone was instrumental in monitoring conditions on the roof and scanning the fire area for heat using thermal imaging.

There were no injuries reported and Verizon representatives reported no interruptions to service.

Following an investigation by the CFD Fire Investigation Unit, the cause of the fire was determined to be heat radiating from a backup generator exhaust pipe, which ignited roofing materials.

Cohen Florence Levine Estates Charley Kanter wins prestigious MASS-ALA Resident Spirit Award

Special to the Record

Charley Kanter, a beloved resident at Cohen Florence Levine Estates Assisted Living, was recently honored at the Massachusetts Assisted Living Association (Mass-ALA) Excellence Awards Dinner. Kanter received the Resident Spirit Award, which is presented every year to a resident who embodies the heart and soul of their assisted living community. The award highlights residents who are actively engaged, supportive of others, and who make a meaningful impact on the lives of their fellow residents. Cohen Florence Levine Estates is operated by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, an affiliate of Legacy Lifecare.

“We are all thrilled that Charley Kanter was recognized by Mass-ALA,” said Kristen Donnelly, Executive Director of Cohen Florence Levine Estates Assisted Living. “He’s such a cherished member of our community, helping with activities and bringing joy to residents and staff alike. Charley lights up a room the moment he enters.”

Charley, a young 100,

was born and raised on a farm in Connecticut and settled in Springfield, MA with his wife and two daughters. Charlie made his living selling and distributing eggs. At 65, he retired to Florida, soaking up the sun until, at age 90, he moved back to Massachusetts. Today, a resident at Cohen Florence Levine Estates Assisted Living, Charley is fond of saying, “I am now living the best part of my life!”

Donnelly echoed the sentiments of everyone in the Chelsea Jewish Lifecare/ Legacy Lifecare organization. “Watching Charley accept this award and receive a well-deserved standing ovation was truly inspiring,” said Donnelly. “We feel so fortunate to have him live in our community.”

The Admiral’s Hill assisted living residences, part of the nonprofit Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, include Cohen Florence Levine Estates, a traditional assisted living as well as Florence & Chafetz Specialized Care, an assisted living for those in need of memory support. Chelsea Jewish Lifecare is redefin-

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OBITUARIES

Valerie B. LaFauci

July 21, 1934 – July 24 2025

At the age of 91, Valerie LaFauci passed away peacefully at Beverly Hospital on Thursday, July 24, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after a period of declining health.

A former longtime resident of Chelsea, she had resided in Danvers at the New England Home for the Deaf for the past five years.

Valerie was born and raised in Chelsea, one of four children of the late Vincent and Beatrice (Kowalski) Dalton. She received her education at the Horace Mann School for the Deaf in Boston, where she fostered a love for learning that would carry throughout her life.

In 1953, Valerie married Albert J. LaFauci, with whom she shared a deep bond for 61 years until his passing in 2014. Together, they nurtured a loving family, raising one daughter and two sons. Valerie was an unwavering source of strength and support for her loved ones, cherishing the role of devoted mother and grandmother.

Professionally, Valerie made her mark as a Data Processor for PartyLite at their Plymouth office, where she diligently commuted from her home in Chelsea for many years before retiring in 2006.

Valerie was also a dedicated member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Lawrence, where she found community and fellowship.

Throughout her life, she expressed her creativity through home crafts, delighting family and friends with her knitting and crocheting prowess. The numerous afghans, baby blankets, and sweaters she created are treasured mementos that will forever remain in the hearts of those she loved.

In addition to her parents and husband, Valerie was predeceased by her son, John J. LaFauci and his husband, John J. Dumas, as well as her siblings and their spouses Joan and Jim Arsenault and Barbara and Jim Updyke.

She is survived by her devoted daughter, Diana



Ligocki of Chelsea, and her late husband, Henry; her son, Albert V. LaFauci, and his wife, Arlene of Ossipee, NH; and cherished grandchildren: Henry Ligocki, Matthew and his wife, Carrie, all of Chelsea, Albert LaFauci of Everett, Christina Zalaket and her husband, James of Derry, NH, Anthony LaFauci of Medford, Cross Woodfield of East Boston, and Ryan LaFauci of Ossipee, NH; her brother, John Dalton and his wife, Teresa of Arizona. She was also a proud great-grandmother to Vivianna, and Isaac Ligocki and Dominic Zalaket. Valerie is additionally survived by her lifelong friend, Shirley Vigna and her family, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend calling hours and services for Valerie at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday, July 31st, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Valerie’s name may be made to the New England Home for the Deaf, 154 Water St., Danvers, MA 01923, or by visiting their website at <https://nehd.org/donate/>

Valerie LaFauci will be remembered for her unwavering love, extraordinary craftsmanship, and ability to bring warmth and joy to all who were fortunate enough to know her. Her spirit. will live on in the hearts of her family and friends, a testament to a life well-lived and deeply loved.

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Annette Gold

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Annette Gold, devoted and loving wife to Marvin R. Gold, with whom she shared 68 years of marriage, and cherished mother, grandmother, and great grandmother passed away peacefully on July 25, 2025 at the age of 89.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Annette spent 68 years in Revere where she lived with her husband and family.

Annette was the oldest of four children of Harry and Bella Altman.

While Annette raised her family, she worked as a bookkeeper and office manager for several employers up until age 77. Annette was known for her meticulous record keeping and accounting.

Annette was a unique, strong woman with high ideals that she instilled in her family. At the same time, she had a generous spirit, was good-hearted and was always willing to lend a hand to others. Annette’s greatest joy was in spending time with family and friends.

She was present for every one of life’s milestones of her family. She was tough, a strong advocate for family and friends and a strict disciplinarian when warranted. By the same token, Annette was compassionate, loyal and caring to others. She was always there for every-



one.

Annette is survived by her loving husband, Marvin Gold, her daughter, Deborah Gold-Alexander, and her husband, Richard Alexander and her grandson, Charles Alexander, her son, David Gold and his wife, Deborah Cunio Gold, her granddaughter, Amanda Perez and her husband, Peter Perez, great grandson, Nicholas Perez, and her granddaughter, Samantha Gold. She was predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Magovsky and brother-in-law, Murray Magovsky, and leaves behind her brothers, Richard Altman and Leonard Altman, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, July 30 at 11 a.m. at the Torf Funeral Chapel, 151 Washington Ave., Chelsea. Interment was in Everett. Donations in Annette’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

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Additional Chapter 90 resources support infrastructure improvements in Chelsea

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a \$1.2 billion transportation bond bill that makes historic investments in local infrastructure, climate-resilient projects, and public transportation. The legislation includes a one-year authorization of \$300 million for the Chapter 90 Program, a 50 percent increase over previous funding levels, to support municipal road and bridge repairs.

In addition to the Chapter 90 increase, the bill allocates \$885 million for three major programs that will address aging infrastructure, improve safety, and reduce congestion across the

Commonwealth.

“Reliable infrastructure is the foundation of opportunity for every community,” said Representative Judith Garcia. “In my district, in gateway cities like Chelsea and Everett, where local crews are already hard at work repairing aging roads, bridges, and culverts, this funding will provide additional resources to support and speed up these critical improvements, making a real difference in people’s daily lives.”

The legislation authorizes \$1.2 billion in bonding for the Chapter 90 Program and additional programs to tackle critical transportation needs, including:

- \$200 million distributed



State Rep. Garcia with Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation James Arciero and colleagues from the Boston delegation pictured during budget week in the House Chambers.

to all municipalities under the standard Chapter 90 formula.

- \$100 million distributed based solely on road mileage.
- \$500 million for the Lifecycle Asset Management Program (LAMP), which repairs non-federally aided roads and bridges in the worst condition.
- \$200 million for a culvert and small bridge repair program to help municipalities replace or repair aging local bridges under 20 feet.
- \$185 million for congestion mitigation projects, including shared-use paths, intersection upgrades, grade crossing improvements, and sidewalks.

“I’m grateful to work

alongside the Everett delegation and my colleagues on Beacon Hill to help bring these investments home. As Chelsea’s only State Representative, it’s an honor to support both Chelsea and Everett in securing the resources needed to keep improving our communities. With this boost to Chapter 90 funding and expanded support for local road and bridge repairs, we’re giving our cities the tools to make lasting infrastructure improvements and create safer streets for everyone.”

The bill passed the House of Representatives unanimously, 156-0, and now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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noted the significance of the Battle of Chelsea Creek in the American Revolutionary War.

Supported by Meet Boston’s Mini-Grant Program, this event was part of Chel-

sea’s ongoing MA250 programming, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. This event builds on the City’s commemoration of the Battle of Chelsea Creek and

continues a yearlong reflection on Chelsea’s legacy of resistance, refuge, and resilience.

Many residents attended the event, experiencing a unique opportunity to en-

gage with local history.

Local historian Lee Farrington provided tours of Washington Park and the adjacent historic neighborhood following the presentation.

Congratulations to City Manager Fidel Maltez, Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy Manager Lourdes Alvarez and Small Business Development Specialist Omar Miranda for bringing this outstanding presentation on American history to the city.



Christian De Jesus Franco (right), candidate for District 1 city councilor, and his campaign treasurer, John Mongiello, pictured at the presentation at Washington Park.



Local historian Lee Farrington begins her group tour of Washington Park.



Charlie Giuffrida, Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism, is pictured with George Washington (John Koopman) and his horse, Nelson, Saturday at Washington Park.



Matt Frank, President of the Governor Bellingham Cary House Board of Trustees, joins General George Washington and his horse, Nelson, for a photo at the reenactment event. Washington became the first President of the United States in 1789.



Omar Miranda (left) and Lourdes Alvarez (right) are pictured with the Fife and Drum Corps who performed “Yankee Doodle Dandy” and other patriotic songs at the event.



Shown arriving for the George Washington reenactment event at Washington Park in Chelsea are CBC President Joan Cromwell, her grandson, Messiah Ingram Rubin, and Maureen Lee.



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Metro Credit Union awards \$50,000 in grants to empower local nonprofits

Special to the Record

Metro Credit Union, the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, today announced that it has awarded \$50,000 in grant funding to five local nonprofit organizations through the Metro Credit Union Foundation. Metro launched the Foundation in April 2023, and these grants represent the most recent round of awards to support nonprofit organizations, initiatives, and programs that contribute to the economic wellbeing of local communities and their residents. Since its launch, the Metro Credit Union Foundation has awarded \$258,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations.

“Through the Metro Credit Union Foundation, we’re investing in organizations that are transforming lives—whether it’s helping families buy their first home, bringing fresh food

to underserved neighborhoods, or supporting small business growth,” said Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union. “This is how we build stronger, more financially resilient communities—by backing the people and programs making a real difference every day.”

The following organizations have each been awarded \$10,000 in the current grant cycle

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The Metro Credit Union Foundation awards grants to organizations with a focus on:

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Securing Safe & Affordable Housing — providing opportunities for affordable housing and home ownership with down-payment assistance and homebuyer education programs.

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For more information about the Foundation, application guidelines, and upcoming application deadlines visit Foundation.MetroCU.org.

Each year, Metro gives back to local communities through a number of philanthropic initiatives, partnerships, scholarships, and

volunteer programs. Metro has been recognized for its charitable contributions with the Boston Business Journal Corporate Citizenship Award for the past six years.

MCU is the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$3.4 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to more than 200,000 members in Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, and Strafford counties in New Hampshire. Metro is the credit union of choice for employees at over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program.

Founded in 1926, Metro currently operates branch offices in Boston, Burlington, Chelsea, Dorchester, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Medford, Melrose, Newton, Peabody, Reading, Salem, Tewksbury, and West Roxbury. Metro is also a Juntos Avanzamos (“Together We Advance”) designated credit union, an honor given to financial institutions for their commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic and immigrant consumers. Metro was recently named among the most charitable companies in Massachusetts by the Boston Business Journal; voted Top Credit Union in Banker & Tradesman’s Best of 2024 awards; and recognized as one of America’s Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions in 2025 by Newsweek. Learn more at MetroCU.org.

MIKE LUSH RETURNS TO THE DIAMOND



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Chelsea Pride youth sports official Kevin O'Regan (left) and Little League, Pony League, and Chelsea High School baseball legend Mike Lush (right) are pictured at the Pride's hitting contest for all ages Saturday at the Mary C. Burke Complex. “Once the great Mike Lush showed up, everybody else was playing for second place,” commented one observer.

Dominican national indicted for illegal reentry

Special to the Record

A Dominican national unlawfully residing in Chelsea has been indicted for illegally reentering the United States after deportation.

Dawin Hereaux-Pena, 30, was indicted on one count of unlawful reentry of a deported alien.

According to the charging documents, Hereaux-Pena was deported from the United States to the Dominican Republic on or about Feb. 5, 2019. It is alleged that sometime after his removal, Hereaux-Pena unlawfully reentered the United States and was arrested in Chelsea on May 29, 2025.

The charge of unlawful reentry of a deported alien provides for a sentence of up to two years in prison, one year of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The defendant is

subject to deportation upon completion of any sentence imposed. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

United States Attorney Leah B. Foley and Patricia H. Hyde, Field Office Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Enforcement and Removal Operations in Boston made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Fred M. Wyshak of the Organized Crime & Gang Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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ing senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The eldercare community includes a wide array of skilled and short-term rehab residences, ALS and MS specialized care residences, ventilator dependent homes, traditional and specialized assisted living options, memory care, independent living, adult day health, aging life care, home care and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.

Legacy Lifecare Inc. is a nonprofit management resources collaborative that provides small-to-mid-sized organizations with the infrastructure needed to succeed in today’s complex senior care environment. Affiliates include Chelsea Jewish Lifecare of Chelsea and Peabody, JGS Lifecare of Longmeadow, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation



Shown left to right, Shellie Honohan, Charley Kanter, Joan Anderson, Kristen Donnelly and Jennifer Fazekas.

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Among those pictured at the reception table are Christina Nowicki (front row, right) and (back row) Rep. Judith Garcia, Tracy Nowicki, Deborah Connors, Rachel, Geraldine Portillo, Roberto Tobalino and Michael DeJesus.



City Manager Fidel Maltez (left) and Director of Elder Services Geraldine Portillo (back row, right) join Chelsea seniors for a group photo at the Ice Cream Social held at the Senior Center.



Longtime Chelsea resident Cindy Millman, with Chelsea Police Officers Joe Santiago and Jose Torres.



The culinary crew, Ana Jusino, Maria Torres, and Billy Tedesco, a popular graduate of the Chelsea High School Class of 1977.

Chelsea residents and guests enjoyed an Ice Cream Social at the Chelsea Senior Center located 10 Riley Way. Guests feasted on a selection of hot dogs and meatball subs, along with ice cream sundaes with all the toppings. There was also musical entertainment, with many guests dancing and having a great time. Chelsea Elder Services Director Geraldine Portillo and her staff did an outstanding job hosting the summertime social event. Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and Director of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki also attend-

ed the party, greeting the many guests in attendance. State Rep. Judith Garcia brought the best wishes of the Commonwealth to the Chelsea seniors. Chelsea Police Officers Joe Santiago and Jose Torres represented the department well at the event, with many guests requesting photos with the public safety duo. Continuing the tradition of her father, the late Robert “Duke” Bradley, whom the local seniors admired so much, Chelsea Community Cable Television Executive Paula Bradley Batchelor videotaped the event for broadcast on the station’s YouTube Channel.



Rep. Judith Garcia, Arts, Culture, and Creative Community Manager Lourdes Alvarez, and City Councilor Lisa Santagate.



Legislative Intern Emily Green, Rep. Judith Garcia, and Director of Health and Human Services, Tracy Nowickil.



John Connors and daughters, Paulette Velastegui and Juliann Boesch.



Public Health Nurse Paula McHatton and City Manager Fidel Maltez, pictured at the Ice Cream Social at the Chelsea Senior Center.



Chelsea Police Clerk Liset Frometa, with Officers Joe Santiago and Jose Torres.

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EVERETT - there will be not be a preliminary election in Everett, meaning that all candidates who have had their nomination papers certified will appear on the ballot for the Nov. 4 general election.

Cornelio said no race exceeded the required “two-times-the-number-of-open-seats-plus-one” formula that would have necessitated a preliminary election.

“It’s the first time in many years that Everett will not have a preliminary election,” said Cornelio.

The race for mayor, which has two candidates, incumbent Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen, will generate a lot of interest locally and statewide as well.

Also of note, one candidate, former Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa, has had his nomination papers certified for the councilor-at-large and school committee-at-large races.

“He [Costa] has until Aug. 6 to notify our office in which race he intends to be a candidate,” clarified Cornelio.

There are two candidates in each of the six ward council races. School Committee members Margaret Cornelio (Ward 1), Jeanne Cristiano (Ward 3), Robin Babcock (Ward 4), and Marcony Almeida Barros (Ward 5) are currently unopposed in their bids for re-election. Incumbent Ward 2 School Committee member Joanna Michelle Garren is being challenged by Jason Marcus for the seat.

Incumbent Ward 6 Committee Member Joseph A. D’Onofrio is being challenged by Thomas E. Abruzzese for the seat.

Following is the list of candidates whose nomination papers have been certified:

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PARK POETREE
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EAST BOSTON -The Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway is delighted to host a day Park Poetree on Sunday, August 3, from 4–7 p.m. The community is invited to gather among the trees for the very first edition of Park Poetree, an open mic experience blooming right in the heart of Bremen Street Park’s Amphitheatre. Curated by award-winning storyteller, cultural curator, and East Boston native Essmaa Litim, this free event is a celebration of poetry,

community, and nature in full harmony.

In partnership with The Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, Park Poetree will feature an open mic, live DJ set, and a featured performance by the radiant and powerful poet Christina @purelypoetic. This will be an evening full of joy, artistry, and connection—where people from all walks of life are welcome to share their voices or simply sit back and soak in the magic of live performance under the open sky.

We are beyond excited to share this beautiful gathering with the East Boston community and beyond. Park Poetree is designed to be a moment of togetherness—where poetry breathes outside the bounds of traditional venues and finds a home in the greenery of one of the neighborhood’s most cherished parks. Whether you’re stepping up to the mic or coming to be moved, this event is an invitation to experience creativity in its most natural form.

Essmaa Litim is no stranger to transforming art into a force for collective healing and liberation. As the founder of Femme Flo—a poetic collective curated to cultivate a community of femme poets in celebration of legacy, past, present, and future—she has become a vital voice in Boston’s cultural renaissance. Through her words, she builds worlds where expression becomes empowerment and storytelling becomes survival. Her debut memoir, Speechless, and her acclaimed poem “The Laundromat”—a poignant reflection on gentrification in East Boston—have resonated both locally and nationally, amplifying untold narratives with urgency and grace.

With every poem, performance, and public gathering, Litim continues to carve out spaces where truth is honored, healing is possible, and everyone belongs. Now, she brings that same unwavering heart, creative fire, and communal spirit to Park Poetree.

This event is free and open to the public, but RSVP is required at essmaalitim.com to ensure seating. Attend-

ees are encouraged to bring blankets, picnic snacks, and open hearts. Whether you’re a poet, a listener, or simply someone looking to experience the magic of East Boston in full bloom, this is your invitation.

Let the park be your page at Park Poetree.

CONSCOMM DELAYS
VOTE ON NEW HIGH
SCHOOL

REVERE - The Revere Conservation Commission (ConsComm) held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, July 10, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Nicholas Rudolph and fellow members Brian Averbach, Joseph LaValle, Bernardo Sepulveda, Amelia Viscay, and Thomas Carleton were on hand for the session.

The first matter on the agenda was a request for a Determination of Applicability from Karie Gavin for the demolition of a garage and the conversion of asphalt/pavement to grass at her home at 23 Frank Ave., a small street that runs between No. Shore Rd. and Mills Ave. in the Riverside section of the Point of Pines.

After a brief discussion

with Ms. Gavin about the work to be done, the commissioners determined that the work would not involve a conservation issue and therefore issued a negative Determination of Applicability, which means that the ConsComm will not be overseeing the project.

"This will be a major improvement to the property," said Rudolph.

The evening’s principal matter before the commission was a request for a Notice of Intent (NOI) from the City of Revere for the construction of a new Revere High School at 190 VFW Parkway. The site is the former Wonderland dog track.

Claire Hoogeboom, a Wetlands Scientist with LEC Environmental Consultants who has appeared before the ConsComm numerous times in the past year to obtain approval for the delineation of the wetlands and for the demolition of the remaining structures on the site (which is ongoing), presented the request for the NOI.

Hoogeboom was accompanied by a number of members of the team working on the project, including landscape architects and engineers. She presented charts that showed the many

topographical challenges that will be involved with the project stemming from the site’s location near land subject to coastal storm flow; its proximity to the riverfront area; the presence of the Eastern County Ditch (which runs through the site); and the existence of what has become a freshwater pond on the old dog track.

She noted that the school, which will house students in grades 9-12, will have at-grade parking underneath it at an elevation of four feet, with the school itself elevated well-above (19 feet) the 100-year flood plain (which is 11 feet). There will be five tennis courts, a bank of EV charging stations, and two synthetic-turf, multi-purposed playing fields, one of which will have a geothermal heating system underneath it that will provide heat to the high school.

There also will be a wildlife mitigation area with osprey nests. In addition, there will be outdoor learning areas, courtyards, and boardwalk paths.

David Conway, who has been a Senior Project Manager at Nitsch Engineering

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WINTHROP’S TESSA O’TOOLE TO BE FEATURED
IN UPCOMING WGBH/PBS SHOW




Tessa O’Toole (second from left) pictured with the WGBH/PBS production crew. Lively ten-year-old Tessa O’Toole, of Winthrop, will appear in the WGBH/PBS Kids new series, “America’s Awesome Kids,” premiering in the summer of 2026. The show will highlight the inspiring stories of 25 children from 25 states, with Tessa’s segment expected to air in July, in honor of America’s 250th anniversary.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT
TO G.L. c. 190B,
ss5-304
Docket No.
SU25P1582GD
In the matter of:
Cristian Martinez
Rodriguez
Of: Chelsea, MA
To the named Respondent and
all other interested persons,
a petition has been filed by
Aracely Rodriguez of Chelsea,
MA in the above captioned
matter alleging that Cristian
Martinez Rodriguez is in need
of a Guardian and requesting
that Aracely Rodriguez of
Chelsea, MA (or some other
suitable person) be appointed
as Guardian to serve on the
bond.
The petition asks the court to
determine that the Respondent
is disabled, that a protective
order or appointment of a
Guardian is necessary, and
that the proposed Guardian is
appropriate. The petition is on
file with this court.
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this proceeding. If you wish
to do so, you or your attorney
must file a written appearance
at this court on or before 10:00

A.M. on the return date of
08/11/2025. This day is NOT
a hearing date, but a deadline
date by which you have to
file the written appearance
if you object to the petition.
If you fail to file the written
appearance by the return date,
action may be taken in this
matter without further notice
to you. In addition to filing
the written appearance, you
or your attorney must file a
written affidavit stating the
specific facts and grounds of
your objection within 30 days
after the return date.
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may limit or completely take
away the above-named per-
son’s right to make decisions
about personal affairs or
financial affairs or both. The
above-named person has
the right to ask for a lawyer.
Anyone may make this request
on behalf of the above-named
person. If the above-named
person cannot afford a lawyer,
one may be appointed at State
expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Riv-
ers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 14, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett,
Register of Probate
07/31/25 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Re:
Western Front
LLC d/b/a

Western Front
121 Webster
Avenue,
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing
Commission,
August 14, 2025
Notice is hereby given that a
public hearing will be held
by the Chelsea Licensing
Commission on Thursday,
August 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
at the City Council Chambers,
500 Broadway, Chelsea,
MA. For a Cannabis License
Change of Hours from 9am
to 9pm requesting to change
to 8 am to 12 am (midnight)
for Western Front, LLC. d/b/a
Western Front at 121 Webster
Avenue, Chelsea MA. Please
be advised that you must
notify, via Certified Return
Receipt mail, all abutters to
the licensed premise.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMIS-
SION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
7/24/25, 7/31/25 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Re:DMS Trinity,
LLC d/b/a
Trinity Naturals
270 Second Street,
Chelsea, MA
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Commission,
August 14, 2025
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public hearing will be held
by the Chelsea Licensing

Commission on Thursday,
August 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
at the City Council Chambers,
500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA.
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of Hours from 9am to 9pm
requesting to change to 8 am
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COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
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DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
DOCKET NO.
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ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Gerald St.
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and to all persons entitled to
the benefit of the Servicemem-
bers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.
C. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Deutsche Bank National
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IndyMac INDX Mortgage Loan
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Pass-Through Certificates
Series 2005-AR7
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in a Mortgage covering real
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Gerald St. Fleur to Mortgage

Electronic Registration
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as nominee for MSA Mortgage,
LLC., its successors and
assigns, dated February 22,
2005, and recorded in Suffolk
County Registry of Deeds in
Book 36521, Page 179, and
now held by the Plaintiff by
assignment, has/have filed
with this court a complaint for
determination of Defendant’s/
Defendants’ Servicemembers
status.
If you now are, or recently
have been, in the active
military service of the United
States of America, then you
may be entitled to the benefits
of the Servicemembers Civil
Relief Act. If you object to a
foreclosure of the above-men-
tioned property on that basis,
then you or your attorney
must file a written appearance
and answer in this court at
Three Pemberton Square,
Boston, MA 02108 on or before
09/01/2025 or you may lose
the opportunity to challenge
the foreclosure on the ground
of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER
Chief Justice of this Court on
7/16/2025
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson,
Recorder
7/31/25 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Re:
Janet Devco,
LLC d/b/a

Chelsea
Cannabis
Dispensary
121 Webster
Avenue,
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing
Commission,
August 14, 2025
Notice is hereby given that a
public hearing will be held
by the Chelsea Licensing
Commission on Thursday,
August 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
at the City Council Chambers,
500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA.
For a Transfer of a Cannabis
License application from
Western Front, LLC. d/b/a
Western Front to Janet Devco,
LLC. d/b/a Chelsea Cannabis
Dispensary at 121 Webster
Avenue, Chelsea MA. Please
be advised that you must
notify, via Certified Return
Receipt mail, all abutters to
the licensed premise.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMIS-
SION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
HEARING
Case No.
2025-13
Notice is hereby given in accor-

dance 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 applica-
tion of:
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For Special Permit and
Variance seeking approval to
establish two (2) additional
residential units by construct-
ing apartment in the existing
basement space which does
not meet the requirements for
minimum lot area, minimum
usable open space and
maximum floor area ratio at
the premises known as:
83 Watts Street
A copy of the application
and petition is available for
review at:
City Clerk’s Office during nor-
mal business hours: Monday,
Wednesday and Thursday 8
a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday,
8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8
a.m. to noon
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF
FILING OF
ACTIVITY AND
USE LIMITATION
190 Everett
Avenue
CHELSEA,

MASSACHUSETTS
RELEASE TRACKING
NUMBER 3-35019
A release of oil and/or
hazardous materials has
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40.0000. The reports have
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(MassDEP) and applicable
municipal officials.
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TERRA Environmental at 781-
944-6851.
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Street, Wilmington, MA, 978-
694-3200. Additional public
involvement opportunities
are available under 310 CMR
40.1403(9) and 310 CMR
40.1404.
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for more than 30 years, discussed the stormwater report that consists of more than 400 pages. He noted that the biggest improvement to be made to the site will be the removal of the more than six acres of the present asphalt and concrete surfaces that will be replaced with permeable material.

Conway explained that this work will greatly assist in handling stormwater runoff and its treatment, while also improving overall resilience.

"I've done more than 200 schools since I began my career in 1992 and this will be one of the greenest schools I've ever worked with," said Conway. "This is a project that we're thrilled to be a part of."

Conway also noted that the federal EPA will be monitoring the construction work. All of the treated water, which will undergo two filtration processes, will be discharged into the county ditch. "This project will provide a higher degree of treatment than most similar projects," added Conway, who noted that the project is being required to meet higher standards than usual.

"The Eastern County Ditch may not look like a pristine area such as a Rumney Marsh, but we are treating it as if it were," Conway added.

LaValle raised the issue of ensuring that the county ditch will be maintained and cleaned-out regularly to avoid back-ups from sediment -- which historically has been a problem -- to which Hoogeboom replied that the ditch will be monitored by federal, state, and local agencies in the future.

The commissioners briefly weighed the pros and cons of either delaying a vote to review the voluminous project or hiring an independent firm to perform a separate peer-review study.

"This is a lot of material to wrap our brains around," said Rudolph. "I think more time is necessary to consider it."

"I think this is overkill," said Averbach. "I feel at this point that they already have undergone numerous reviews to this point. My personal opinion is that we should be good to go forward."

Hoogeboom noted that the construction process is "tight" and that the city is looking to have approval from the ConsComm by August in order to begin the construction process this fall.

Former ConsComm Chairman John Shue then spoke to the commissioners about the lengthy process of obtaining an independent peer review which inevitably would push the approval by the ConsComm into September if not later. In addition, Shue noted that the ConsComm already had voted for a peer review -- which was paid for by the city (which is the applicant) -- for the delineation of the wetlands.

The members then agreed to continue the matter to its August meeting, though Brian Dakin, the project manager, noted that any delay beyond August could have a significant impact on the construction schedule and ultimately the opening of the school.

Next up was a request for a Determination of Applicability for the removal of a billboard at 907 North Shore Road. Greg Ziomex from Ultra Lum-Services presented the request on behalf of the City of Revere, which owns the property.

Rudolph said he was concerned about the potential impact on the wetlands in which the billboard sits. Ziomex explained that no trucks or cranes will traverse onto

the wetlands and that the removal will be conducted by hand by cutting the structure into small pieces with a torch. He said the project will take about a day and the Fire Dept. will be on-site to monitor the project.

"The removal of this billboard structure will beautify this area," noted Averbach, with Rudolph adding that he would like to ensure that each piece of the billboard structure will be removed as it is cut, rather than allowing the pieces to pile up in the wetlands.

The ConsComm then voted unanimously to approve a negative Determination of Applicability.

The next matter was a request for an NOI from Samuel Tekka to add an addition to his single-family home at 74 Dunn Road. The contractor pointed out that the one-story addition will consist of 657 sq.ft. and will be constructed on pilings 11 feet above grade.

There were no opponents and the members unanimously approved the application.

"This is definitely going to be a great addition to your living space," said Rudolph.

The next item was a request for a Certificate of Compliance (COC) for the work done at 26 Curtis Road by Adeel F. Assad. Atty. Anthony Guardia represented Mr. Assad. Guardia said there is an outstanding Order of Conditions (OOC) that had been issued by the ConsComm for an addition that was going to be built 20 years ago by Mr. Asad's father, but the work never was done. The son, Adeel Assad, now is seeking to sell the property, but needs a COC in order to clear the title so that the sale can go through.

The commissioners unanimously approved issuing the COC.

The commission approved another request for a COC from Stephen Lakis for work done at his home at 102 Summer Street in which Lakis filled-in an existing pool (which now is a lawn area), removed a detached garage, and constructed a new retaining wall.

"The site is completely stabilized and the retaining wall has been installed," said Rudolph, who performed a site visit at the property last week. "I do have some concerns about the spacing between the blocks on the retaining wall. but the entire project is a vast improvement over what had been there and Mr. Lakis has met the Order of Conditions."

The commissioners unanimously approved issuing the COC.

The commission next took up another request for a COC for an "after the fact" patio in the backyard at 55 Sagamore St. The commissioners unanimously approved issuing the COC.

The next item was an application for an NOI from Maaza Showangizow for the demolition and construction of a new apartment space on the same footprint in the rear of his home at 660 Revere Beach Boulevard. Mr. Showangizow's contractor presented the application. The site lies within a barrier beach and a flood zone.

The rear apartment space presently sits on the same foundation as the main home, but the proposal calls for the new apartment space to be constructed on pilings at a higher elevation than the present apartment. It will be separated from the main home, though connected by a rear porchway.

There were no opponents and the commissioners unanimously approved issuing the NOI.

The commissioners briefly discussed an enforcement action at 33 Maggi Road pertaining to "the construction of a fence and encroachment into resource areas without an Order of Conditions." The homeowner did not appear and Rudolph said that the commission will need to follow-up with the homeowner.

STATE DEADLINE FOR MBTA 3A COMMUNITIES ACT COMPLIANCE PASSES

WINTHROP — The latest deadline from the state has passed for communities to be in compliance with the MBTA 3A Communities Act.

Earlier this spring, the town council failed to pass a compliance plan for 3A recommended by the planning board.

Thanks to a State Supreme Judicial Court ruling earlier this year, the town council had additional time to reconsider a compliance plan, with the town being in compliance until the middle of July.

That deadline passed on July 14, meaning the town is now not in compliance with the state law.

The 3A act requires communities to establish zones for multi-family housing in communities with or adjacent to MBTA transportation.

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

The plan recommended by the planning board in the spring called for the creation of overlay districts at Seal Harbor and Governor's Park that the planning board stated would create no new units in the town, as well as acceptance by the state of 221 units in the Central Business District as credit for off-site units.

In a letter to the editor this week, members of the Winthrop Working Together Committee raised concerns about the town being exposed to a lawsuit from the state, as well as the town being ineligible for a number of state grants that could help the town combat climate change, improve infrastructure, and develop housing.

"We are potentially losing millions of dollars in support, even though residents have already dug deep into their pockets and voted for the override to support our schools and the new fire station," the letter states.

Opponents of 3A have stated that the law is a legal overreach by the state to control local zoning, and that there is not a guarantee that the compliance plans would not lead to additional housing units in the town.

"As of now, we are non-compliant with the state law," said Council President Jim Letterie. "We are just going on as usual, we are just plugging ahead. We haven't seen any repercussions from that, I'm sure we expect some in the future, we don't know when or if there might be any or not."

Letterie said he has heard some rumblings about the state potentially doing another extension, or the possibility of some legislators taking action to include exclusions for certain communities.

"I don't think 3A is dead ... I don't think we are going to stop hearing about 3A for a while still, but there is nothing new to report," said Letterie.

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Local teachers speak in response to students impacted by Homeland Security Actions

Special to the Record

Two local teachers spoke at a rally in support of immigrants at Chelsea City Hall on 7/18/25. The following statement comes from a former Chelsea instructor who now teaches in Revere.

“My name is Michelle Ervin. I stand here as an educator. I have been teaching immigrants for nearly 30 years.

I have taught all ages, from kindergarten to adults. I've taught English, citizenship and literacy classes. I've taught abroad, I have taught in private schools, night schools, community college, and public schools. I have taught well over 2,500 immigrants just in Massachusetts public schools, where I've been teaching for the past 22 years.

I have dedicated my life to educating immigrants. My students are some of the best people I have ever met and deserve to find a place where they can feel safe and welcomed.

Over the years, I've heard thousands of stories from my students. Many of

whom are refugees or asylum seekers. Their stories are filled with fear, loss, and unimaginable bravery. Not a single person actually *wants* to leave their home. I'm not talking about a house; but a home. Their language, their culture, their friends, their families - everything.

I've always tried to be a safe, welcoming adult for them. The one who listens, helps, and creates a space where they can feel safe. It never ceases to amaze me that even after all they've been through — they show up. They try. They give their best.

With all that being said, today my heart is breaking. My students are GOOD people. People we want in our communities. Everyday when I look at my students, I just wish that everyone could meet them; see them; talk to them; get to know them. They are incredible human beings.

They are children. They are teenagers. And they are now experiencing new trauma — here, in the place they thought would be safe. Some worry about being ab-

ducted. Others worry if their family members will be home when they return. You know those days when you leave home and you can't remember if you turned off the stove? How those thoughts permeate your mind and it's difficult to concentrate on anything... and you just hope that your house is still standing when you get home? Imagine that times 100. Imagine leaving home and not knowing if your loved ones will still be there when you return. That fear doesn't just go away when they enter through the school doors. It follows them through the day. It affects their focus, their mental health, and their sense of safety.

As teachers, we are also affected when our students are affected. We see the empty desks. We wonder where our students are. Were they too scared to come to school? Did they leave on their own? Or are they just...gone?

I listen to their stories. I see they are upset. I feel their hurt and I carry that with me throughout the day and to my home, where I

what I can do, how I can help; how I can make them feel better. Sometimes I cry because it's just so heart breaking and I feel helpless. They are children. I had a student that I knew had been detained. When I had to mark him absent, it pained me. That child had already experienced so much — in his country, on the journey here — and now this? I want him to feel for once safe and happy. Like any other child. Although there is a lot of uncertainty in our communities right now, I know for a fact that I - and countless other educators - are committed to fighting for our students and their families. Think about school shootings and how every educator has responded. We fight to protect them and we will fight for them now. Because we see their potential. We see future doctors, artists, builders, leaders — Americans in the truest sense. I will not stay silent. I will not stop fighting. These students represent the best of this country. They are the reason I teach. They are the reason I'm here.

To every immigrant student — past and present — who has ever walked through my classroom door: As I've always told you, you are my kid forever.

You matter. You are loved. And we are not going anywhere.

Kathryn Anderson, the president of the Chelsea Teachers Union spoke of her love for the Chelsea



Michelle Ervin, former Chelsea teacher speaks at the demonstration.



Kathryn Anderson, president of the Chelsea Teachers Union.

community. The end of this most recent school year was the most difficult in her twelve years in the district because of the pervasive and undesired fear in Chelsea. She received calls from many C.T.U. members asking what to do when students or their family members were detained. She decried how wrong it is that Chelsea students and families have to face this fear.

She emphasized "Children cannot learn when they

do not feel safe, and the racist targeting of the Chelsea community impacts our kids' ability to learn in the safe and supportive environment they deserve. Chelsea Teachers Union stands alongside our students, family, and community members against this activity, and in favor of rights and protections for all."

Fliers for upcoming peaceful immigrant solidarity rallies are posted at the Bellingham area bus stops.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW ROTARY CLUB OF
CHELSEA PRESIDENT DR. AARON T. JENNINGS



sometimes ruminate on City Manager Fidel Maltez (left) was among the many distinguished guests congratulating Dr. Aaron T. Jennings (right) on being installed as the new president of Rotary Club of Chelsea at its Installation of Officers Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn, East Boston. Dr. Jennings, who is Chief of Staff and Equity for the Chelsea Public Schools, succeeded Madelyn Garcia as president of the community service organization that received its charter in 1928.

Full coverage of the installation will appear in the next edition of the Chelsea Record.

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