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## THE CITY OF CHELSEA CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Enjoying some delicious pizza, Eliza Martinez with Caludia Hernandez.

Who doesn't love free ice cream, the Chelsea Police Department has their own ice cream truck, providing free ice cream at lots of community events, National Night Out last Tuesday night was no exception. Members of the CPD Youth Academy helped pass out lots of icy treats, Anderson Herrera, Jose Martinez, and Yariman Perez. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

The City of Chelsea celebrated National Night out at the Williams Middle School where residents could talk with several city agencies while enjoying pizza, ice cream and other refreshments.

## City awards over \$1.7 million in local grants to strengthen housing, historic preservation, and community resilience

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea has awarded more than \$1.7 million in grants to local organizations and residents through its Community Preservation Act (CPA) and Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) spring 2025 grant programs. The funding supports affordable housing, historic preserva-

tion, emergency assistance, and the revitalization of public spaces in Chelsea.

The grant recipients were recommended/selected by Chelsea residents who serve on the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board (AHTFB) – volunteer boards that review applications and vote or recommend awards,

ensuring that funding decisions are rooted in community priorities.

"The Chelsea residents who volunteer their time on these boards play a central role in the grantmaking process," said Bianca Mercado, Housing & Community Preservation Manager for the City of Chelsea. "They help ensure community voices guide how public

resources are invested. It's a privilege to work alongside residents with a shared vision for a more inclusive Chelsea."

This spring's awards reflect Chelsea's deep commitment to equity, affordability, and neighborhood vitality, and deliver tangible results for families, renters,

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## Raising the bar

### Chelsea students post best Advanced Placement exam results in five years

Special to the Record

Chelsea high school students raised the bar on Advanced Placement (AP) exams in 2025, achieving the district's strongest performance in at least five years.

The number of students taking exams, total exams completed, scores of 3 or higher, and students recognized as AP Scholars all reached their highest levels since 2020.

Last year, 351 students completed 603 AP exams across 16 subject areas. Forty percent of all exams received a score of 3 or higher, which is considered a passing score and one that may earn college credit at many institutions nationwide. In addition, 40 students received the AP Scholar Award, which recognizes students who score a 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

"We are extremely proud of our students' achievements on the AP exams this year," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. "This is evidence that

we are recovering from the pandemic. This is a huge accomplishment for our students and teachers."

Among the highlights of the exam results, 25 students earned a 5 on the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam, the highest score possible and one that serves as an indication of mastery in the subject matter. Fifty percent of students taking Calculus AB earned either a 4 or 5 and 25 percent of students taking Statistics earned at 4 or 5. One hundred and seventeen students took AP English Language and Composition, the most of any exam in the school district.

Of the 40 students who received the AP Scholar Award, eight earned AP Scholar with Distinction and seven earning AP Scholar with Honor. "Scholar with Distinction" is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more

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Shown (left to right) are Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Class of 2025 Salutatorian Angelina Agostini, Class of 2025 Valedictorian Holly Hatleberg and Chelsea High School Interim Principal Alan Beausoleil. Angelina and Holly both earned AP Scholar with Distinction honors for receiving an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

## APPRECIATION

### Eric Lee, devoted husband, father, and brother, member of prominent Chelsea family

Special to the Record

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Eric Lee, who passed away on July 29, 2025, after a battle with cancer. He was 76 years old.

Born on April 22, 1949, and raised in Chelsea, Massachusetts, Eric was the son of the late James and Edith Lee. He later settled in Everett, where he raised his beloved son, Ryan. Eric was a devoted husband to Cheryl Lee, with whom he shared 49 years of love and partnership.

Eric's professional career was distinguished by his dedication and expertise. He worked for many



Eric Lee

years at Blue Cross Blue Shield, holding key roles in corporate training, staffing, and diversity management. His efforts to foster inclu-

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Chelsea's Engine 4.

of multiple-alarm fires in Chelsea in 2024. The trial ended June 22, just before the Fall River fire that took the lives of 10 people living at an assisted living facility this past July.

"These kinds of emergencies are a stark reminder of how critical it is to have enough fire engines and fire fighters available and ready to respond. In a densely populated city like Chelsea, every second counts,"

said Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri. "One year ago, 50 Chelsea residents were displaced after a devastating fire rendered their homes at 185 Washington Street unlivable. The ability to respond quickly to fires like this one can mean the difference between saving a home or a life, and losing one."

Before the trial period, Chelsea Fire's response times were generally con-

sidered technically slow, with emergency calls taking approximately 6 minutes. However, during the trial, the majority of calls were answered within the department's goal time of approximately 5 minutes. This improvement comes at a time when the need for faster, more effective emergency response has never been clearer.

"This improvement to Chelsea Fire's emergency response times represents lives potentially saved. It's scary to know that fatal fires, like the one that just happened in Fall River that took the lives of 10 people, could happen here. As the demands on our first responders increase, as witnessed in 2024, we must ensure our fire department has the tools and resources needed to keep Chelsea residents safe in any emergen-

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News Briefs

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF FACING CHARGES IN NASHVILLE

A Chelsea Fire Department Deputy Chief was arrested in Nashville at the beginning of the month and placed on paid administrative leave by the city.

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Masucci was arrested in Nashville, Tennessee, and charged with assault on a law enforcement officer, along with offensive contact, according to the City of Nashville’s booking website.

No further details were available on the incident from Nashville officials.

According to Chelsea city officials, Masucci was placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation following the arrest on Saturday, August 2.

A city spokesperson stated that the investigation is a neutral procedural action that allows for a full and fair review while preserving the due process rights afforded to all public employees.

A 24-year-old relative of Masucci’s was also arrested on August 2 and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, according to Boston.com. The two are due back in court in early September for a potential settlement.

**FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARENESS MONTH: SIGN UP FOR CITY OF CHELSEA RESIDENT ALERT SYSTEM**

Chelsea’s Director of Emergency Management Steve Staffier is leveraging National Emergency Management Awareness Month to highlight the importance of signing up for the City of Chelsea Resident Alert System, a critical tool that

allows the City to communicate quickly and directly with residents via text, phone call, and/or email during emergency situations, such as severe weather, evacuations, or when planned, or unexpected, road closures take place.

“When you sign up for these alerts, you become part of the City’s response network. You gain access to critical information, no matter where you are during a citywide emergency,” said Director Staffier.

Community members can choose to receive alerts via phone call, text message, email, or all of the above. To sign up for the City of Chelsea Resident Alert System, visit [www.chelseama.gov/signup](http://www.chelseama.gov/signup).

It’s also critical that the City has up-to-date contact information for those already in the Alert Systems’ database. Those who need assistance in signing up or updating their information, can contact Chelsea 311 at 617-466-4109 during City Hall business hours.

Staffier has led Chelsea’s emergency management efforts since the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, he has focused his work on building resilient systems that protect the community before, during, and after a crisis. Under his leadership and in coordination with other City departments including Police, Fire, and Health, Chelsea has launched several programs aimed at increasing emergency readiness, from the Citywide Emergency Evacuation Plan to the SafetyNet Tracking Program and an Emergency Housing/Sheltering Program for displaced residents.

For questions about the emergency management, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at [oem@chelseama.gov](mailto:oem@chelseama.gov).

Suffolk County Sheriff indicted for alleged extortion of cannabis company



Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkin.

Special to the Record

Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkin was charged with extortion involving the purchase of an equity interest in a Boston-based cannabis company by federal authorities last week.

Tompkins, 67, of Boston, was indicted by a federal grand jury on two counts of Extortion Under Color of Official Right. He was taken into custody last week in the Southern District of Florida and is scheduled to appear in federal court in Boston at a later date, according to the Boston office of the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

“Mr. Tompkins is a sitting Sheriff, responsible for over 1,000 employees, who was elected by the good people of Suffolk County,” said United States Attorney Leah B. Foley last week. “Today, he is alleged to have extorted an executive from a cannabis company, using his official position as Sheriff to benefit himself. Elected officials, particularly those in law enforcement, are expected to be ethical, honest and law abiding – not self-serving.

“His alleged actions are an affront to the voters and taxpayers who elected him to his position, and the many dedicated and honest public servants at the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department,” Foley continued. “The people of Suffolk County deserve better. Public corruption remains a top priority for my administration and we will continue to investigate and prosecute anyone who uses their position of trust and power for their own gain.”

As of early this week, neither Tompkins nor the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department had issued a statement on the charges.

According to court documents, in 2019, the cannabis company, which was not named in the documents, sought to open a retail cannabis dispensary in Boston and applied to the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) for a dispensary license. To satisfy the Positive Impact Plan (PIP) requirement of the

CCC, the company entered into a partnership with the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department (SCSD) whereby the SCSD would help screen and refer graduates of its re-entry program to apply for work at the company’s retail store.

The cannabis company’s partnership with the SCSD was memorialized in a September 2019 letter signed by Tompkins and submitted to the CCC in its completed dispensary license application in or about March 2020, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. In or about March 2021, the CCC approved a license for the company to operate a cannabis dispensary in Boston. The CCC later approved license renewal applications for the company in 2021, 2022 and 2023. In each of the renewal applications, the company included its ongoing partnership with the SCSD as part of its fulfillment of the PIP requirement.

According to court documents, one of the cannabis company’s goals was to raise capital to launch an initial public offering (IPO) and then continue its growth as a publicly traded company. Company officials, including a company executive identified as Individual A, sought multi-million-dollar investments from institutions or other high net-worth, sophisticated investors in order to raise capital. That company’s officials, including Individual A, were not looking to raise capital from the general

public or small, individual investors. Beginning in or about mid-2020, the company began preparing for an IPO of stock, which included producing audited financial statements, hiring attorneys to ensure compliance with securities laws and obtaining additional financing from large scale and high net-worth investors, among other things, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

It is alleged that Tompkins pressured Individual A for stock, reminding Individual A that Tompkins had helped the cannabis company in its Boston licensing efforts. It is alleged that Individual A believed and feared that Tompkins would use his official position as Sheriff to jeopardize the company’s partnership with the SCSD and thus imperil both the dispensary license for Company A, as well as the timing of the IPO. In November 2020, Tompkins allegedly wired a \$50,000 payment from his retirement account to an account controlled by Individual A. Tompkins paid a pre-IPO price of approximately \$1.73 per share of company stock (equity equivalent to 28,883 shares) and after a reverse stock split, Tompkins held approximately 14,417 shares at a price of approximately \$3.46 per share.

According to court documents, in or about mid-2021, when the cannabis company launched its IPO, the stock had a value of approximately \$9.60 per share. Thus, Tompkins’s \$50,000 purchase of 14,417 shares of Company A stock had appreciated to an approximate value of \$138,403, according to the U.S. Attorney.

In May 2022, company stock decreased in value such that Tompkins’s equity interest in Company A stock was worth several thousand dollars less than the \$50,000 he originally invested. However, Tompkins allegedly demanded a refund of \$50,000 and, despite the decrease in the value of Tompkins’s investment, Individual A agreed to Tompkins’s demands for full repayment of \$50,000.

Subsequently, from approximately May 2022 to July 2023, Individual A refunded Tompkins \$50,000 investment by issuing Tompkins five checks. Allegedly in accordance with Tompkins’s wishes, Individual A wrote memos on certain checks that read “loan repayment” and “[company] expense” to disguise the nature of some of the payments.

The charges of extortion under color of official right each provide for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release

“From his very first day as Suffolk County Sheriff, Steven Tompkins sought to portray himself as a man of the people – a principled public servant and reformer, devoted to the cause of justice,” said Ted E. Docks, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division. “That’s why it’s beyond disappointing that he’s now accused of gaming a system instituted in the interests of public safety and fair play. The FBI took Sheriff Tompkins into custody today for allegedly extorting \$50,000 from the owner of a national cannabis retailer seeking to do business in Boston.

“We believe what the Sheriff saw as an easy way to make a quick buck on the sly is clear cut corruption under federal law,” Docks continued. “The citizens of Suffolk County deserve better, not a man who is accused of trading on his position to bankroll his own political and financial future. Public servants must be held to the highest of ethical standards, and those falling short will be rooted out.”

Tompkins was first appointed Sheriff in 2013, elected as Sheriff in a special election in or about 2014, and thereafter elected to successive six-year terms. As Sheriff, Tompkins oversees approximately 1,000 correctional officers and other employees responsible for operating and maintaining correctional facilities in Boston at the House of Correction and the Nashua Street Jail.

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and homeowners.

Mercado added, “The City is investing in projects that meet people where they are, whether that means keeping a roof over their head today or building homeownership opportunities for tomorrow.”

The Community Preservation Committee projects approved by the City Council include:

- \$200,000 – Polonia Park environmental remediation
- \$197,433 – Historic repairs at Walnut Street Synagogue
- \$200,000 – The Quinn Residences affordable homeownership
- \$100,000 – La Colaborativa Emergency Housing Voucher Program
- \$100,000 – TND Top-Off Rental Assistance for families not fully covered by state programs

“These projects speak directly to Chelsea’s values—historic pride, housing access, and public space for all,” said Chelsea resident CPC/AHTFB are currently reviewing applications for their fall funding round and spring 2026 applications will open in January 2026. Michelle Mirthes, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee. “The CPA empowers local voices to drive investment where it matters most.”

The Chelsea AHTFB approved the following housing-focused grants:

- \$400,000 – The Neighborhood Developers to preserve naturally occurring

affordable housing

- \$200,000 – The Quinn Residences
- \$100,000 – CAPIC Rental Assistance Program
- \$180,000 – Chelsea Restoration Corporation Emergency Mortgage Assistance

“This funding reflects a strong mix of prevention, preservation, and long-term planning,” said Gerrit DeYoung, Chelsea resident and Chair of the AHTFB.

“We’re helping renters stay housed, homeowners avoid crises, and expanding our supply of permanently affordable homes.”

The Chelsea community will have the opportunity to learn more about the projects approved in 2025 during an Open House taking place this December of this year. Together, these Spring 2025 grants demonstrate the power of community-led decision-making, cross-sector collaboration, and public investment in Chelsea’s future.

Grants are funded through dedicated local revenue sources. Spring 2026 applications will open again in January 2026. CPC and AHTFB are currently reviewing applications for their fall funding rounds.

For more information, visit [chelseama.gov/housing](http://chelseama.gov/housing) or contact the Community Preservation Committee at [communitypreservation@chelseama.gov](mailto:communitypreservation@chelseama.gov) and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board at [AHTFB@chelseama.gov](mailto:AHTFB@chelseama.gov).

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cy situation,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

The 90-day trial period was so successful that the department has continued to staff the fourth engine beyond the conclusion of the trial, and the Fire Department is currently collaborating with the fire union, city administration, and city council to explore how to make the fourth engine a permanent solution.

of these exams. “Scholar with Honor” is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Additionally, 22 students completed at least five AP exams and three students took at least 10 exams. Students completed exams in the following subjects: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Drawing, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Music Theory, Physics 1, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture, Statistics, United

States History and World History: Modern.

The success of Chelsea students on AP exams is

the lives and homes of the people of Chelsea.”

A full report detailing the trial findings has been submitted to the City Manager and City Council for review and can be viewed at [chelseama.gov/departments/fire/index.php](http://chelseama.gov/departments/fire/index.php).

In total, the engine improved response times during emergency situations; enhanced unit availability to the public; and

improved overall department operations. The trial also made it possible for the department to more closely align with national staffing level recommendations specific to densely populated cities.

To submit feedback, including support for the additional fire engine, please email [citymanager@chelseama.gov](mailto:citymanager@chelseama.gov).

and the district’s ongoing investments in instructional materials and academic support, Abeyta said.

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# Chelsea

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## WWII ENDED 80 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

This week marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. It was on August 14, 1945, that Japanese Emperor Hirohito announced Japan’s surrender in a radio address to his nation that also was broadcast around the world. A few weeks later, General Douglas MacArthur and representatives from the Japanese government signed the papers that formalized Japan’s unconditional surrender on the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Japan’s surrender was preceded the week before by the dropping of two atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima (August 6) and Nagasaki (August 9). Both of those bombs, which fell on targets of minimal (if any) military value, killed tens of thousands of civilians and caused radiation fallout that affected survivors and ensuing generations thereafter.

For those of us whose fathers and uncles served in combat roles in WWII, the marking of the 80th anniversary of the end of that conflagration is bittersweet. They were members of the Greatest Generation who answered the call to rid the world of the evil fascist governments who wreaked death and destruction across the globe, eventually drawing the United States into the conflict with the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

However, our fathers and uncles have long since passed. It is estimated that of the 16 million Americans who served in WWII, only about 60,000 are still alive today -- and if (God willing) we’re still around 10 years from now to write about the 90th anniversary of the end of the war, at most there will be only a handful of veterans, who will be approaching their 110th birthdays, who will still be around.

What is most striking to us about the era of the Greatest Generation is that it marked the only time in our nation’s history that our citizenry truly was united around a common cause. Even during the American Revolution, about 20% of Americans (known as the Tories) remained loyal to the British Crown. In the run-up to WWII, a substantial number of Americans actually identified as being sympathetic to Hitler and the Nazis, and the country was split 50/50 as to whether we should provide arms to England when it stood alone against Hitler. (President Franklin D. Roosevelt eventually persuaded Congress to approve arms shipments to England with the Lend-Lease Act.)

Our country’s unity has been fraying slowly but surely over the past 80 years, leaving us where we are today: A nation that is far from a “United” States that is segregated into red and blue states. When Americans recently were polled as to whether they would approve of their child marrying a person who belonged to a different political party, only four percent said it would be okay. Politics has supplanted race, ethnic background, and religion as the driving force of division among Americans.

So let us salute the brave Americans who overcame the evil that existed in the world 80 years ago. We never should forget that their sacrifices enabled America to become the greatest nation on earth for those of us who are alive today -- their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

## SIGNS OF SUMMER’S END

All in all, this has been a pretty good summer. Despite a tough start (when it rained every weekend), the weather has been as close to perfect as we could expect for summer activities -- and the weatherman is predicting continued dry and seasonably-warm weather for the coming two weeks.

The mornings along our coastline have been pleasantly placid for those of us who row on the ocean (we belong to a rowing club on the South Shore that ventures up and down the coast and as far out as Minots Light), while the breezes typically have been picking up in the afternoon for the sailors.

Our vegetable and flower garden -- which is entirely contained in large pots on the deck of our condo --- once again has been superb. We’ve had more tomatoes than we know what to do -- and nothing beats the pop in our mouths of fresh-picked tomatoes in the summer (as opposed to those tasteless tomatoes that we have to settle for in grocery stores in the winter months).

However, all good things must come to an end, and so too it is with summer. The days now are noticeably shorter, and with the sunset inching southward each day, the shadows cast in the late afternoon and early evening are far different than they were in June and July.

The blooms of the purple loosestrife (though it is an invasive species, we have to admit it is quite striking with its spiky purple flowers) are another harbinger of the back nine of summer. So too, are the tips of the marsh grass, which a few weeks ago were verdant green, but which now are golden-yellow, yet another indication of the inevitable downward trajectory of the summer of 2025.

So sadly, with just three weeks to go until Labor Day (which occurs very early this year on September 1), yet another summer season is winding down.

But for those of us who treasure the hot and humid summer months, we’re heartened by this realization: Memorial Day, 2026, is just nine months away!

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# Forum

GUEST OP-ED

## Stadium or no Stadium? Is that really the question or just more Everett politics?

By Peter Napolitano

I am a lifelong Everett resident, a former City Councilor and a taxpayer. At the last City Council meeting, I spoke about the referendum regarding construction of a professional soccer stadium and the potential to send the wrong message to the public. Ten years ago, the City Council started the process to convert lower Broadway into an Entertainment District. Four existing members on the current Council and myself as a then Councilor, worked hard to make the transformation of Everett’s defunct industrial area into a viable, income generating part of our city.

Let me ask you, what

type of entertainment venue could afford to tear down this 100-year-old power plant, a building that cannot be repurposed into something else. They will need to remediate and clean up all the land to build new, safe construction? This is ultra expensive and this project will take years to complete. Traffic is always a concern, but all the traffic studies after Encore opened, show that only lower Broadway has been affected and has had little impact on the rest of Everett. There is an argument that there is no public parking at the stadium? How much parking does Fenway Park have? Fenway Park relies exclusively on public transportation and

is larger and hundreds of times busier than the soccer stadium will ever be. Fans will have to take advantage of public transportation and those authorities have years to work out a viable transportation plan. Additionally, as the Community Benefits Agreement, which the city is currently negotiating, is worked out, the sheer number of Everett community services that will be assisted as the Kraft Group has done in Foxborough, will be a large boon to our community.

There is another part to this that gets little or no discussion. Phase Two of the Encore development across the street from the Casino was put on hold last year.

Construction of a professional soccer stadium next door, should bring Encore back to the table. When we started the rezoning of lower Broadway, we had a vision for the future of that area. The City Council waffling on this issue by passing the referendum and handing it off to the mayor to kill instead of being decisive. Negotiations are in the process and the City should not be leave anything on the table, but let’s not undermine the negotiations with a lot of mixed signals. All that matters is whether this is good for Everett and in my opinion, in the long run, it is.

*Peter Napolitano is a Candidate for Everett City Council, Ward 1*

## DiDomenico and colleagues approve road and bridge funding for cities and towns

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico and his legislative colleagues have passed a bill to distribute \$1.2 billion among cities and towns to maintain and repair roads and bridges across the state. The funding, derived from bonding, will expand the Chapter 90 program and help address transportation related improvements, road and bridge repairs, and the impacts of climate change on local infrastructure.

The bill, which has now been signed into law by Governor Healey, includes a one-year authorization of \$300 million for the Chapter 90 Program, a 50 per cent increase over past funding levels. The bill also appropriates \$885 million in additional funding that will help ensure the Commonwealth is able to achieve its long-term transportation goals.

“Roads, bridges, the MBTA, and regional transit authorities are all part of a transportation network that keep our communities and economy connected,

which makes it absolutely critical that we guarantee this infrastructure is safe, fast, and accessible,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “These investments will repair outdated transportation infrastructure and will help protect our transit network from climate change related risks. These investments will have a big impact in my district and throughout the Commonwealth.”

The one-year \$300 million authorization in the Chapter 90 program funding represents a historic 50 per cent increase and includes:

- \$200 million to be distributed to all municipalities based on the standard Chapter 90 program distribution formula;
  - \$100 million to be distributed to all municipalities based solely on road mileage.
- Funding for three additional critical programs to support various transportation related projects include:

- \$500 million for the

Lifecycle Asset Management Program (LAMP), which supports non-federally aided roads and targets the pavement and bridges that are in the worst condition in the Commonwealth.

• \$200 million for a culvert and small bridge repair program for municipalities’ local culverts and small

bridges under 20 feet that are in a state of disrepair or require replacement.

• \$185 million for capital projects to reduce congestion hotspots, funding that will be available for projects such as shared use paths, intersection improvements, railroad grade crossings, and sidewalks.

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# Healey announces successful closure of all hotel shelters, ends state of emergency

Special to the Record

The final hotel shelters closed last week, months ahead of schedule, saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars

Governor Maura Healey is announcing that the final hotel shelters in Massachusetts are closed, months ahead of schedule. She is also formally terminating an emergency declaration she issued in August 2023, which paved the way for reforms that successfully lowered the size and cost of the state’s emergency shelter system.

“When we took office, families were being placed in hotels all across the state, and families were staying in shelter for months – some-

times years – at a time. There was no plan in place to reform the shelter system to handle the surge in demand, protect taxpayer dollars or help families leave shelter. We can all agree that a hotel is no place to raise a family. So we took action,” said Governor Healey. “As a result of my reforms and our efforts to help families get jobs and stable housing, we have fewer families in shelter than the day we took office, and all hotel shelters are now closed – months ahead of schedule. We’re saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and putting families on a path to self-sustainability.”

“We are deeply grateful to the frontline teams whose extraordinary work make all

the difference for families,” said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. “The dedication of our shelter providers ensured that thousands of families had access to safe shelter and support when they needed it most. We also thank the communities and partners across the state who stepped up to help families in need.”

The Healey-Driscoll Administration inherited two dual challenges when it arrived in office in 2023: an unprecedented surge of families seeking emergency shelter and a flawed shelter system that was ill-equipped to handle such a surge. In response, Governor Healey declared a state of emergency and imposed

a cap on the system at 7,500 families in 2023. If she hadn’t implemented this cap, caseload was projected to have reached 13,000 families by the summer of 2024. Governor Healey also worked with the Legislature to reform the Right to Shelter law to implement a six-month length of stay limit, require proof of Massachusetts residency and require that all family members have lawful immigration status, with limited exemptions. Governor Healey also expanded workforce training and job placement for residents, increased case management to help families find stable housing, and imposed mandatory CORI checks for all adults before entry into the system.

As a result of Governor Healey’s actions, caseloads and costs have decreased. The number of families in shelter is now lower than when Governor Healey took office in January 2023, and all hotel shelters closed as of Thursday. Since the start of 2025, triple the number of families have exited shelter (approximately 4,500) than have entered shelter (approximately 1,500). Approximately 85-90 percent of families seeking shelter are now longtime Massachusetts families.

Historically, Massachusetts has turned to hotels and motels to shelter homeless families when traditional shelters reach capacity. In 2014, 1,500 families were being sheltered in hotels

across the state. The previous administration turned to hotels again in 2022 as the number of families seeking shelter began to dramatically increase due to the housing crisis, failed federal immigration policy, and a lack of safeguards to control the expansion of the shelter system.

In addition to hotels, the Norfolk Rapid Shelter located at the former Bay State Correctional Center and the Chelsea Rapid Shelter site have also closed.

The reforms implemented by Governor Healey and the Legislature will remain in place to ensure the continued sustainability of the shelter system and protect taxpayer dollars.

# Piccirilli directs a talented cast to an artistic triumph at Riseman Family Theatre

By Cary Shuman

There is still time to see Giuseppe Piccirilli’s “Autophagy,” at the Riseman Family Theater in Chelsea Square.

In his first A Theatermakers of Today Production, Piccirilli takes the audience on a psychological thriller/dark comedy eye-opening ride.

“We explore themes of self-expression, mental health, relationships, and coming of age,” said Piccirilli, a 22-year-old graduate of Connecticut College where he received a degree in theatre. “I think it is grounded in realism and throughout the show we cross the border into an absurdist, supernatural world.”

The reaction has been extremely positive from audience members. Actors Louise Wade (Chris) Madeline Haefele (Ada) and Ryan Brearly (Cam) have an on-stage comradeship that is noteworthy and commendable.

Wade is an accomplished actor and playwright who is a graduate of Connecticut College and her future is bright, based on her superb, all-in performance in the play. If Wade were a stock, you’d say, invest in her wide-ranging abilities and the dividends will arrive soon.

Haafele is a rising student at Northeastern University School of Law who simply nails her part in the play. At one point, she talks directly to the audience and brings them along enthrallingly for the journey to the finale. Brearly, a theater major at Connecticut, excels in

understated fashion and audiences are perplexed by his unsettling portrayal of Cam.

Without giving away the ending, Stanglewicz, a junior at Dean College, will grab your attention with her impactful, dramatic performance near the end of the show. Stanglewicz’s musical theater background will become vivid with her stylish movements and sheer athleticism on stage.

“There has been really amazing feedback in terms of what people have taken away from it,” said Piccirilli, a graduate of Boston College High School. “I feel that every time we do a show, people really react to a different scene. Some people have been very much enthralled by the comedy of the earlier scenes in the show and other people were taken aback by the very dramatic and intense ending that we close the show with.”

Piccirilli knows he drew four aces in the cast.

“I can tell you all four actors committed their all to the process,” credited Piccirilli. “They were constantly willing to explore and try new things and very helpful in deriving the character work of the story. And it was incredible to work with all of them.”

Autophagy brings down the curtain with four more shows, Thursday through Saturday (August 14-16 at 7 p.m.) and Sunday (August 17 at 2 p.m.).

It’s definitely worth the trip to the Riseman Theatre. And in a nice treat, you’ll get to speak with the actors and director immediately after the show.

## James Barberian

June 30, 1932 – July 31, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of James Barberian, a beloved member of our community and a cherished friend, who departed this life unexpectedly at the age of 93 on July 31, 2025.

Born on June 30, 1932, in Lawrence, Massachusetts, James was a son of the late George and Mary (Laloian) Barberian. He was a lifelong resident of Chelsea, where he attended Williams School and graduated from Chelsea High School. During his high school years, he distinguished himself as captain of the Varsity Basketball team, showcasing both his leadership and athleticism.

James dedicated 25 years of his life to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, working in street maintenance and as a painter until his retirement in 1997. A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, he served during the Korean War and held the rank of Airman 2nd Class upon his discharge in 1956.

A man of quiet demeanor and a humorous outlook, James was known for his joyful presence and his love of life’s simple pleasures, particularly his frequent strolls around Chelsea.

He was the beloved companion of the late Mary Ann (Pinabell) Yearout, who predeceased him in 2011;



the dear brother of Lorraine Burge of California and the late Florence Mazzio, Joseph Barberian and John Barberian. He leaves behind a loving family, including many nieces, nephews, numerous grandnieces, grandnephews, and extended family members, all who will miss him dearly.

In honor of James’s life, relatives and friends attend calling hours and services at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Wednesday, August 13th. Services concluded with military honors and inurnment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

As we gather to celebrate the life of James Barberian, we reflect on the joy he brought to those around him and the legacy he leaves behind. May he rest in peace.

To send expressions of sympathy, visit [www.welsh-fh.com](http://www.welsh-fh.com).

## Sandra Padulsky

Sweet and kind, she had a talent for making people feel special

Sandra (Young) Padulsky peacefully passed away on August 9, 2025.

Sandra’s greatest joy was her family, and she built her life around them. She worked for the MBTA, but her proudest role was as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Always up to date on the latest trends, she carried herself with curiosity, style, and heart—never leaving the house without her hair done up. She had a song for every moment, often humming or singing her way through the day, and her quick wit—captured in her unforgettable “Sandraisms” and her warm introduction of “Sandy... like the beach”—left family and friends smiling long after the moment passed. She was all about uplifting others, no matter how she was feeling, with a bubbly personality and a smile that could light up any room.

Sweet and kind, she had a talent for making people feel special. She loved the movies, traveled the world, and embraced new experiences, but she treasured her home in Chelsea most of all. She often said, “It’s better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it,” and she lived by it—always prepared for any occasion.

For 69 years, she was a devoted wife to her late husband, Morton “Morty” Padulsky—a partnership filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Beloved mother of Karen Poverman and her husband, Steve, Robert Padulsky, daughter-in-law, Mary and Lynda Diamond



and her husband, John, she was the dear sister of the late Norton, Elaine, Jordan and Carol, and is survived by Sheldon, Barbara, and Carl; loving grandmother of Kristen Padulsky and her husband, Philip, the late Timothy Padulsky, Stephen Padulsky, Michael Padulsky and his husband, Raphael Moraes da Fonseca and Sarah Diamond and loving great-grandmother of Elizabeth, William, Thomas and Malcolm.

Services were held at the Torf Funeral Chapel, 151 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Monday, August 11 at 12 Noon with interment following in Everett. Donations in Sandy’s memory may be made to the Timothy Padulsky Memorial Trust, 11 Dickson Road, Woburn, MA 01801. For online guestbook and directions please visit the funeral home website: [www.torffuneralservice.com](http://www.torffuneralservice.com).



The talented cast and production team of Autophagy, a Theatermakers of Today Production, is shown after its August 8 performance at the Riseman Family Theatre in Chelsea Square. From left, actors Ryan Brearly, Ali Stanglewicz, and Louise Wade, director Giuseppe Piccirilli, actor Madeline Haefele, and stage manager Fallon Heelen.

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

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THE CITY OF CHELSEA CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT THE WILLIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Chelsea Probation Dept. was on hand, Phil Bruins, Christine Thomas, Chief PO Jess Iovanna, Asst. Chief Janelle O'Brien, and Jason Owens.

National Night Out is exactly what it states, nationally cities and towns gather, bringing families and friends out to meet and greet new friends in the neighborhood, and acquaint them with local police and other agencies that offer services to better their lives

and keep them safer. Meeting police officers in a different environment, of friendly and personal, serves in the long run to gain trust in community members. Officers offering a smile and information goes a long way in a safer community.



A big smile comes with having a big ice cream on a great evening with grandpa, Tito Arroyo with his granddaughter Aviya.



New ID Badge for Patricia Ortege.



Parents and local children got to meet members of the Attorney General's Office and get some great stuff too.



The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, Ex. Director Jenn Hassell, Carolina Bonilla, Karim Perez and Cleny Reyes.



CAPIC is a strong supporter of local community efforts to make a better life for everyone.



CPD Officer Matt DiNicola with members of the CPD Youth Academy, Andrea Hernandez, Dayani Rodes, Francisco Pineda, and Anderson Herrera.



The FBI was at Chelsea's national Night Out with lots of kool giveaways.



The Chelsea Senior Center is a strong focal point for members of the community of all ages.



TND-The Neighborhood Developers were on hand to meet members of the community.



Chelsea Kiwanis always on hand for special events, Joe Correiro, Veronica Medina, with Heylee Medina and Leya Bermuda.



From the Suffolk County DA's Office, Patrick Shalvey, Crystin Mueller, Lauren Bolles, and Vivien Fernandez.



Chelsea Pride is always strong, Yahya Noor, Jack Grigorian and Kevin O'Regan with lots of winning hardware.



# East Boston Farmers Market

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

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

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**For more information visit:**  
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THE CITY OF CHELSEA CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT THE WILLIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL



CBC. Chelsea Black Community members Eula Balloon and Beverly Martin Ross happily greet everyone at National Night Out.



Chelsea Colaborativa members, Kimberly Juarez, Andrea Gomez and Christian Vincente.



Protecting and Serving hot dogs right from the grill, CPD Officers Carlos DelCompare and Jose Torres.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton with guests, Kristen Setera and Tim Crowley.



From the Brown Jug in Chelsea Mike and Cheryl Matrinko.



Chelsea City Councillor Lisa Santagate with her friend, David Haesy.

Chelsea Fire Department meets with local care facilities after deadly Fall River Blaze

In response to the tragic Fall River fire that took the lives of 10 people at an assisted living facility this past July, the Chelsea Fire Department is proactively coordinating with Chelsea nursing homes and assisted living facilities to strengthen their fire safety and emergency preparedness to protect their vulnerable residents.

The Department has already met with leaders from the Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, which owns and operates the Leonard Florence Center for Living and The Estates on Admirals Hill. During the meetings, evacuation plans were reviewed and staff training opportunities were discussed.

“Resident and staff safety is our highest priority,” said Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri. “The tragic fire in Fall River affected all of us in the fire service, and our thoughts remain with the families and first responders affected by that loss. We’re hoping by meeting directly with facility administrators

and staff, we can address specific concerns and ensure everyone is prepared to properly respond in an emergency.

“We are fortunate to have such a responsive, skilled and dedicated fire department in our community,” said Barry Berman, CEO of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare. “The Chelsea Fire Department does an amazing job protecting the residents of Chelsea and keeping them safe through their tireless efforts to maintain the most up-to-date fire safety protocols. We are eternally grateful for their support.”

In the coming weeks, the department will be meeting with additional facilities to review fire safety measures, evacuation plans, and emergency operations protocols. Next on the list is the Highland Park Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center on August 20.

These conversations are part of the department’s ongoing broader efforts to strengthen its collaboration with care providers and pro-

vide the community with critical fire prevention and safety practices. Late last year, the Fire Department launched a Fire Safety Education Program through which fire fighters offer tours of the Fire headquarters and courses for local groups, from kindergarten classes to restaurants and nonprofits.

“These meetings provide an opportunity for face-to-face discussions where staff can ask questions, raise concerns, and review information to ensure they are following best practices for protecting their residents,” added Quatieri.

To arrange a visit or tour, please contact the Fire Safety Education Program team by emailing Lieutenant Omar Frometa and Firefighter Bryan Bermudez at [firesafetyprogram@chelseama.gov](mailto:firesafetyprogram@chelseama.gov). To learn more about the education program, visit [https://www.chelseama.gov/news\\_detail\\_T2\\_R377.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/news_detail_T2_R377.php)



Pictured: From left to right; Betsy Mullen, COO, Legacy Lifecare; Kristen Donnelly, Executive Director, Cohen Florence Levine Estates/Florence and Chafetz Home; Ginny Pearson, Executive Director, Katzman Family Center for Living; Jeff Lind, Director of Facilities Engineering, Legacy Lifecare; John Quatieri, Chief of Department, Chelsea Fire Department; Barry Berman, CEO, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare; Anthony Tiro, Captain, Chelsea Fire Department; and Adam Ernst, Executive Director, Leonard Florence Center for Living.

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FISH PLANT!

Stop the special permit allowing a raw fish/meat packing and distribution plant in a densely populated residential neighborhood.

Problem

Boston Provisions, LLC (Wulf’s Fish and Savenor’s Butchery) is seeking a special permit to transform 100 Justin Drive into a fish and meat cutting, packaging, and distribution plant.

THIS PROPERTY ABUTS:

- Mary O’Malley Park enjoyed by all Chelsea residents
- A densely populated residential neighborhood *and*
- A senior and ALS living facility

Projections

Boston Provisions projects increased trucking of raw meat and fish, both into and out of the facility, and eventual 24/7 operation. Residents fear unwanted noise, odors, pests, pollution, and traffic.

Solution

Move Boston Provisions to an area already zoned for this industry—along Chelsea Creek and Eastern Ave. where Boston Provisions can thrive and employ more Chelsea workers.

Want to learn more about Chelsea residents’ concerns and sign a petition against this special permit? Go to: [chelseafairzoning.com](https://chelseafairzoning.com)

If you oppose this special permit, please email the City Manager [fmaltez@chelseama.gov](mailto:fmaltez@chelseama.gov)

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# Herbie Kupersmith presents \$10,000 donation at Chelsea High Scholarship Luncheon

Herbie Kupersmith, one of Chelsea's most outstanding philanthropists for many years, presented a \$10,000 donation to Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta at a luncheon Sunday at the Saul Nechtem Gymnasium.

Supt. Abeyta, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson thanked Mr. Kupersmith, 86, for his generosity to the Chelsea schools, an era of giving back to the city that spans seven decades.

The occasion was the Herbert Kupersmith Scholarship Luncheon and Birthday Celebration, with a large crowd in attendance, thanks to the efforts of the

planning committee that included super-organizer Minna Karas-Marino.

The guest list included family, friends, classmates, teammates, coaches, and associates of Herbie Kupersmith.

Kupersmith and his committee also made sure that each guest left with complimentary bagels and cream cheese from legendary owner Richard Katz of Katz Bakery.

The Chelsea schools security team drew much praise from the guests for their parking assistance, safe passage at the crosswalks, and their kind and cordial escorting of guests into the school.

Overall, it was a wonderful afternoon for the incomparable Williams

School and Chelsea High School graduate Herbie Kupersmith and all the guests

- and notably, the Chelsea High School students who will receive scholarships next June for their college educations.



Guest of honor Herbie Kupersmith, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and former Chelsea High School Athletic Director Frank DePatto enjoying the luncheon.



Herbie Kupersmith and friends, Stevie Harris, Ethel Harris, and Delphine Frank.



Karyn Kupersmith Walsh and planning committee MVP Minna Karas-Marino.



Chelsea High School classmates Shirley Kaplan (left) and Edythe Shuman (right) wish guest of honor Herbie Kupersmith a happy birthday at the luncheon.



Herbie Kupersmith presents a check for \$10,000 to Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta for scholarships for Chelsea High School seniors heading to college. Joining in the check presentation ceremony are members of the organizing committee (from left) Frank Henry, Ed Medros, Stevie Harris, Leo Robinson, Minna Karas-Marino, Nick Marino, and Frank DePatto.



Superstar CHS athlete Donald Wolcott, with his wife, Nann Wolcott.



Guests at the Scholarship Luncheon, Murray Novak and his wife, Dotty Novak.



Herbie Kupersmith thanks the many guests for joining him at the Scholarship Luncheon. Also pictured are committee members Ed Medros and Leo Robinson.



Herbie Kupersmith and guests, Stevie Harris, Steve Selbovitz, and Ralph Feinberg.



Talented wide receiver and All-Star hoopster Donald Wolcott, multi-sport standout Bobby Long, basketball great Steve Karll, and legendary Fast Pitch softball pitcher Ken Lava of the French Club and PPC teams, pictured at the Herbie Kupersmith Scholarship Luncheon Sunday at Chelsea High School.



Herbie Kupersmith, pictured with his daughter, Karyn Kupersmith Walsh, and her husband, James Walsh, at the luncheon and birthday celebration.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, guest of honor Herbie Kupersmith, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, and City Manager Fidel Maltez.



Former CHS All-Scholastic and Indiana University All-American Bobby Fee, his son, Kevin Fee, Frank DePatto, David Wood, the Honorable Justice Al Kramer, and Jim Wood, pictured at the Scholarship Luncheon.



Metro Credit Union President and CEO Robert Cashman and family are pictured with guest of honor, Herbie Kupersmith, at the Scholarship Luncheon. From left, are Nancy Sorkin, Michael Harsip, Shari Cashman, Robert Cashman, Herbie Kupersmith, Amy Sorkin, Dr. Jeffrey Sorkin, Amanda Sorkin, and Jeremy Sorkin.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### EASTIE PRIDE DAY SET FOR AUGUST 16

The Eastie Pride Day Committee announced that the 36th annual Eastie Pride Day celebration will take place on Saturday, August 16th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Piers Park. This large-scale community event aims to foster connection, encouraging East Boston residents to engage with local small businesses, restaurants and non-profit organizations. The celebration is family-friendly and open to all. It will include food and refreshments, live entertainment, children’s games, music and a variety of contests. Participating organizations and additional updates on this year’s event can be found on the official website at [www.eastieprideday.com/eastie-pride-day-2025](http://www.eastieprideday.com/eastie-pride-day-2025).

“We are grateful to be continuing the tradition of Eastie Pride Day for another year, and look forward to creating a space where all members of our community can connect and celebrate East Boston together.” says Liana LaMattina, current Chair of the committee.

This year’s event marks the 36th Annual Eastie Pride Day. First hosted in 1989 by Sal LaMattina, the event originated to increase community pride within the East Boston neighborhood. It has continued to be a day of celebration that community members of all ages can look forward to each year.

If you have questions or would like to get involved with this year’s Eastie Pride Day celebration, please contact the committee at [info@eastieprideday.com](mailto:info@eastieprideday.com). To stay up to date on this year’s Eastie Pride Day and future announcements,

follow Eastie Pride Day on Facebook and on Instagram at @EastiePrideDay, or visit their website at [www.EastiePrideDay.com](http://www.EastiePrideDay.com).

Eastie Pride Day is a neighborhood committee that serves the East Boston community through an annual summer community celebration. This event is meant to highlight the values and qualities of the neighborhood, while also fostering a sense of unity and pride for residents.

### UPDATES PROVIDED AT BRIEF GSNA MEETING

During the Gove Street Neighborhood Association’s (GSNA) monthly meeting in July, attendees heard updates on several topics in what was an abbreviated meeting that lasted about half an hour.

To begin the meeting, District A-7 police officers provided updates on criminal activity in the area. Office Hugo Alvarez said that the Gove Street area has been relatively quiet, except for common issues such as package theft, cars being left unlocked, and fraud/scam incidents.

Alvarez and Sergeant Joseph Cintolo also noted that a shooting occurred in the neighborhood in the area of Saratoga Street and Brandywyne; in-depth details were not available at the meeting.

In another update, Neel Batra, a GSNA Board Member, noted that the Mount Carmel site has been cleaned up, and a community member who has been involved with the process credited State Representative Adrian Madaro’s office and the police for getting the site cleaned up.

Further, Batra indicated that the Gumball Factory is working with a company to install electric vehicle charging stations outside the building. A resident noted that the installation had not occurred yet at the time of the meeting, and they are awaiting an update.

A representative from Eastie Farm also provided information about their organization, noting that their “Second Semester CSA” will begin on August 18th. As part of the CSA, folks can buy shares in what “is a subscription to weekly fresh, local produce that supports farmers’ wealth, your health, and the Massachusetts commonwealth,” per the organization’s website. More info is available at <https://eastiefarm.com/csa/>.

Finally, the GSNA is looking for volunteers interested in organizing another summer fiesta, or something like it. Inquiries can be made via email at [board@govestreet.org](mailto:board@govestreet.org).

The GSNA will take a break in August and return to its monthly meetings on September 22. 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/>.

### DEMARIA ‘FIGHTS FOR EVERETT’ IN CONFERENCE ON SOCCER STADIUM

When Mayor Carlo DeMaria viewed the TV broadcast and learned that some “misinformation” was being aired about the City of Everett at a press conference Monday morning

in Charlestown, he reacted quickly and decisively.

DeMaria scheduled a press conference Monday afternoon, appearing alongside New England Revolution President Brian Bilello to discuss the proposed soccer stadium in Everett on the dilapidated site that would be transformed by the Kraft Group into a world-class venue.

DeMaria was responding to Mayor Wu’s earlier press conference that focused primarily on the community benefits agreement between the City of Boston and the Kraft Group. That well-covered media event was held at the Ryan Playground in Charlestown just across the Mystic River from the soccer stadium site. Wu told the media that the Kraft Group has provided “limited to no answers and no meaningful technical information” about the soccer project and the Kraft Group’s \$750,000 offer in mitigation funds to the City of Boston “is a non-starter and an unserious proposal.”

Sen. Sal DiDomenico, the lead advocate and champion of the new soccer stadium proposal for Everett, spoke at Mayor Wu’s press conference.

“A new day has come for Charlestown and for Everett, that we are no longer going to have on both gateways into our communities with smokestacks that have done so much damage to our communities,” said DiDomenico. “And it’s a new day because we have an opportunity with the Revolution to now right a lot of the wrongs that have happened for so long and create opportunities for economic development and transit options that we have never

### SEN.LYDIA EDWARDS PROVIDES FREE LEMONADE TO RESIDENTS



Senator Edwards hosted a lemonade stand by the Winthrop Ferry recently. Many people stopped by to chat with the Senator, including Hannah Belcher, candidate for town president. Shown above, Sen. Edwards hands out free lemonade to residents and passers-by near the Winthrop Ferry.

even dreamed about in the past.”

The soccer stadium issue is clearly major for both Everett and Charlestown, but also regionally for the Revolution’s growing fan base. DeMaria’s press conference drew a turnout of media similar in size to the Wu event.

DeMaria seemed to take exception that Wu inferred that there were very few Everett residents living near the proposed stadium site as compared to Charlestown.

“There are people who live the proximity of this stadium, not just residents

of Charlestown,” said DeMaria. “There are lots of residents who live right here in the Village and the Line area. It’s not a separate section of the city. We’re going to leverage this development to build out our public transit investment.”

DeMaria said he has been working hard “get that community railstop and the pedestrian bridge connected to the Northern Strand Bike Trail to Assembly Row (Somerville).”

The mayor believes that traffic congestion will be alleviated by the fact that

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LEASE AND OPERATION OF A TEEN CENTER AT 440 BROADWAY

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for “Lease and Operation of a Teen Center at 440 Broadway”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after August 14, 2025 by visiting the City’s website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_solicitations.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php). Sealed proposals for the “Lease and Operation of a Teen Center at 440 Broadway” will be received at the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts until 11:00 AM, September 12, 2025. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any response, to reject any or all responses and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 8/14/25 C

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2025-14

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, September 9, 2025 Council Chambers. 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Michael Massucci For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval of an existing residential structure from a one (1) family to a two (2) family structure and the installation of a rear second means of egress which does not meet the minimum requirements for required lot area, parking spaces, required open space, required side yard setback and combined side yard setback at the premises known as: 4 Medford Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 8/7/25, 8/14/25 C

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2025-15

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, September 9, 2025 Council Chambers. 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Maria Cartagena For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to construct a rear addition and deck which does meet the minimum requirements for required combined side yard setback and required side yard setback at the premises known as:

82 Clinton Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 8/7/25, 8/14/25 C

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the proposed amendments to Article 13 of the citywide Parking Program. Copies and filings may be viewed at the City Clerk’s Office. Per Order Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson 8/14/25, 8/28/25 C

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public

Hearing on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room. Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Eversource for the following petition: Everett Avenue Northwesterly from manhole (MH3639), approximately 304 feet south of Maple St., to private property at #170 Everett Ave., install approximately 35 feet of conduit. Public comments will be accepted during the meeting. Written comments are accepted by email to [cfox@chelseama.gov](mailto:cfox@chelseama.gov) until 12:00pm on 9/2/25. The public is invited to attend. Cate Fox Lent Commissioner 8/14/25, 8/21/25 C

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA

El Departamento de Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el martes 2 de Septiembre de 2025 a las 6:00 p. m. en el tercer piso del Ayuntamiento en la sala de conferencias del DPW. Trabajo y propósito propuestos: Petición de Eversource para la siguiente petición: Everett Avenue Desde la alcantarilla (MH3639), hacia el noroeste, aproximadamente 304 pies al sur de la calle Maple, hasta la propiedad privada en el #170 de la avenida Everett, instalar aproximadamente 35 pies de conducto. Se aceptarán comentarios públicos durante la reunión. Se aceptan comentarios escritos por correo electrónico a [cfox@chelseama.gov](mailto:cfox@chelseama.gov) hasta las 12:00 p.m. del 2/9/25. El público está invitado a asistir. Cate Fox Lent Comisionada 8/14/25, 8/21/25 C

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, ss5-304 Docket No. SU25P1775GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Norman Cormier Of: Chelsea, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Highland Park Rehabilitation and N of Chelsea, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Norman Cormier is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Rev. John R. Odams of Weymouth, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/04/2025. 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 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. IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 07, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 08/14/25 C

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 Docket No. SU23P0816GD In the matter of: Norman Cormier Of: Chelsea, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Martin F. Connolly, Esq. of Quincy, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent. The petition asks the court to determine that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to

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#### CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ROAD SALT

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking bids for “Purchase and Delivery of Road Salt”. Bids will be available on or after August 14, 2025 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at [divanis@chelseama.gov](mailto:divanis@chelseama.gov) or by visiting the City’s website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_solicitations](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations).

php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Purchase and Delivery of Road Salt” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, August 28, 2025. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 8/14/25 C

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2025-16

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, September 9, 2025 Council Chambers. 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Ever Nunez Chavez For Special Permit seeking approval for a proposed Taxi / Livery parking facility at the premises known as: 155 Crescent 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 8/14/25, 8/21/25 C

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there will only be approximately 100 parking spaces on the stadium property and the great majority of fans will arrive for games by public transportation.

“I’m fighting for the best interests of my city,” said DeMaria, adding that he is negotiating with the Kraft Group about such matters as a portion of each game ticket going toward Everett. “The whole team is working hard. I’m a mayor fighting for my community and I’m going to continue the fight. I feel this stadium is going to happen.”

Belillo also spoke about the earlier press conference and the negativity in some of the statements made in Charlestown.

“I think it’s important to be clear from the very beginning of the process that the Revolution have been pushing expeditiously to develop a fair and community impact agreement from the very start of this process,” said Belillo. “Since that first meeting in February, our team has met with the city [Boston] over a half dozen times, and throughout the entire process, I can only describe the tenor and tone of those meetings as co-operative and cordial. So, I can understand why it’s upsetting and frustrating to us that the only thing being said publicly about these meetings is negative.”

WINTHROP’ GIANTS

10U JIMMY FUND

TEAM STRIKES OUT

CANCER

The Winthrop Giants 10U Jimmy Fund Team has spent their summer swinging bats, snagging grounders, and uniting around a cause: striking out cancer. With a season record of six wins, two losses, and a tie, the young Giants are gearing up for their final game of the inaugural “Strike Out Cancer” campaign.

Under the guidance of head coach Marc Chapdelaine and assistants, Sean Dykens, Tom Rikkola, and Joe Hanlon, the squad spent the summer season focused on mastering fundamentals and building a strong team spirit that reaches beyond the diamond.

The Giants’ season was defined by heart-pounding moments and remarkable teamwork, including three electrifying walk-off victories that showcased their never-give-up spirit. Whether trailing in the final inning or battling through tough matchups, these ball players consistently rose to the occasion. The latest walk-off win occurred this past Monday when the Giants defeated the undefeated

team from Lynnfield. Coach Chapdelaine and his staff also embraced a development-first philosophy, utilizing nine different pitchers throughout the season to build confidence, versatility, and game-time experience across the roster. This balanced approach not only deepened the team’s talent pool but reinforced the campaign’s core belief: that every player matters, and every moment counts.

The Winthrop Giants’ success was made possible in part by the steadfast support of Winthrop Little League, which provided equipment, field access, and logistical coordination to help launch the team’s inaugural season. League officials embraced the inclusive mission of the Strike Out Cancer campaign, recognizing its alignment with the values of community, sportsmanship, and opportunity that define youth baseball in Winthrop. Their backing ensured that every player had the tools and encouragement to thrive both on and off the field.

“This team has been incredible,” said Marc Chapdelaine, Sr. “Every single player has grown—on the field and as teammates. Watching their skills improve and their confidence soar has been one of the most rewarding parts of the summer. They’ve come together with heart, hustle, and a shared purpose, and that’s what makes them truly great.”

Julio Henriquez, owner of The Dugout, emphasized the importance of summer baseball for all players. “The Jimmy Fund Tournament has a long tradition of great baseball, and we’re proud to give these kids the chance to play, grow, and have fun,” Henriquez said. The Dugout in Lynn proudly sponsored the Winthrop Giants this season, continuing its commitment to youth development through baseball. In addition to supporting the Winthrop Giants, The Dugout offers year-round clinics for young athletes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—providing expert instruction and a welcoming environment for players of all skill levels to learn, improve, and thrive.

The Jimmy Fund is the official charity of the Boston Red Sox, uniting the team and its fans in the fight against cancer through decades of fundraising and community support. To date, the Giants’ fundraising efforts have raised over \$2,750 for The Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Their contribution joins a legacy of generosity: since its founding in 1986, the Jimmy Fund Lit-

tle League Baseball Tournament has raised more than \$6 million to support cancer research and patient care.

The Giants will close out their season on Thursday, August 7 at A-Field in Winthrop, facing off against Swampscott at 5:30 p.m. Fans of all ages are invited to come cheer on these dedicated players as they take one last swing at striking out cancer.

To contribute to the Winthrop Giants’ campaign, visit the Jimmy Fund Team Page at [www.WinthropGiants.org](http://www.WinthropGiants.org)

NEXT FIREHOUSE

BUILDING COMM.

MEETING SCHEDULED

FOR AUG.13

The next meeting of the Firehouse Building Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13 at 5 p.m. in the Harvey Hearing Room at Town Hall.

Last month, the firehouse committee agreed to hire Kaestle & Boos Associates (KBA) as the architect for the \$38.5 million project.

KBA was the architect the town used for the preliminary study for a new fire station prior to the successful debt exclusion vote in the spring.

“The way that worked, we could have just given the contract without going out to bid, but we wanted to be as transparent as possible,” said Town Council President Jim Letterie at the most recent council meeting. “We did receive several bids and we had the companies come in and we met with and ranked each one. Those rankings are available for the public to see, it is part of the process.”

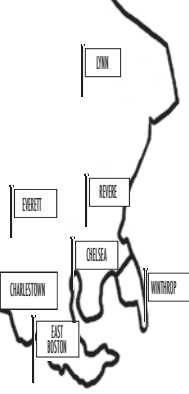
Letterie noted that KBA did receive several perfect rankings from some committee members.

“(KBA) is very familiar with the project, obviously, and there is a financial impact which is beneficial for the town where they have already done so much of the work,” said Letterie. “We are very happy and they are excited to remain part of the project, and they will have public meetings and we will have a public forum soon.”

The agenda for the August 13 meeting includes an update on the project from Larry Trim from KBA as well as from Dan Pallotta of P3, the owner’s project manager.

Currently, the town is looking at a construction schedule that has demolition taking place this fall, with construction of the fire station getting underway next spring with a 14- to 15-month build.

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# Price Rite Marketplace partners with Feed the Children, The Salvation Army of Chelsea, the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea to donate food and essentials to Chelsea families

Special to the Record

Price Rite Marketplace teamed up with anti-hunger organization Feed the Children, The Salvation Army of Chelsea, the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea and other corporate sponsors to distribute food and essentials to nearly 400 local families on August 5. The event is part of Price Rite Marketplace’s annual Feeding Minds & Bodies campaign in partnership with Feed the Children, dedicated to supporting families experiencing food insecurity.

Each family, pre-identified by The Salvation Army of Chelsea and the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea, received a 25-lb box of food, a 15-lb box of personal care items, backpacks filled with school supplies, Price Rite Marketplace gift cards and other assorted items provided by Feed the Children, Price Rite Marketplace and the collective generosity of corporate partners including: CMC® (Eggland’s Best), BelGioioso®, Organic Valley®, Lactalis® (Galbani, President), Lifeway®, Kraft®, Hormel Foods®, Conagra Brands®, Keurig Dr Pepper®, Mondelēz International®, Pepsi®, Frito-Lay®, Goya Foods®, Tyson Foods®, Butterball®, Café La Llave®, Kellogg’s®, Gen Re®, United Foods®, Coca-Cola®, Smithfield Foods®, Utz®, Horizon Organic®, Family Foods®, Mamitas Ices®, Sugardale® (Fresh Mark®), Catalina®, Melona®, Campoverde® and Mi Niña®.

Price Rite Marketplace and Feed the Children representatives were joined by Michael Mason, Deputy City Manager and Head of Finance for the City of

Chelsea; Dr. Aaron Jennings, Chief of Staff to the Superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools; Jen Hassell, Executive Director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce and Major Trudy R. Medina, Corps Officer for The Salvation Army’s Chelsea Corps.

“Our Feeding Minds & Bodies program is one of the many ways Price Rite Marketplace serves its communities,” said Kevin McDonnell, president of Price Rite Marketplace. “We are grateful for the support from Chelsea residents over the years, and this event is our way of saying thank you. Our Feeding Minds & Bodies program reflects our continued commitment to fighting food insecurity in all the communities we serve.”

Fighting hunger is at the heart of Price Rite Marketplace’s charitable giving and paired with Feed the Children’s vision to create a world where no child goes to bed hungry, the two created the Feeding Minds & Bodies initiative 11 years ago. With one in five children in the U.S. experiencing food insecurity, hunger remains a serious issue in many communities.

“A widespread issue like childhood hunger will only be solved when enough people work together,” said Emily Callahan, president and CEO of Feed the Children. “We are grateful to be working with Price Rite, The Salvation Army, the Boys & Girls Club and our corporate partners to support Chelsea. Through the power of partnership, we can make a greater impact as we seek to create a world where no child goes to bed hungry.”

Since partnering with

Feed the Children, Price Rite Marketplace has contributed nearly four million pounds of food totaling more than \$14 million in gift-in-kind donations, helping more than 228,000 people in 57 cities.

Price Rite Marketplace is a registered trademark of Wakefern Food Corp., a retailer owned cooperative based in Keasbey, NJ and the largest supermarket cooperative in the United States. Price Rite Marketplace opened its first store in 1995 under the name Price Rite Supermarkets, and currently operates 53 grocery stores in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. Committed to providing the best value for customers, Price Rite Marketplace delivers a simplified shopping experience with top name brand foods and products and expanded fresh produce and organic offerings at exceptional prices. Price Rite Marketplace is also dedicated to fighting hunger through its annual Check-Out Hunger fundraising campaign and partnerships with Feed The Children and local food banks. For more information, please visit [www.priceritemarketplace.com](http://www.priceritemarketplace.com).

Feed the Children is a leading nonprofit committed to ending childhood hunger. The organization believes that no child should go to bed hungry, and so it provides children and families in the U.S. and around the world with the food and essentials kids need to grow and thrive. Through its programs and partnerships, the organization feeds children today while helping their families and communities build resilient futures. In



Volunteers stand along the truck that brought food and essentials to families in the area.

addition to food, Feed the Children distributes household and personal care items across the United States to help parents and caregivers maintain stable, food-secure households. Internationally, it expands access to nutritious meals, safe water, improved hygiene and training in sustainable living. As responsible stewards of its resources, Feed the Children is driven to pursue innovative, holistic and child-focused solutions to the complex challenges of hunger, food insecurity and poverty.

For children everywhere, the organization believes that having enough to eat is a fundamental right. Learn how you can help create a world without childhood hunger at [FeedtheChildren.org](http://FeedtheChildren.org).

The Salvation Army annually helps more than 27 million people in America overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for

those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 6,400 centers of operation around the country. During times of disaster, 100% of designated donations to The Salvation Army are used for immediate response and long-term efforts. For more information, visit [SalvationArmyMA.org](http://SalvationArmyMA.org). Follow us on X @SalvationArmyMA and #DoingTheMostGood.

## Lee // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

sive and empowering work environments were highly valued. He also completed a Harvard Business School Training Certificate, reflecting his commitment to continuous personal and professional growth. In recognition of his significant contributions to both his profession and the community, Eric was honored as one of the YMCA Black Achievers of the Year—a testament to his leadership, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to making a positive impact.

Outside of his professional accomplishments, Eric found peace and joy at his second home in Martha’s Vineyard. The serene beauty of the island brought him comfort, and he cherished the time spent there with family and friends, enjoying nature and creating lasting memories.

Eric’s greatest pride was his family. He was a loving father to his son, Ryan Lee of Ipswich, MA, and a proud grandfather to his grandson, Jordan Lee. He was also a father-in-law to



Eric Lee was a beloved brother to his siblings, Mark, Sheila, and Greg.

Brianne Lee. Eric took immense joy in watching Ryan and Jordan grow and succeed. He was also a devoted husband to Cheryl and a loving brother to Greg and Gloria Lee, Sheila and Henry Caldwell, and Mark and Tracy Lee. He was preceded in death by his brother, Steven Lee. Additionally, he was a caring brother-in-law to Donald McKee.

Eric is survived by count-

less nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will carry forward his legacy of kindness, strength, and generosity.

A man of integrity, compassion, and strength, Eric’s presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Whether at work, with family, or among friends, he had a unique ability to make everyone feel seen, heard, and valued. His generosity, wisdom, and sense of humor left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, said in tribute to Eric Lee, “My cousin was a very private person. He had a lot of talent that a lot of people never really had an opportunity to really see. One of things we did in high school was when we had Donald Lee and the Soul Explosion, and Eric and I were the backup singers to Donald. We performed at local places like Saint Rose and the Knights of Columbus and at larger venues like as the big club on Revere Beach, in Kenmore Square, and at The Ship in Nantasket – those were things people didn’t really know about him. He was a talented vocalist. Those are great memories that Eric and I shared. He was a wonderful person and a credit to the entire family.”

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