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City Manager Fidel Maltez, state and local officials and residents gather to cut the ribbon to mark the completion of the reconstruction on Broadway.

MassDOT cuts ribbon on Broadway reconstruction

Special to the Record

Last Friday, Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez participated in a ribbon cutting on the Broadway (Route 107) Roadway Reconstruction Project.

“Broadway is more than just a street. It is the heart of Chelsea, where neighbors meet, families gather, and the city comes alive,” said Tibbits-Nutt. “By adding new bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and safer intersections, we are making Broadway a place where everyone, whether walking, biking, riding transit, or driving, can move through the city with ease and dig-

nity. This is about building a Chelsea that is safer, more welcoming, and even more vibrant for the generations who will call it home.”

State Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver said the Broadway corridor is the vital link that connects Chelsea’s neighborhoods to the city’s downtown, as well as to Boston and beyond.

“Working in collaboration with community members and stakeholders, the design for the roadway recognizes that importance in a way that creates additional and safer opportunities for access for cyclists and pedestrians,” he said.

Maltez said the historic investment in Chelsea’s Upper Broadway represents the most extensive recon-

struction this corridor has seen in 100 years, complete with the removal of cobblestones beneath the surface.

“This project united City staff, state partners, contractors, and community members through a shared goal of building a better, safer, and more connected Chelsea,” Maltez said. “It’s amazing what we can accomplish when we work together. Thank you to everyone who helped make this transformation a reality.”

Roadway reconstruction took place on Broadway, (Route 107), for approximately 1 mile from City Hall Avenue to the Revere city line. Improvements to the road layout include roadway surface and subsurface work, a new drainage sys-

tem as part of a storm sewer separation project, utility replacements, traffic signal upgrades, construction of a dedicated bike lane along Broadway, and upgrades to the existing sidewalk network and bus stop locations, including new pavement markings, crosswalks and ADA compliant ramps at all intersections.

“I am thrilled to see the completion of the Upper Broadway roadway reconstruction project which will benefit countless residents in my district and beyond,” said state Senator Sal DiDomenico. “I want to thank Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, and

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ZBA looking at busy September docket

By Adam Swift

The Zoning Board of Appeals is looking forward to a packed agenda at its Sept. 9 meeting.

At its regular meeting last week, the ZBA continued four major cases to its September meeting.

Those cases are all scheduled to come before the Planning Board for recommendations to the ZBA at its Tuesday, August 26 meeting before potentially heading back to the appeals board in September.

Chief among the cases is the Boston Provisions proposal for 100 Justin Drive.

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.

Also on the docket for the planning board next week and the ZBA next month is 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.

The ZBA also continued a 34-unit residential proposal planned for 34-62 Winni-

simmet 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.

A 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.

At last week’s meeting,

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City announces Chelsea Day parade, block party, fireworks set for Saturday, September 6

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea invites its community to its Annual Chelsea Day community celebration taking place Saturday, September 6, from 1:30 to 7 p.m. A rain date for the event is September 7.

Chelsea Day festivities will begin with a parade at 1:30 p.m. and continue with a family-friendly block party from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The day’s events will end with a fireworks display set to begin between 7 and 7:30 p.m.

This parade, which is celebrating the city’s third All-America City win earlier this year, will run from Bellingham Square to the intersection of Beacon Street and Broadway. This intersection will also be the site of the block party, which will feature food vendors, live entertainment, street performers, and more. A fireworks show will be-

gin around 7:30 p.m. For best viewing, community members have the option of traveling to Mary O’Malley State Park.

“Chelsea Day is a celebration of everything that makes our city special, from our vibrant neighborhoods, to our businesses and community organizations, to the incredible people who call Chelsea home,” said City Manager Fidel Maltez. “This year’s event is even more meaningful as we come together to celebrate our third All-America City Award. We invite everyone to join us for a day full of pride, culture, and community spirit.”

As part of the event, Chelsea Public Schools’ (CPS) students designed Chelsea Day t-shirts; CPS staff will be hosting an information table at the Block Party to share important resources;

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DiDomenico delivers millions for district in final budget signing

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico delivered \$625,000 for organizations and schools in the district and successfully advocated for increasing or maintaining steady funding across various essential statewide programs in the Fiscal Year 2026 state budget passed by the Senate, House, and signed by the Governor. These local investments will bolster anti-poverty nonprofit organizations, education programs, and school arts departments across Cambridge, Charlestown, Chelsea and Everett. Additionally, the funding

and language DiDomenico secured in the budget for statewide programs will expand health care services for those in need, strengthen food security programs, help lift families out of poverty, fill funding gaps for childcare, aid housing assistance programs, and support education programming for all students.

The state’s new Fiscal Year 2026 budget was approved on a bipartisan basis in both chambers, and it neither raises taxes on residents and businesses nor spends dollars from the state’s stabi-

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City selected to participate in Mass Save Community First Partnership

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts—a city of champions, a city of hope—is excited to announce it has been selected to participate in the 2025-2027 Mass Save Community First Partnership.

This Partnership means that, through the city’s participation in the North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability, Chelsea will work with the local sponsors of Mass Save, Eversource, and National Grid, to provide energy efficiency solutions to residents and small businesses to reduce energy use and costs, as well as increase the comfort and health of homes and

buildings across the city. It also provides the City with the ability to fund an Energy Advocate position at City Hall that has been filled by Lydia Malkemus.

In her role, Malkemus aims to increase participation among renters and landlords, customers whose preferred language is not English, low-and-moderate-income households, and small businesses through targeted outreach.

“We’re grateful to Mass Save and its sponsors, Eversource and National Grid, for their continued support in our efforts to increase savings for residents and businesses while improv-

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Tips for parents and kids to stay organized this back-to-school season

(StatePoint) The start of a new school year carries with it so much potential, particularly when students -- and their parents -- stay organized. Amid the back-to-school chaos, use these tips and gear recommendations to help keep everyone on track, whether they are at school, at home or on-the-go:

Notes and Big Ideas

Color-coded notebooks and binders, along with labeled dividers, can help you keep your coursework straight and your note-taking organized. Take your color-coding a step further by extending the concept to the tools you write with.

Pilot Pen's G2 gel pen is a go-to for busy students and parents with its smooth, long-lasting gel ink that's able to keep up with busy schedules. Science has shown that writing a to-do list with an appealing color can lead to greater productivity. Inspired by color trends and color psychology, the G2 Harmony Collection colors were developed to promote balance, relaxation and hope, helping students get more done, stay positive and achieve their highest potential this school year. G2 is available in four point sizes and over 35 colors, so it's ideal for note-taking, writing down

big ideas, goal-setting and more.

Planning and Scheduling

With the back-to-school season comes a flurry of planning and scheduling -- from after-school activities to field trips. Parents and kids alike can stay on top of all the last-minute changes with a desk calendar and an erasable pen. Pilot's FriXion line of erasable pens and markers write smooth and erase clean, so you can edit plans as often as they change. It's much easier to remember tasks and events when you've recorded the details in a central location, so start a habit of entering

all activities into your calendar as soon as they're planned. The smooth gel ink and precise point of the FriXion Synergy Clicker is great for detailed planning, while FriXion Fine-liner brings colorful, mistake-free writing to notes and calendars.

Lockers, Backpacks and Desks

Use organizational tools anywhere school supplies are stored, such as lockers, backpacks and home study areas. Simple shelving and magnetic door organizers can maximize storage potential in any locker, whereas a backpack with multiple pockets allows you to ar-

range items by subject. Periodically empty your backpack completely; you may be surprised by the loose papers you find at the bottom. Use the opportunity to re-order items as-needed and to wipe down the bag's interior. Parents and kids should keep clutter to a minimum in home workspaces with filing systems and supply trays. This will help prevent important papers and other items from going missing and improve productivity.

Down to the Details

If you're smudge-prone, use quick-dry ink for effortlessly clean lines. When it's time to study, this will make

reading your notes a lot easier. Pilot's Precise Rolling Ball, available in capped and retractable styles, features a precision tip -- great for organized notes and homework.

For more back-to-school inspiration and tips, visit powertothepen.com.

Staying organized is easier said than done for families and students. However, relying on tools meant for the task at hand, whether that's note-taking or event scheduling, can make it much simpler.

Back-to-School Tips for Families

- Take your child to visit the new school or classroom before the first day of school. Attend any orientations you can and take an opportunity to tour the school. Also consider taking your child to school a few days prior to class to play on the playground to help them feel comfortable. Many children get nervous about new situations, including changing to a new school, classroom or teacher. It can be helpful to rehearse heading into the new situation.

- Remind your child that teachers know that students may be nervous about the first day of school; they will make an extra effort to make sure everyone feels as comfortable as possible. If



your child seems nervous, ask them what they are worried about and help them problem-solve ways to master the new situation.

- Point out the fun aspects of school starting to help your child look forward to the first day of class. Talk about how they will see old friends and meet new ones,

for example.

- Find another child in the neighborhood you child can walk to school or ride with on the bus. If you feel it is needed, drive your child (or walk with them) to school and pick them up on the first day. Get there early on the first day to cut down on unnecessary stress.

- Help your child adjust to earlier bedtimes a week or two before the new school year starts, just to help them ease into new routines. Set a consistent bedtime for your child and stick with it every night. Getting enough sleep is critical for kids to stay healthy and be successful in school. Not getting enough sleep is linked with lower academic achievement, as well as higher rates of absenteeism and tardiness. (See Healthy Sleep Habits: How Many Hours Does Your Child Need?)

- Create a bedtime routine that is consistent to help your child settle down and fall asleep. For example, a calming pre-bedtime routine may involve a bath/

shower, reading with them, tucking them in and saying goodnight.

- Have your child turn off electronic devices well before bedtime. Try to have the home as quiet and calm as possible when younger children are trying to fall asleep.

- Remind your child to wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb. Kids should always board and exit the bus at locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building. Make sure your child walks where they can see the bus driver (which means the driver will be able to see them, too).

- Remind your student to

look both ways to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing the street, just in case somebody does not stop as required. Encourage your child to actually practice how to cross the street several times before the first day of school.

- If the school bus has lap/shoulder seat belts, make sure your child uses one at all times when in the bus. (If your child's school bus does not have lap/shoulder belts, encourage the school system to buy or lease buses with lap/shoulder belts). See Where We Stand: Safety Restraints on the School Bus for more information. Your child should not move around on the bus.

How to help keep your child safe and healthy this school year

(StatePoint) As students return to classrooms, doctors say that it's important to ensure that children are up-to-date with routine childhood vaccinations.

"The evidence around vaccinations is abundantly clear; they're safe, effective and will help protect you, your loved ones, and your community from prevent-

able diseases. If you have questions about vaccines, their safety, or effectiveness, please speak to your physician. We are here for you, eager to answer your questions, and ensure your family is protected," says Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D., M.P.H., president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

In an effort to promote a safer, healthier school year

for everyone, the AMA is sharing these vaccine facts and insights:

- Vaccines are safe, effective and save lives. Routine childhood immunization is highly effective at preventing disease over a lifetime, reducing the incidence of all targeted diseases, including measles, mumps, rubella, polio and chickenpox. For the U.S. population in 2019, vaccines prevented more

than 24 million cases of disease.

- The benefits of vaccines can be quantified. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2021 will prevent 472 million illnesses, almost 30 million hospitalizations and more than 1 million deaths, saving nearly \$2.2 trillion in total societal costs, includ-

ing \$479 billion in direct costs.

- Vaccination rates have fallen. Even before the rise in vaccine misinformation and disinformation associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine hesitancy was increasing, elevating the risk of community outbreaks, which put under-and unvaccinated children at risk for serious illnesses, like measles. According to a mid-January 2023 report from the CDC, vaccination coverage decreased in most states for all vaccines among kindergarteners for the 2021-22 school year when compared with the previous school year, which was already below pre-pandemic levels.

- Don't let cost be a barrier. Programs like Vaccines for Children (VFC) are federally funded to provide no-cost vaccinations to children whose families otherwise could not afford them. Parents can learn more by contacting their state or local health department.

"Make an annual well-child visit and immunizations a part of your household's back-to-school routine," says Dr. Ehrenfeld. "Doing so will protect you and your family from a number of preventable illnesses. It's something I do for my own children, and I urge you to do so, too."

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Shop smart and spend less this back-to-school season

(StatePoint) As summer nights shorten and the school year approaches, you may be looking for ways to reduce the stress and costs of back-to-school preparations and ease into a new routine. Thankfully, the experts at Dollar General are offering families suggestions for an easy and affordable return to classes.

School Supplies

Start by separating and categorizing students’ supplies lists and compare to items that may be left over from the previous school year. To pick up needs in one easy stop, visit a local Dollar General to purchase school supplies that are colorful and cost-effective, with over 100 back-to-

school items priced at \$1 or less. School and classroom essentials may include notebooks, coloring supplies, backpacks, a reusable water bottle and more. Additionally, a variety of hand sanitizers starting at \$1 can be easily placed into lunchboxes, desks, pencil cases or given to school staff to help stop the spread of germs.

For teachers who want to save big in 2022, sign up for a DG account and get verified for 30% off qualified items on up to four shopping trips through September 9, 2022. Additionally customers can save \$3 on qualifying \$15 or more supply purchases in the stationery, cleaning and paper, and houseware categories through September 9, 2022. All offers are

available through DG Digital Coupons online and in the DG App, where customers can load coupons and rewards on an easy-to-use platform and redeem them at checkout.

Healthier Eating

Back-to-school also means after school activities such as clubs and athletics. While juggling practices, rehearsals and club meetings, consider packing healthier snacks to support a busy schedule. Meal prep can also be helpful on busy days, and Dollar General’s DG Easy Meals provides access to simple recipes with affordable ingredients to make breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner easy and stress-free. Entrees like Pecan-Crusted Salmon or Buffalo Chicken

Pizza can be made ahead and stored in the fridge or freezer until ready to eat. Dollar General also offers Better For You recipes that provide healthier meal options featuring ingredients available at DG stores.

Organization Necessities

As the school year begins and schedules fill up, some find it harder to stay organized. Use a customizable planner or calendar to remind you of pick-up times, parent-teacher conferences and other important appointments. These tools are also great for high school or college students managing a new class schedule. Write out chores on a dry erase board, which can be secured to the side of the fridge, to keep track of daily duties.



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A healthy lunch helps to keep focused.

Finally, if your surfaces tend to collect clutter, a large canvas storage container can be a great way to keep items together for a quick cleanup. With these back-to-school

tips and tricks, you can send students of all ages to their classes prepared with everything on the list, all while saving time and money in the process.

Back-to-school gear for academic skills development

(StatePoint) From mathematics to music to new languages, skill development and knowledge acquisition are easiest with the right tools. Set your child up for a successful year with the best back-to-school gear.

- Reinforcements: Flash cards, a tried-and-true technique for reinforcing classroom lessons, have gone digital. Check out Quizlet, a site that features flash cards, games, diagrams and study guides on a range of subjects, including foreign languages, science subjects and even practical computer skills like Photoshop, Excel

and PowerPoint. With content accessible online or on the mobile app, students can quickly and conveniently cram for their exams on-the-go.

- Practice makes perfect: Whether your child is learning to play piano for the first time or mastering their skills, the right keyboard can make all the difference. To that end, consider outfitting your student with a Casio Stage Piano from the brand’s CDP line. The CDP-S150, for example, delivers a natural grand piano sound and feel in a slim case that’s barely larger

than the keys themselves, making it a great choice for those who practice in a bedroom or dorm room. Since it weighs only 23.1 pounds and is capable of running on either its included power supply or AA batteries, this model provides both portability and convenience.

- Organization: Organization is not exactly an academic skill, but mastering this life skill has the potential to improve grades and make the learning process easier. Seek out tools that help students keep both their hard copy paperwork and digital files organized,

as well as teach good habits. Mountable wall files can help reduce desk clutter and provide a sorting system, whereas new digital tools like Evernote can streamline both note-taking and review.

- Higher-order thinking: By conveying the appeal of mathematics in a way that does not just rehash textbook exercises or ask students to memorize formulas, students will be motivated to explore the depths of this fascinating subject. You can foster this type of higher-order thinking by powering your child’s learning with a

high-quality calculator designed for their coursework. Handling the tedious calculations, students will have the bandwidth to discover different possibilities for arriving at answers, while focusing on the concepts behind the calculations. The scientific calculator models from Casio can handle hundreds of math functions and their graphing calculators feature a natural textbook display to help students more easily visualize mathematical concepts.

- Gaming and sports: While video games may seem like a school-year dis-

traction, they can actually provide specific benefits to budding athletes, so don’t shy away from them completely. Research has shown that gaming in general can improve hand-eye coordination, and it’s also shown that games designed to mimic actual sports play can help build real-world skills.

There’s no doubt about it. The tools students need to thrive today look quite different from the past. However, these tools can help students take both their skills, as well as their comprehension of subjects, to new heights.

Must-have items for your high schooler’s back-to-school shopping list

(StatePoint) Setting your high schooler up for a successful school year all starts with having the right educational tools and personal supplies. Here are the must-have items to add to your cart this back-to-school shopping season:

A Tablet or eReader

If you remember your own high school years as being defined by lugging heavy textbooks around campus all day and then home with you each night, consider sending your teen back to school with an e-reader or tablet. This slim, back-saving technology makes it possible for students to access the educational content of all their many courses in one place. What’s more, some studies

suggest electronic devices facilitate learning better than physical textbooks. Look for options that offer annotation and note-taking capabilities, as well as a full-color display, so that textbook diagrams and images can be fully understood.

A Graphing Calculator

In high school STEM classes such as trigonometry, calculus and physics, students need to go beyond simply arriving at the correct answer. They must also understand the theory and foundation behind the mathematical principles they are studying. That’s where a highly-functional graphing calculator can come into play. Designed for high school students

and beyond, Casio’s affordable fx-9750GIII graphing calculator builds on the cutting-edge capabilities of its predecessors, offering a more seamless learning experience, an enhanced natural display and an improved keypad for fractions, standard-to-decimal conversion and scientific notation. Expanded menu options include Exam Mode, to comply with major standardized test-taking rules, as well as a Python Add-In, giving students the ability to create, save, edit and run Python files, as well as import and export these files with streamlined computer connectivity.

Personal Items

Send your teenager to school with some basic

personal supplies that they can leave in their locker. Having access to these items between classes will help them feel their best throughout the day and eliminate distractions, so they can better concentrate on learning. A stick of deodorant is especially useful for students enrolled in physical education or

who are involved in sports. Also include a bottle of hand sanitizer to help fight infections, particularly as cold and flu season draws near, feminine hygiene products, dental floss and tissues. An extra layer is also always helpful in both cooler weather and during the warmer months when the air conditioning may be

running at full force. In high school, the coursework becomes much more challenging and the social terrain much more complex. However, with the latest tech tools and a stash of personal supplies, your teenager can navigate both arenas with less stress.

Chelsea Public Schools Offers Meals at No Cost for Students

Chelsea Public Schools participates the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, all schools offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2025-2026. Students receive breakfast and lunch at school without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

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ACCURATE INFLATION DATA IS CRUCIAL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The controversy surrounding the recent firing by President Donald Trump of Erika McEntarfer, the former commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), who was a respected statistician (she was approved for the post by an overwhelming and bipartisan vote of the U.S. Senate) and who had worked with the agency for decades, and the announcement of her replacement by somebody who has no expertise or experience in this realm, should be of deep concern for every senior citizen for whom Social Security provides a significant portion of their income.

The reason is this: In addition to compiling employment figures, the BLS also reports inflation data. And as every senior citizen (and we are among that group) knows, the annual increases in our Social Security benefits are tied directly to the previous year’s rate of inflation (specifically, the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) as determined by the BLS.

Social Security plays a crucial role in providing a basic level of income for our nation’s seniors, as it has since its inception in 1935. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law 90 years ago, it was estimated that 70-90% of America’s elderly population lived in poverty. Social Security instantly provided a life-changing base income for millions of Americans.

Today, most seniors still rely on Social Security to live a life of dignity in their golden years. A survey conducted by the Senior Citizens League, a non-profit that advocates for increased Social Security benefits, found that 27 percent of older Americans rely solely on Social Security for their income and 67 percent of seniors said they depended on Social Security payments for more than 50 percent of their income,

The annual cost-of-living adjustments in Social Security benefits play a crucial role in ensuring that millions of senior citizens are able to maintain a life of dignity in their golden years. When inflation was running close to 10% a few years ago, seniors saw a timely and much-needed 10% boost to our benefits.

But even if the annual increases in benefits are small (say, two percent), they add up over time, enabling seniors to keep up with the ever-increasing cost of living.

With tariffs certain to raise prices on all sorts of necessary items (including food) in the coming months, it never has been more important that the inflation statistics are honest and accurate so that our Social Security benefits can keep pace with the cost of living.

To put it another way, if Trump’s incompetent and unqualified hacks do not provide accurate inflation data, the vast majority of America’s senior citizens will soon see a very real decline in our standard of living.

SCHOOL’S BACK -- DRIVE WITH CARE

With schools going back into session this week and next after the summer vacation, morning rush-hour commuters need to readjust our driving habits to ensure that we take into account the thousands of children who will be filling our streets during our morning commute.

We’ll be the first to admit that school buses, school crossing guards, etc. are a pain in the neck, especially if we’re running a bit late on our way to work.

But that is no excuse for ANY sort of driving behavior that does not take into account the safety of the children in our communities.

Every morning commuter needs to be a patient and defensive driver, especially in the first few weeks of school, when children are walking and biking to school to take advantage of the early fall weather.

Each of us is responsible not only for our own safety, but also for the safety of others when we are behind the wheel of a motor vehicle -- and that is doubly true when school is back in session.

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TANAIRI GARCIA — RAISED BY CHELSEA, FIGHTING FOR CHELSEA

To the Editor,

I grew up in the heart of Chelsea. I went to our public schools, walked the same streets our kids walk today, and proudly graduated from Chelsea High, before earning my Business degree and a Master’s in marketing.

My mother worked long hours in a factory, my father fixed cars as a mechanic, and together they raised five children. We didn’t have much — in fact, we had to work from a young age just to help our parents keep food on the table — but what we always had was love. That love for family, and for our neighbors, is what shaped me. It’s why I understand the struggle of our community, and why I will never forget the people

who rooted me here.

I’ve carried those lessons into my life’s work and motherhood— fighting for the Chelsea I know we can be. I’ve stood for housing and labor rights, held slumlords accountable, and worked for a cleaner, greener city. I’ve fought for waterfront access, built community gardens, and pushed for clean air and a healthier environment. Our schools are close to my heart — I was honored to help hire our new Sports Director so our youth can grow with discipline, pride, and joy. I dream of building a community center for them, a safe place to learn, lead, and belong.

I fight for our elderly and veterans so they have the resources and dignity they deserve. I fight for public safety, making sure our police, fire, and 911 services



District 4 City Councilor Tanairi Garcia at a recent event.

have the tools they need. I fight for our economy, creating jobs that keep our residents working and our city thriving — every single one of my employees calls Chelsea home, and that

makes me proud.

Chelsea raised me. Chelsea drives me. And every day, I will keep fighting for her future.

Tanairi Garcia, District 4 City Councilor

News Briefs

Tracking Program and an Emergency Housing/Sheltering Program for displaced residents.

For questions about Chelsea’s Office of Emergency Management, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at oem@chelseama.gov.

CITY TO HOST KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WEBINAR FOR SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The City of Chelsea, in partnership with the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), is hosting a Know Your Rights Webinar for Spanish speaking community members on Tuesday, September 9, at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Through the webinar, the City aims to connect residents with resources and information about the rights they have if they interact with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

This training will cover basic Know Your Rights information and will outline what to do when immigration comes to a person’s home or stops someone while driving. It will also include tips on family preparedness, where to get legal help, and information on notario fraud and immigration scams.

To join, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MIRAKnowYourRights>

The City of Chelsea has held many Know Your Rights trainings in 2025.

MIRA is the largest coalition in New England promoting the rights and integration of immigrants and refugees. With offices in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, we advance this mission through education and training, leadership

development, institutional organizing, strategic communications, policy analysis and advocacy. For more information about MIRA, visit miracoalition.org

CHELSEA HIFI BRINGS A MONTHLY LISTENING BAR EXPERIENCE TO THE COMMUNITY

This fall, Chelsea HiFi debuts as a one-of-a-kind monthly event celebrating music, culture, and connection.

Inspired by Japan’s legendary Jazz Kissa listening bars, intimate venues known for high-fidelity sound and deep music appreciation—Chelsea HiFi is designed as a welcoming space where vinyl lovers, artists, and neighbors can gather, listen, and vibe together.

The 4-hour experience will feature:

- Curated vinyl sets by local DJs
- A vibrant artist marketplace
- A one-hour Audio Culture Workshop, where attendees can engage directly with audio experts, DJs, and creatives around sound, vinyl culture, and analog storytelling.

Chelsea HiFi will run

once a month from September through December, activating unique venues and accessible public spaces across the city. Each event will be free and open to all ages, inviting both seasoned vinyl heads and curious newcomers into the world of deep listening.

Funded with generous support from the Barr Foundation, MassDevelopment, and Chelsea’s Local Cultural Council, Chelsea HiFi represents a growing interest in creating meaningful, art-forward spaces that reflect and uplift the local community.

“HiFi is more than an event—it’s an invitation to slow down, listen deeply, and connect with one another,” says Edwardo Chacon, producer and founder of Jukebox Event. “We’re blending the culture of listening bars with local flavor—where great music, neighborhood pride, and creative energy meet.”

DJs, artists, and collaborators interested in participating are encouraged to reach out via ecahcon@jukeboxevent.coxm.

Stay tuned for dates, venues, and lineup announcements by following [@jukebox_event/](https://www.instagram.com/jukebox_event/) on Instagram or visiting www.jukeboxevent.com.

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Colleagues, friends fete Bobby Spinney at retirement party

By Cary Shuman

Colleagues, family, and friends came to the Sagamore Club in Chelsea Saturday night to honor Bobby Spinney on his retirement from the U.S. Postal Service.

Spinney, 68, one of Chelsea's greatest baseball players and athletes, completed his 44-year career as a letter carrier in the spring.

"I was totally surprised when I showed up tonight," commented Bobby. "It's great to see all my fellow letter carriers. It's awesome to see all my family and friends. Whenever we all get together and celebrate – not just my times, it's all our times because we like to

have as many good times as possible."

Spinney praised his girlfriend, Alison Bonita, his sisters, Joanne and Cheryl, and his son Bobby III, for likely "being in on the planning and doing a great job."

"I love my sisters and my mother [Margaret Spinney] so much," said Bobby. "We have a great relationship with each other, and it's all good. I feel great. I'm here with all my friends."

Family pays tribute to Bobby Spinney

Joanne Spinney summed up the good tidings on behalf of the Spinney sisters. Cheryl Spinney was CHS

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Bobby Spinney, pictured with his son, Bobby Spinney III, and daughter-in-law, Alexa Spinney.



Bobby Spinney, pictured with his friends, Dr. William Eaves and Thomas "Bucky" Cole.



Bobby Spinney, pictured with his many colleagues in the U.S. Postal Service who attended the retirement party in his honor Saturday night at the Sagamore Club.



Carmen Gallo, Bucky Cole, Alison Bonita, Dr. William Eaves, and Richard "Turk" Szarythe, pictured at the retirement party held in honor of Bobby Spinney.



Enjoying the retirement party are former CHS football standout Mark Williams, Retired Deputy Fire Chief and Pony League Pirates champion Robert Cameron, guest of honor Bobby Spinney, Little League championship pitcher Dr. William Eaves, former Chelsea Little League home run champion Bucky Cole, and Larry Skara, the incomparable third baseman on the 1974 Pony League Orioles, the only undefeated team in CYBL history.



Bobby Spinney, pictured with members of his family at the retirement party held Saturday night at the Sagamore Club.



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Class of 1973, Bobby Spinney was Class of 1975, and Joanne was Class of 1977 – the personable and popular children of Margaret Spinney and the late Robert Spinney Sr.

“He’s a wonderful guy, a wonderful brother, and devoted family man,” said Joanne. “He’s always been someone to look up to. He was two years older than I in high school, and he always looked out for me.”

Joanne has special memories of the 1975 Chelsea High School baseball season when Bobby became a legend.

“That season was so special for the family,” recalled Joanne. “I was at every game with my dad and my mom. We had to do my brother’s homework for him. My sister did his book reports, and I had to iron his clothes because he was too busy with practices and games. I had to do his paper route – he was absolutely spoiled by the two sisters.”

Bobby Spinney III, whose wife, Alexa Spinney, is expecting a child soon, said of his beloved father, “I’m very proud of what he was able to accomplish in his career both personally and

professionally. I think today we have a small, intimate group here which is testament to the support that he’s had around him all these years. What I can say as the person who was the catalyst that put this [party] together – everybody I reached out to responded immediately and said they would be happy to attend the celebration. I think that shows the impact my father has had on people as a friend throughout his life. I’m happy that everyone is here tonight as he celebrates this milestone. I look forward to seeing what he’ll do on the back nine.”



Bobby Spinney and his proud mother, Margaret Spinney.



Two of Chelsea High's greatest all-time baseball players, Mike Lush and Bobby Spinney, who led Coach Joe Bever's Red Devils to the 1975 Division 2 Eastern Mass. title.



Dr. William “Billy” Eaves and his wife, Christine Eaves, enjoying the retirement party for Bobby Spinney at the Sagamore Club.



Bobby Spinney and his girlfriend, Alison Bonita.



Joseph Ippolito and prominent dentist, Dr. William Eaves.



Two legends in the house, Richard “Turk” Szarythe and Bobby Spinney, longtime friends and former Chelsea High School football teammates.

CHS CLASS OF 1965 PLANS 60TH REUNION



The Chelsea High School Class of 1965 has begun planning its 60th Class Reunion. The committee met at the Satter House last week to select a date and venue for the reunion. Pictured at the meeting are committee members (seated, from left) Inez Prag Cole, Toni Scrivano Cronin, Bob Brilliant, and Committee Chairperson Marc Mazonson. Standing (from left) are Marlene Rosoff Goodman, Louise Parrotta Fay, Maureen Resnick Willett, Goldie Peach Moore, Rona Litcofsky, and Cheryl Brilliant.

The great Larry Skara: ‘I couldn’t ask for a better friend than Bobby Spinney’

By Cary Shuman

Larry Skara said he and Bobby Spinney have been friends for more than 60 years.

“Bobby was pitching to me when I was 5 years old at Voke, and I hit my first ball out of Voke Park 330 feet,” joked Skara. “He tried to throw the lazy curve he had, and the ball went a long way. We also used to race, and whoever said, ‘Ready, set, go,’ won the race.”

Skara played Little League baseball for the Major League Cubs while Spinney was a Cardinal. Both were two-time All-Stars for the Chelsea Nationals.

“Bobby always knew the game inside and out,” recalled Skara, who traveled from Florida to be at the retirement party. “He knew what base to throw to, when to steal, when to bunt. That’s what his game was: get on base, steal, and score a run. He had a very good career average against me.”

They competed on different teams in the Chelsea Pony League, with the electrifying Skara joining forces with other all-time greats like Mike Lush, Jerry Dion, Tommy Duval, and Bob Ham to produce the only undefeated team – George Triant’s 1974 Orioles – in league history. Spinney’s Angels, managed by Paul Casino with such superstars as Eric Shuman, Kevin Melisi, and Bill Francis on the roster, fell just short of a title when right fielder Bob Cameron gloved Pony League home run champion Shuman’s sinking line drive to save Game 5 and give James “Bear” Burke’s Pirates the CYBL championship.

Skara and Spinney could have been high school teammates, but Skara chose to attend Malden Catholic (“My parents wanted me to go to Malden Catholic – they figured that would be my best road to college,” he said) while Spinney stayed home and led Coach Joe Bever’s

Red Devils to the Eastern Mass. title in 1975.

“I had a four-year career at Suffolk University, and I was the only two-year captain,” humbly boasted Skara, a shortstop who was scouted by Major League teams while at Suffolk. “We almost broke Brandeis’ 27-game winning streak. We had them going into the ninth inning, but an error cost us the victory, 7-6.

Skara, who has owned a successful specialty products business in Florida for several years, said he and Bobby Spinney stay in touch and talk “three or four times a week.”

“I couldn’t ask for a better friend,” said Skara of Spinney. “When you have your best friend and a brother – we consider each other brothers – I’m just so grateful to have Bobby in my life and all these guys like Richard Szarythe, Jimmy “Joe” and Joe Ippolito, Bobby Cameron, Bucky Cole – they’re just great, great, guys.”

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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 Savoror’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 a possible 24/7 operation. Residents fear unwanted noise, odors, pests, pollution, and traffic.

Since Boston Provisions will initially occupy only 1/4 of the building, they or other similar companies may occupy the remaining space eventually, turning the neighborhood into a raw fish/meat distribution district.

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

If you oppose this special permit, please email the City Manager fmaltez@chelseama.gov

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lization fund—also known as the ‘Rainy Day Fund’—which currently stands at a historic \$8.1 billion. These stabilization funds are critical for safeguarding the Commonwealth’s economic security amid imminent federal funding cuts.

“This budget will directly benefit students, patients, commuters, tenants, and homeowners in my district and throughout the Commonwealth,” said Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “I am proud to bring hundreds of thousands of dollars to community organizations and schools in my district and ensure stable funding for some of the state’s most impactful education, food insecurity, and anti-poverty programs that provide vital services for our residents. I want to thank Senate President Spilka and Chair Rodrigues for all their work ushering through this impactful budget that will benefit our residents now and promote our state’s success into the

- future.”
- Senator DiDomenico’s local amendments totaling \$625,000 will support:
- Local Organizations
 - Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee
 - Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition
 - Chelsea Black Community
 - Community Action Programs Inter-City (CAPIC)
 - East End House
 - Eliot Family Resource Center
 - Everett Haitian Community Center
 - Global Arts Live
 - Harvest on Vine
 - Just-A-Start Biomedical Careers program
 - Kennedy Center
 - La Comunidad
 - Latinos Unidos en Massachusetts (LUMA)
 - Margaret Fuller House
 - Cambridge Public Schools Theater Program
 - Chelsea High School Music Program
 - Courageous Sailing
 - Everett High School Music Program
 - Girls on the Run

- La Vida Scholars
 - Loop Lab
- Senator DiDomenico’s statewide amendments totaling approximately \$750,000 will support:
- The ALS Association of Massachusetts offers life-changing services and equipment that ensures individuals with ALS live a higher quality of life and receive the support and care they deserve.
- The Boston Housing Authority supports thousands of low- and moderate-income families across Boston with their critical housing needs.
- The Pediatric Palliative Care program provides invaluable comprehensive care for children living with life-limiting or end of life illnesses, as well as support for their families.
- Senator DiDomenico’s successful advocacy prioritizing funding for state programs includes:
- \$360 million for the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) grant program, which is matched

- with \$115 million in funds from the Early Education and Care Operational Grant Fund, for a total investment of \$475 million. Despite the loss of federal funds after the COVID pandemic, the Commonwealth has maintained this vital early education program which has lowered costs for families and increased opportunities for teachers in the field.
- \$517.6 million for income-eligible early education and child care.
- \$20 million for grants to Head Start programs to promote school readiness for young children in low-income households.
- \$50.5 million for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program to ensure individuals and families across our state have access to food when in need.
- \$20.1 million for the Healthy Incentives Program to support healthy food access for households in need.
- \$35 million for Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to maintain mental health resources available to fam-

- ilies.
- \$3.1 million for the Boston, Cambridge and Everett fire department hazardous material response teams.
- \$20.6 million for employment services programs to help people with lower incomes move toward economic security
- \$15.5 million for the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI), matching \$5 million in general revenue for a total of \$20.5 million, to support a pathway to universal pre-kindergarten expansion, including in Gateway Cities and the Summer Step Up program.
- \$15 million for early literacy initiatives and programs.
- \$1.25 million for the Young Mothers Experiencing Acute Trauma Pilot Program, a behavioral intervention program that works to stabilize and support young women, most of whom are mothers, who are traumatized survivors of abuse and neglect.
- \$1.25 million for the

- Prostate Cancer Action Council.
- Maintain the annual child’s clothing allowance, providing \$500 per child for eligible families to buy clothes for the upcoming school year.
- Fully annualizes the Fiscal Year 2025 10% increase to Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) and Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) benefit levels to help families move out of deep poverty. Additionally, the budget ensures that pregnant women can access TAFDC, regardless of where they are in their pregnancy.
- Senator DiDomenico’s policy amendments will:
- Instruct the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to collect data on sex and relationship education in public schools so that we can understand what students in our state are being taught about an important subject.

OBITUARIES

Vivian Epstein

Very involved in the Chelsea Community

Vivian (Zolot) Epstein of Reading, formerly of Chelsea, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2025 at the age of 104.

Vivian was the beloved wife of the late Jacob “Jack” Epstein and the loving daughter of the late Harry and Lena Zolot.

Vivian was born in Chelsea and attended the Chelsea schools before earning a Business Degree from Burdett College in Boston. She was very involved in the community as a Past President of the Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary #71, a member of the Chelsea Pioneer Woman, as well as a Girl Scout Leader. She volunteered for the USO during World War II and also served as Past President of the Orange Street Synagogue Sisterhood. When she was not volunteering or spending time with family, Vivian could often be seen walking around in Rockport or Gloucester or home doing ceramics and various arts and crafts projects.

Vivian was the devoted mother of Larry Epstein and his wife, Mavis, Beverly Burack and her husband, Mark and the late Cynthia Epstein. She was the loving grandmother of Corey and his wife, Marnie, Barry and



his wife, Gina, Lisa, Brandon and Sydnie and her fiancé, Troy. She also leaves behind six great-grandchildren: Chris and his wife, Liz, Allana and her husband, Ezra, Jacob, Ryan, Lillia and Haylee.

Services were held on Monday, August 18 at the Torf Funeral Chapel, 151 Washington Avenue, Chelsea. Interment followed in West Roxbury. Donations in Vivian’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or to a charity of your choice.

Memorial observance was at the home of Larry and Mavis Epstein following interment.

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Mamie Lee Robinson Lopez

November 10, 1957 – August 12, 2025



eastern University with a Bachelor’s degree. Although trained to teach, she was encouraged to join the workforce at today’s Verizon that used to be Ma Bell, New England Telephone, NYNEX, Bell Atlantic. With persistence and grit, she stayed through all those transitions, and she rose from being a 411- Information Operator through the ranks to become a Project Manager of new installations

Mamie left her position to enjoy a less stressful life, though not totally retired. She had a heart for the veterans and took a supervisor position at the New England Center and Home for Veterans in Boston. She also especially enjoyed working the polls during the municipal and general elections; she got to see a lot of the “old Chelsea” people and reminisce.

Remember those strangers that became her friends, well one of those strangers was Michael Byron Lopez who not only became a friend, but they were so love- connected that he was also her date for both Junior and Senior proms. In 1981, friendship became the foundation of their marriage that would last 40 years, until he transitioned to his eternal rest in 2021. To their union, they added children Louise Autumn-Joi, Amber Lee and Michael Byron. Michael might have been her one-true-love, but Mamie’s family was her life’s joy and she was the world’s #1 Protector of all things involving her children. If you ever saw her cheering at any

of their basketball, football, or cheerleading competitions, she was the picture of a fiercely protective “Mama Bear”.

Mamie loved her family. She was fiercely loyal to her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. And she loved being at all the family celebrations to laugh so hard you couldn’t figure out what she was laughing about. She was famous for her “lasagna” and she could whip one up real quick. She loved to sing and was subject to break out in song whether you wanted to hear it or not. And she liked to dance, especially to entertain her children and grandbabies, to romance her husband and sometimes just because.

Anyone who knew her also knew she had her “happy place”, Foxwoods Casino, so much so that she could probably tell you how long it would take you to drive from Chelsea at just about any hour of the day. Like most of the family, Mamie loved the Patriots and the Celtics and she thoroughly enjoyed cheering any of the Chelsea teams to victory. And long before “photobombing” was a happening, Mamie Lee wanted to make sure everyone remembered her and she showed up in lots of other people’s wedding, family reunion, graduation and first day of school pictures.

A long-time member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mamie loved Pastor Wayne Gadie and her church family. She enjoyed working and volunteering in the church, was an enthusiastic member of the Choir where she met another BFF, Gwen Shelton. The two of them became fast allies and loyal friends. She also participated in the Women’s Ministry, was not only a member of the Trustee Board but also served as its Chair. She enjoyed welcoming members and visitors as an Usher and

had also served as Chair of the Usher Ministry. If an event was happening at the church, that’s where you would probably find Mamie.

God in His infinite wisdom called Mamie Lee Robinson-Lopez home to her eternal rest on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. She was predeceased by her parents, Louise and James Robinson, her husband, Michael, her sister, Irena Wilkerson, her brother, Donald Robinson and her very special Aunt, Mamie Bridges and Uncle, Jim Bridges as well as her special niece and nephew, Trina and Reginal Wilkerson.

Mamie leaves to cherish her memory, her daughters: Louise Autumn-Joi (Jacqueline Garcia - Attleboro), and Amber Lee and her son, Michael Byron (both of Chelsea), grandchildren: Jaelyn Echevarria, Jeilani Echevarria, Z’Andre Lopez, Orlando Echevarria and Omari Lopez; siblings Gwendolyn Robinson Greene (Greenville NC), James Robinson, Jr. (Chelsea) Terry Robinson (Chelsea), Jacqueline Robinson-Perry (Jersey City, NJ) and Margaret Robinson Williams (Chelsea), sisters-in-law, Carol M. Lopez, Margo M. D. Lopez, brothers-in-law David (Ruby) Lopez, Martin P. (Shirley) Lopez, Kenny A. Lopez along with a host of wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins, lifelong friends and her Facebook friends who really enjoyed her wit and ongoing commentary. Mamie Lee Robinson-Lopez will be sorely missed as a mother, sister, cousin and true friend.

To send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welshfh.com.



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City Manager’s latest monthly message focuses on master plan process

Special to the Record

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

Hello Residents of Chelsea, Welcome to Our Community! My name is Fidel Maltez, and it is my honor to serve as your City Manager. Today I would like to speak with you about the importance of our community-driven Comprehensive Master Plan: ¡Chelsea Pa’Lante, Chelsea Onward!. First, let us address the elephant in the room. WHAT is ¡Chelsea Pa’Lante, Chelsea Onward!, exactly? This will be the City’s first Comprehensive Master Plan since 1970.

That’s right: it has been more than 50 years since the City developed a master plan intended to guide Chelsea’s growth, development, and overall future. Think about that for a moment. The last time Chelsea created a plan like this was before the Great Fire of 1973. Before receivership. It was during a time when our population was shrinking and the city faced incredible challenges.

Today, we are a very different Chelsea. We are growing. We are resilient. We are proud. And we are one of the most diverse communities in Massachusetts. At this moment, the possibilities ahead of us are bigger and brighter than ever before. That is why we are doing this now. We recognize the City needs to hear from our residents, businesses, and other stakeholders about what is needed to keep Chelsea thriving and moving forward, Pa’Lante. That’s why we are collecting community input to develop this plan.

While Chelsea Pa’Lante, Chelsea Onward! will be a physical document, it will also be thought of as a roadmap for how we want to grow together, what we prioritize, and how we make decisions that reflect our values and our vision. It’s a plan we are creating together with all of you. The plan will serve as a guide for how we make major decisions around key areas including housing, economic development, land-use plans, and more.

You may be wondering, “Why does this matter? How will this benefit me? What will it change?” Well, for the last few decades, the City has tackled challenges one at a time, project by project. While the City has made great improvements, we need to have a shared, community-centered, unifying vision to guide us.

Chelsea Pa’Lante, Chelsea Onward! will change that. It will give us a shared direction, an agreed-upon path that connects all your ideas with our efforts and investments. It will help us define Chelsea’s values, set a bold, but practical, shared vision for Chelsea’s future, and create a framework to implement our goals in an equitable and coordinated way.

With all that said – it’s extremely important that I make you aware that his plan will not rewrite zoning laws overnight. It won’t tell us exactly how every dollar will be spent or redesign every street. But it will give us the foundation, the recommendations, and the tools to make those decisions faster—and better, for all of us. And it’s already working. Since March, our planning team, led by the local firm Utile, has been talking and engaging with many of you, more than 1,200 residents to be exact, through surveys, events, and community conversations. You have told us what makes Chelsea special, and where we need to improve. You have said you love our close-knit neighborhoods, our diversity, our walkability, and our community spirit.

But you’ve also raised real concerns, about housing affordability, safety, environmental justice, and the need for more economic opportunity, for all of us. These priorities are shaping the plan. They’re not being decided behind closed doors, they’re being voiced by you and incorporated into the plan every step of the way.

So what comes next? We will begin exploring future scenarios, like, what it would take to achieve our shared goal? And what trade-offs do we may need to make together? From there, we’ll come back to you with options, visuals, and ideas. And ultimately, the final plan will go to the Planning Board, grounded in your input.

Chelsea, this is our opportunity to dream big, plan wisely, and move forward together. We call this plan ¡Chelsea Pa’Lante, Chelsea Onward! because it reflects our identity—rooted in community, resilience, and the desire to build something better for everyone. Let’s make sure every voice is heard in this process. Let’s make sure every corner and every neighborhood of Chelsea sees ourselves in this plan. Because the future of Chelsea doesn’t belong to just one department, one neighborhood, or one administration, it belongs to all of us.

And finally, the City of Chelsea is working to make our streets safer for everyone. This requires an All Of City effort, including learning from residents how unsafe streets impact our lives and where you would like to see improvements, whether walking, driving, or using transit. We believe in a future of zero traffic deaths and eliminating serious crashes, but we need your help. We encourage residents to complete an online survey at chelseama.gov or call Chelsea 311 to learn more.

Thank you for believing in our community. Thank you for being part of it. CHELSEA !PA’LANTE! See you next time on Our Community. Thank you and May god bless the City of Chelsea.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2025-17

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: Juan Gallago & Ever Zavala, Trustees of GZ Realty Trust For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to establish twelve (12) residential units by constructing a second, third, and fourth above the existing commercial space which does meet the minimum requirements for side yard setback, rear yard setback, usable open space and off street parking at the premises known as: 124 (126) Pearl Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

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MOD. Case No. 2022-09

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: Wash Ave-GBMA LLC Requesting a Modification of the approved Special Permit and Variances, the Modification is for the addition of two (2) residential units on the third floor at the premises known as: 157 Washington Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

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CITY OF CHELSEA 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 Northwestly 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 until 12:00pm on 9/2/25. The public is invited to attend. Cate Fox Lent Commissioner

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 Docket No. SU25P1815PM In the matter of: Pauline Lewis Of: Chelsea, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Public Guardian Services, LLC (“PGS of Braintree, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Pauline Lewis is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/23/2025. This 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. 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. Any one 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 12, 2025 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Docket No. SU24D2220DR Victoria Guadalupe Landaverde Pineda Plaintiff vs. Pablo Aparicio Vaquerano Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Victoria Guadalupe Landaverde Pineda 123 Lantern Rd. Apt. 1 Reverse, MA 02150, your answer on or before 09/16/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, Esquire, First Judge of this Court. Date: July 22, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate Court

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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

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Case No. 2025-18

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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 hasta las 12:00 p.m. del 2/9/25. El público está invitado a asistir. Cate Fox Lent

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MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Rosa E. Flores to Citizens Mortgage Corporation, dated January 10, 2003 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 30319, Page 321, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00PM on September 10, 2025 at 262 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON SITUATED IN CHELSEA, SUFFOLK COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, COMPRISING THE NORTHWESTERLY HALF OF LOT 37, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND IN CHELSEA, BELONGING

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and Chelsea High School students will be volunteering and fundraising to support initiatives such as athletics, prom, and more.

“Chelsea Day is a true celebration of everything that makes our community special including our families, our students, and our shared pride in Chelsea,” commented Chelsea Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta. “Chelsea Day celebrates the story of our city spanning our past, present and future, which is highlighted by the involvement of our students. I look forward to another memorable Chelsea Day this year!”

Chelsea Day Schedule Parade
1:30 - 3 p.m.
From Bellingham Square to the intersection of Beacon Street and Broadway
Chelsea Day will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a parade that starts at Bellingham Square and ends at the intersection of Beacon Street and Broadway.
Block Party
3 - 7 p.m.
At the intersection of Beacon Street and Broadway
The Day will continue with a community celebration featuring live entertainment, food vendors, music, and more at the intersection of Beacon Street and Broadway.
Fireworks

7:30 p.m.
Around 7:30 p.m., the City will put on a fireworks show. For best viewing, community members have the option of traveling to Mary O’Malley State Park.
During the event, the following streets will be closed:
Chelsea Day Road closures 12 - 8 p.m.
Broadway at Williams Street
Beacon at Chestnut Street
Beacon at Broadway
Medford Street / Front Street at Broadway
Broadway at Commandants Way
Parade Road Closures: 12 - 1:30 p.m.
Williams Street at Pearl Street
Williams Street at Broadway
Williams Street at Chestnut Street
Williams Street at Arlington Street ext (Walnut Street)
Williams Street at Spruce Street
Beacon Street at Chestnut Street
Beacon Street at Broadway
2nd Street at Park Street
2nd Street at Broadway
2nd Street at Cherry
2nd Street at Chestnut Street
2nd Street at Arlington Street ext. (Walnut Street)
2nd Street at Spruce Street

Washington Ave at Chestnut Street
4th Street at Chestnut Street
4th Street at Cherry Street
4th Street at Broadway
Congress Ave at Pearl Street
Congress Ave at Division Street
Congress Ave at Broadway
Everett Ave at Spruce Street
Everett Ave at Arlington Street
Everett Ave at Walnut Street
Everett Ave at Chestnut Street
Everett Ave at Cherry Street
Everett Ave at Broadway
The Chelsea community is also invited to kick off Chelsea Day festivities with the City’s 2nd Annual 5K Road Race on Saturday, September 6, at 9 a.m. The race offers participants a scenic route that winds through the heart of the city, passing by cherished landmarks. For more information, and to register for the race, visit www.recreation.chelseama.gov or contact the Chelsea Recreation Department at recreation@chelseama.gov.
For more information and/or questions about road closures or events, please contact Chelsea 311 at 617-466-4209.

Mass Saves // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ing overall efficiency across the city,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. “At its core, this partnership is about supporting the people of Chelsea, whether they rent an apartment, own a home, or run a small business, and we’re excited to welcome Lydia to the team to help them take full advantage of these resources.”
Residents and business owners who participate in the program will receive a Mass Save no-cost Energy Assessment to identify energy-saving opportunities, such as insulation upgrades and heat pumps. Through this exciting partnership, the Mass Save Sponsors offer up to 100 percent off the cost of certain approved upgrades. Participants can also receive a variety of no-cost energy- and water-saving products.
“Working towards an affordable clean energy future that all Massachusetts residents can benefit from is a critical goal of our programs and partnerships,”

said Kate Peters, Director of Energy Efficiency at Eversource. “By partnering with Chelsea, we’re able to offer trusted resources and meaningful upgrades that empower residents to save money and make their homes more energy efficient.
Chelsea’s goals include:
• 300 no-cost energy assessments
• 200 insulation upgrades
• 100 high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment upgrades
• 50 small business energy efficiency upgrades
As a Community Partner Team, the North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability is eligible for up to \$85,500 in funding each year for three years to support these projects as well as trainings, resources and marketing and technical support from the Mass Save Sponsors. Chelsea is one of 58 communities to be selected for the program.
If you are interested in saving energy, please re-

quest a no-cost energy assessment at www.Mass-Save.com/NorthSuffolk or by calling 617-485-0789. For localized support, contact your community’s Energy Advocate by calling or texting (617) 794-0287. With support through this program, Chelsea will be able to help residents and small businesses, and advance sustainability for the community.
Mass Save® is a collaborative of Massachusetts’ electric and natural gas utilities and energy efficiency service providers including Berkshire Gas, Cape Light Compact, Eversource, Liberty, National Grid, and Unitil. We empower residents, businesses, and communities to make energy efficient upgrades by offering a wide range of services, rebates, incentives, trainings, and information. For more information, please visit <https://www.masssave.com/>.

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the ZBA did open the public hearing on a proposed special permit to establish a driving school and classroom in the first floor of 471 Eastern Avenue, which does not meet the minimum requirement for off street parking.

Felipe Aguilera of Felipe’s Driving School said that while there are only two dedicated parking spaces for the business, it represents a special case since most of the people attending the school are working to get their driver’s licenc-

es so do not currently have vehicles. Aguilera also noted that the business would fulfill a need in the city by becoming the only driving school currently open in Chelsea.

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Chavez, Orlando A	Mcbrine Donna M Est	513 Washington Ave	\$708,000
Ye, Lucy	Billiken Investments LLC	58 Chestnut St	\$855,000
Imperial, Patrick	Martynowicz, Brian	89-91 Central Ave #3	\$615,000
Hernandez, Dimas O	Brown Kristina Est	91 Tudor St	\$615,000
Alzate, Cindy	Lee, Brian	960 Broadway #10	\$475,000



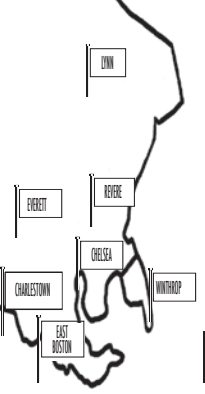
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