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RESIDENTS CELEBRATE CHELSEA DAY



City Manager Fidel Maltez and former Chelsea Councilor-at-Large Brian Hatleberg join students from the CHS Classes of 2026 and 2027 at their bake sale table during Chelsea Day festivities. See pages 6-8 for more photos.

Residents celebrated "Chelsea Day" Saturday with a road race that attracted 500 runners, a parade down Broadway, and a special presentation on

By Adam Swift

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Luis Rodriguez, owner of Good Looks Barber Shop, 363 Washington Avenue, sits in one of the chairs from the shop before the parade.

Potential Problem

Lower school enrollment numbers could bring budget challenges for next year

School administrators are preparing for how declining enrollment this year could affect next year's district budget.

At last week's school

committee meeting, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta said the current school enrollment is at 5,704 students, down from the high of 6,100 last year. The superintendent added

that she expects to see the current enrollment rise by about 100 students in the coming weeks.

"The reason why this number is so important is because in October, when we do report our numbers to DESE (the state's department of elementary and secondary education) with the final number, the numbers in October deter-

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District 4 Council preliminary election this Tuesday

Special to the Record

Polls will be open for the preliminary election for District 4 City Councilor on Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The election is only for voters in Ward 3 Precinct 3 and Ward 3 Precinct 4 only. Incumbent District 4

is facing a challenge from Marnie MacAlpine and Andy Ramos. The top two votegetters

will be on the general municipal election ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The polls for the District 4 preliminary election will be open at the Williams School Auditorium from 7 Councilor Tanairi Garcia a.m. to 8 p.m.

On the Campaign Trail

Leo Robinson Announces Candidacy for Re-Election to Chelsea City Council

Leo Robinson has announced his candidacy for re-election to the City Council. The following is his statement:

Chelsea is the best city in the world. It has given me, and countless others, access to limitless opportunity. When you love something as much as I love this city, it's important to not just celebrate our successes, but

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Leo Robinson

Firefighter David Delaney retires after more than 40 years of service

Council looks at possible amendment of seafood processing ordinance

Special to the Record

During a brief retirement ceremony, the Chelsea Fire Department recognized Firefighter David Delaney,



Shown (left to right) Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri and **Retired Chelsea Firefighter** David Delaney.



who served the community for more than four decades, on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the Mill Hill Fire Station.

Firefighter Delaney joined the department in 1985 and quickly earned a reputation as a reliable and dedicated member of the department. Throughout his career, he responded to

thousands of emergencies, ranging from structure fires to medical calls, and received numerous commendations and citations.

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"Dave was a firefighter you could always count on, without question. Everyone felt reassured knowing he was on Ladder 2 each shift," said Fire Chief John Quatieri. "Firefighter Delaney's dedication to public service and his commitment to his fellow firefighters will leave a lasting mark on this department."

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The entire Chelsea Fire Department extends our gratitude to Firefighter Delaney for his extraordinary service and we wish him the very best in his well-earned retirement," added Quatieri.



Retired Chelsea Firefighter David Delaney and family,

APPRECIATION

Former state representative Bobby Donovan, 88

By Cary Shuman

Poncho Elder said if you lived in Chelsea in the 1960s or 1970s, you knew the Donovan family.

"And if you met any one of them, you liked them," said Elder. "They were a great Chelsea family. I remember Bobby Donovan had an insurance agency above Freeman Drug on Broadway."

City Councilor Leo Robinson felt the same way about one of Chelsea's most legendary political families.

"Just great people, friendly, kind, personable and they all loved Chelsea," said Robinson. "They did a lot to make Chelsea a better

Chelsea is mourning the

loss of one of its most storied political figures, Robert "Bobby" F. Donovan, who passed away Sept. 4, 2025. Family and friends gathered at a Visitation and Mass Tuesday at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel on Summit Avenue to pay their respects to one of Chelsea's most renowned citizens.

When politics was a huge part of Chelsea's daily life, Bobby Donovan was elected as state representative.

"He represented our city very well, and he was a great friend," said Leo Robinson.

When the second Great Chelsea Fire struck the city hard on October 14, 1973, it was Rep. Bobby Donovan

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and work tirelessly to fix them. This is what I have committed my professional life to, and it is what I will continue to do as your Chelsea City Councilor - At - Large.

I am a Chelsea kid. I grew up here in Old Ward Two area, the most diverse section of the city. My mother and her mother were born in Chelsea, thus my brothers and sisters, we all attended Williams School and Cheslea High School. I went on to Burdett College and fin-

also identify our challenges ished a pre-master's program at Cambridge College.

Mayor Joel Pressman appointed me to Economic Development Board and from there I became Chelsea Housing Authority Commission, which later I ran for Alderman- at large and I continue to serve today.

I have worked daily to improve our city. I will be a city councilor for all of Chelsea, bringing experience, professionalism, civility and appreciation for varying viewpoints to get

things done for our residents.

Please join me as I bring the commonsense approach to expand housing opportunities to our community, homeownership opportunities, investing in our public schools, ensuring our neighborhoods are safe and healthy, supporting Chelsea small business and standing up for our seniors and delivering effective and responsive constituent Severes. Looking forward to seeing you in the community.

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lowing year," said Abeyta. "That is why we monitor the numbers very closely."

School Committee member Dr. Sarah Neville asked what the superintendent predicts the difference in enrollment will be compared to last year given the number of ongoing enroll-

"We are getting a lot of last-minute people registering ... and we have a lot in and out," said Abeyta.

The impact of national immigration policies has played a role in Chelsea not getting as many incoming students for the current school year, Abeyta said.

"So that's why there is a drop," she said. "It's not that we are not retaining our students, because we are, but this is the impact of national policy on our school system."

Abeyta said the district will be monitoring the enrollment figures in the com-

mine the funding for the fol- ing weeks and keeping the school committee apprised with any updates.

> "This will have huge budget and financial implications for us," said Abeyta.

> Neville added that she hopes the state government can step in and help the Chelsea schools with any potential financial impact due to lower enrollment.

> "The way I understand it, something similarly catastrophic happened for Chelsea's funding several years ago when they changed the way that low income students were counted and that really affected the amount of Chapter 70 (state) funding that we got," said Neville. "At that time, the state actually did step in and help give us the funding that we needed to try to close that gap. This year, what I have been hearing from people is that they're hoping that the money that has been put aside that has come in from

the millionaires' tax; that is a bucket of money that the state government can use for special circumstances hopefully like this one."

Neville said that as the district looks forward to the next year's budget, it needs to advocate for the state using the Fair Share funds for districts like Chelsea that have been hit hard by the national immigration poli-

"One of the reasons that I am calling it out now is because we have to plan," said Abeyta. "The budget season doesn't start until January, but (it is clear) that we are needing to plan and figure this out now."

Abeyta said she has brought Chelsea's issues to the attention of state education secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler.

"He knows and I am just bringing it to his attention," said Abeyta. "I am very concerned and so we will need to get in front of this."

Apollinaire Theatre Company presents Apollinaire in the Park Festival

This year, in celebration of Apollinaire's 30th anniversary, we're thrilled to debut a brand-new version of Apollinaire in the Park on September 20 and 21: a dynamic Festival and Open House that invites the community to experience theater in a more informal and interactive way.

The entire Chelsea Theatre Works building, along with the surrounding street and park, will come alive with Free Performances, a Beer Garden with Local Food and Craft Vendors, Live Music, Art Exhibitions, Youth Activities, Bilingual Programming, Workshops, a Squirrel Fashion Show and two Free theater-themed Escape Rooms.

The marquee event of this festival will reunite actors from across Apollinaire's three decades to collaborate on an original play created and performed within just 48 hours!

The 48 Hour Play at 7:00 on Saturday will lead into Apollinaire's 25/26 Season Announcement, followed by Live Music!

Bent Water Brewing Company will host the Beer Garden, which will feature food from Local Restaurants as well as art and crafts from local artisans.

A Festival highlight will be two Theater-themed Escape Rooms designed by Actor/Director Brooks Reeves:

45 Minutes to Curtains!

Chelsea's greatest detectives have been summoned to Apollinaire Theatre to prevent a murder in the making! An ill-fated production, squabbling actors, and 45 minutes to examine the dressing room of the most dysfunctional production in the Greater Boston Area and prevent disaster. You better solve the mystery or it's... Curtains!!

The Unquiet Room

Hidden away at Apollinaire Theatre is a locked room, so eerie, so cursed, that few dare to enter and solve its secrets. Some say that a precious treasure is hidden within, but protected by mischievous spirits who will do everything they can to confound those who dare and try. Are you brave enough to enter... The Un-

quiet Room?? Sunday we focus on the work of Teatro Chelsea:

In addition to the youth activities, music, and games in the Beer Garden, we'll celebrate Teatro BlackBox Theatre:

1:00- Workshop with Cristhian Mancinas-García: Como avanzar tu carrera de actor en Boston

2:00- New Works Symposium: Inside A-Tipico-From Submission to World Premiere

3:00- Reading: Sneak Peak of beautiful land (la linda tierra)

4:00-Teatro Chelsea Season Announcement followed by music from Los Gallos Locos

Musical Highlights include cabaret performers from Longwood Players, Mariachi singer Carmen Serrato, Live Bands, and performances by our Actor/ Singers and Special Guests. Alan Kuang & Bulletproof Funk will be blowing folks away with their amazing breakdancing throughout the day on Saturday.

We will also offer workshops for adults and youth. Chiara Durazzini of Pazzi Lazzi Troupe with offer "Masks in Motion - An Introduction to Commedia dell'Arte." Cristhian Mancinas-García with offer 3 sessions of "Working as an Actor in Boston," one for youth, one for adults, and one for all ages in Spanish. Parker Jennings will offer "How to Die on Stage."

Activities for Youth include youth music and dance performances from 1-2, followed at 2:00 by It's Elementary performed by Apollinaire Play Lab students. There will also be Face Painting and Lawn

There will also be exhibits of professional and youth Art. Join us in the Apollinaire Gallery to see the work of great artists who have been a part of our history, vote for your favorite, or become part of that history by placing a bid and taking a work home. Youth art will be on display in the Riseman Family Theatre.

Saturday will feature a one and only Squirrel Fashion Show. Designers have repurposed our costumes from our recent production of The Squirrels into unique creations which will be on display in the BlackBox Theatre on Saturday and available for purchase via Silent Auction, and featured in a Fashion Show on the stage in the Beer Garden.

September 20 & 21, 2025

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At the Chelsea Theatre Works, 189 Winnisimmet St., Chelsea & in Chelsea Square in front of the The-

Other events

Hispanic Heritage Month 2025: The Mundane in El Salvador by Gabriela Moreno Join us for the opening reception on September 18 at 6 PM. The exhibit will be on view until October 17. Gabriela is a first-generation Salvadoran American whose work reflects her cultural identity, personal experiences, and strong community connection. She is currently a senior at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, studying Painting. She's also a graduate of Boston Latin Academy and an alum of the Steppingstone Foundation and Artward Bound. Get to know Gabriela Moreno at https:// gabymomoart.squarespace.

And please remember, LCC Grant is now open for all municipalities across Massachusetts. Chelsea will host its information session on September 16 at 6 PM at Chelsea City Hall.

Apollinaire Theatre Company creates unique encounters with plays that inspire and entertain. Our programs -Teatro Chelsea, Apollinaire Play Lab, Apollinaire in the Park, Resident Artist Program- complement our production season and cultivate an ecosystem of artists of all ages and career stages in our home for adventurous art, the Chelsea Theatre Works.

Apollinaire productions include our summer immersive bilingual productions The Suppliant Women, Hamlet, And Your Little Dog Too, and Romeo and Juliet, as well as Touching the Void adapted by David Greig, Hedda Gabler by Henrik Ibsen, Every Brilliant Thing by Duncan MacMillan, Don't Eat the Mangos by Ricardo Pérez González (co-production with Teatro Chelsea), Dance Nation by Clare Barron, The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, Uncle Vanya and Three Sisters by Anton Chekhov, Songs of the Dragons Flying to Heaven by Young Jean Lee, and The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart by David

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is before the city and was scheduled to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals Tuesday night for a vote on two special permits.

Two weeks ago, the planning board recommended approval of the special permits, which would allow Boston Provisions to establish a seafood processing and distribution facility in the Industrial District and extend the use into the adjoining lot in the Naval Hospital Commercial District.

During the public speaking portion of Monday night's city council meeting, a number of Admirals Hill residents who have opposed the Boston Provisions project reiterated their numerous concerns about the processing plant, as well as the city's communication and notification about the hearings for both the zoning ordinance passed early this year and the project itself.

Jane Emerson of Boatswains Way said that opponents of the project have submitted a petition with nearly 1,000 signatures, and that over 300 residents have attended the public hearings on the project.

"I am in support of Councilor Teshe's amendment to rezone that will be presented tonight," said Commandants Way resident Suzanne Perry. "His amendment stating that a buffer of 300 feet be established between any fish processing facility and

amendment change would a neighborhood strikes at would never be entertained not impact the current Bos- one of our strongest objecton Provisions proposal that tions to the location of Boston Provisions at 100 Justin Drive – our dense popula-

the Fair Share amendment,

The operation and truck traffic, Perry said, would be a huge disruption to the nearby residents, as well as those living at the nearby Leonard Florence Center for Living.

Perry, along with several other nearby residents, also voiced their concerns about a lack of notice about the previous zoning change to abutters.

"From the very beginning, this process has been flawed and the concerns of the neighbors have been ignored," Perry told the council. "We look to you to do the right thing to examine the process as well as the decision."

Teshe said he wanted to be clear to everyone that his amendment would not stop the planned zoning board

hearing on the project. "The intent of this is to amend a mistake that the council committed when it first passed the (zoning change), because if the council had had this showing when we first entertained the (zoning change), we would have likely never approved it," said Teshe. "It is the council's job to represent the voices of the people and the people have voiced their opinion. This specifically closes the door after the ZBA makes a decision.

"If they vote no, this

again, but if we don't close the door they may try to apply again or another company may apply again, so we have to close the doors on the mistakes we commit-

ted." Several councilors stated that while the council does not have the final say on the special permits currently before the ZBA, they do not want to see a seafood processing plant in Chelsea.

"The Boston Provisions project does not belong in our city, period," said District 4 Councilor Tanairi Garcia. "It threatens the health, safety, and quality of life of our residents."

Garcia said she was uneasy both about the scale of the project, as well as how fast it has been pushed through without the community having a full opportunity to weigh in.

"A project of this size and nature belongs in the Seaport, not in Chelsea, a community that has historically been forced to carry the burden of some of the worst environmental companies," Garcia said. "We must also ask, is our community truly equipped to handle a development of this magnitude and ensure compliance with every regulation? If not, approving Boston Provisions would place Chelsea at risk, sacrificing the very lungs of our city for short-term interest over long-term health and sustainability."

GREENROOTS ORGANIZATION RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION AT EVENT



GreenRoots, which serves East Boston and Chelsea, and Winthrop, was recognized for its outstanding environmental work during its 10th Annual Evening on the Creek celebration Aug. 15 at 99 Marginal St. In the photo above, Sofia Abdi, community engagement manager for Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, presents a Certificate of Recognition to Roseann Bongiovanni, executive director of GreenRoots. Also pictured at the event (from left) are GreenRoots Vice Chair Gloribek Zivas-Soldz, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, and State Rep.



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News Briefs

CITY CONDUCTING **SURVEY ON POTENTIAL** RECREATIONAL **CENTER**

The City of Chelsea is conducting a community needs assessment and feasibility study to explore the development of a new Intergenerational Recreation Community Center in Chelsea. As part of this effort, the city is inviting all residents to complete an online survey to share their community center priorities, ideas, and needs to ensure the center reflects the voices and values of Chelsea residents.

Through the community needs assessment and feasibility study, and through the survey, city officials are evaluating how they could create a center where they can offer free or affordable programs and shared spaces for children, teens, adults, seniors, and families. The end-goal of the study is to create a center that promotes access, inclusion, and connection across generations.

To take the survey in English or Spanish, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/ K5QCGVJ. The survey is open until Sept. 30 at 11:59

Paper surveys are available at the City Manager's Office, located on the third floor of City Hall (Room 302, 500 Broadway) as well as the Williams Middle School (Room 107, 180 Walnut Street) during City Hall business hours. To request a copy in the mail, or for more information, contact the Recreation Department at (617) 466-5233 or recreation@chelseama.gov.

The City will also host public forums later this year where residents can provide feedback in person.

CHELSEA FIRST **RESPONDERS TO** CONDUCT FULL SCALE ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING **EXERCISE ON SATURDAY**

The Chelsea Police Department, in partnership

with the Chelsea Fire Department, EMS, and numerous regional public safety partners, will be conducting a full-scale Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) training exercise on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The exercise will take place at the Burke School Complex and the Home Depot parking lot. Community members in these areas should expect to see a significant presence of police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and emergency vehicles throughout the day.

Participating agencies include the Massachusetts State Police, Revere Police, Everett Police, Winthrop Police, Everett Fire, Revere Fire, Winthrop Fire, Cataldo Ambulance, Chelsea Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS), Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC), and other regional partners.

"This training is critical to ensuring that all of our public safety agencies are fully prepared to respond swiftly and effectively in the event of a real emergency," said Chief Keith Houghton of the Chelsea Police Department. "By working together in a realistic training environment, we are better equipped to protect our community should such an incident ever occur."

The Chelsea Police Department emphasizes that this is only a training exercise and there is no cause for alarm. Normal public safety services will remain fully available throughout the day.

CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED IN POWERFUL **TESTIMONIAL** VIDEO ON OPIOID RECOVERY

The Chelsea Police Department is proud to share a newly released video featuring Shiara Lara, a survi-

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Educators Waldo Gómez, Marcella Moreno honored with first Name, Strength and Story Awards of the school year



COURTESY PHOTOS

Name, Strength, and Story Award winner Marcella Moreno with the school committee at last week's meeting.



Name, Strength, and Story Award winner Waldo Gomez with the school committee at last week's meeting.

Special to the Record

Waldo Gómez from the Kelly Elementary School and Marcella Moreno from Chelsea High School received Name, Strength and Story Awards from Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta at the Regular Meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on Thursday, Sept. 4, at Chelsea City Hall.

Chelsea Public Schools started to bestow these awards last year in recognition of educators and staff members who embody the school district's motto to know students by "Name,

and Story." These awards are given to those who believe in a world of possibilities for our students, who believe that behind every strength lies a future opportunity, and who believe that behind every story is the heart of a CPS student waiting to be understood, encouraged,

celebrated and loved. Valdo Gómez, a Camin- ence and shared wisdom. os Spanish teacher at the Kelly Elementary School, has shaped generations of Chelsea students through his unwavering belief in the power of bilingualism and biliteracy. Former students

recall him as the teacher who first made them like school, challenged them to think deeply, and instilled confidence in their own abilities. Beyond the classroom, Gómez has mentored fellow Spanish teachers and contributed his expertise to

Caminos program working groups, ensuring its growth is rooted in experi-

At Chelsea High School, School Counselor Marcella Moreno has devoted 12 years to supporting students with compassion, respect, tireless dedication. Nominated by colleagues

for her professionalism and service, Moreno is known for meeting with students after hours and even on weekends to help with college applications, credit recovery, and other needs. She mentors new educators, leads counseling initiatives, and continually seeks creative ways to celebrate and support students and families, always placing their success at the center of her work.

CPS announces monthly winners of the Name, Strength and Story Award at the regular meetings of the Chelsea School Committee.

CFD responds to midnight house fire caused by faulty bathroom ceiling fan

Special to the Record

Just after midnight on Saturday, September 6, 2025, the Chelsea Fire Department (CFD) responded to a basement fire in a large single-family home at 18 Lafayette Ave. The fire, caused by a faulty bathroom ceiling fan, serves as a crit-

ical reminder about the importance of electrical safety and fire prevention in residential settings.

At the time of the incident, most Chelsea Fire Department units were already committed to other emergency calls, however, Engine 1 fire fighters arrived on scene and despite limited staffing, made entry through heavy smoke and heat conditions, navigating a narrow basement stairway to locate the fire burning within the ceiling and walls.

Ladder 2 arrived shortly after clearing a separate emergency call, providing essential support as crews worked to bring the fire under control. A second alarm was transmitted to ensure additional manpower and resources were available.

"Engine 1's rapid response and aggressive interior attack played a key role in containing the fire before it spread further," said Fire Chief John Quatieri. "This could have been a much more devastating incident without their professionalism and quick action."

Three occupants were home at the time of the fire and were able to evacuate safely. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

Following an investigation, the fire was determined to have originated from a malfunctioning bathroom ceiling fan in the basement. In light of this, the Chelsea Fire Department urges all residents to take proactive steps to ensure electrical safety in their homes.

To help prevent similar incidents, residents are encouraged to:

- Purchase only UL-listed or other safety-certified electrical fixtures and appli-

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- Avoid prolonged use of older or noisy exhaust fans

- Always have electrical work completed by a licensed electrician

- Regularly inspect and maintain exhaust fans and other high-use fixtures

The Chelsea Fire Department remains committed to protecting the community through swift emergency response and ongoing public education to reduce fire risk. Community members, as well as local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and schools can sign up.



Photo of the scene on Saturday, September 6, courtesy of Lt. FF Omar Frometa taken with the Chelsea Fire Department's Drone-1.









or visit www.chelseachamber.org/resources for more information

Chelsea Record

PRESIDENT: Stephen Quigley EDITOR IN CHIEF: Cary Shuman

WE ARE ALL LAB RATS FOR RFK JR.'S DANGEROUS IDEAS

The performance last week by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee confirmed what any thinking person already knows: Kennedy is compromising the health of every American in order to pursue his dangerous ideas about vaccines and basic scientific research.

Kennedy's firing of Dr. Susan Monarez as the head of the Centers for Disease Control (just one month after he himself had appointed her to that post and her confirmation by the Senate) because Dr. Monarez refused to sign off on the untested and unproven recommendations of Kennedy's recently-named vaccine panel laid bare Kennedy's longheld desire to undo decades of public health policies that have made America the world's model for the eradication of infectious diseases.

In June, Kennedy removed all 17 members of the key independent advisory panel (the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) that makes vaccine recommendations to the government. He quickly replaced the panel with eight new members, most of whom have espoused views that align with Kennedy's regarding skepticism about the safety and efficacy of vaccines as an essential tool for public health.

In addition, during his short tenure as HHS Secretary, Kennedy has terminated vaccine research projects that use the mRNA technology that produced the COVID-19 vaccines during the first Trump administration that saved millions of lives. These cutbacks not only will threaten to eliminate the use of mRNA vaccines for respiratory diseases, but also will affect the promising research of using mRNA technology for cancer prevention and cures.

Kennedy's unfitness to be HHS Secretary was obvious from the moment he took office when, during the measles outbreak this past winter in West Texas and New Mexico (the largest in the U.S. in 20 years), he not only downplayed the severity of the outbreak, but also offered the dangerous suggestion that parents give their children high doses of Vitamin A and doc liver oil both as a preventative and as a treatment for a measles infection -- and a number of children whose parents took that advice ended up in the hospital with liver damage caused by Vitamin A overdoses.

Ever since the introduction of the Salk polio vaccine in the 1950s (an era when American moms annually canvassed their communities to raise funds for the March of Dimes for polio research), America has been the world's model -- the gold standard -- for public health policy. Our universities and hospitals have led the world in biomedical research that has led to breakthroughs in our understanding of diseases ranging from cancer to Alzheimer's to cardiovascular disease to infectious diseases of all sorts.

However, with Kennedy at the helm of HHS, we now are entering a Dark Ages for scientific research that promises to end America's pre-eminence in this field -- and that inevitably will result in disastrous health outcomes for Americans of all ages.

The Chelsea Record reserves the right to edit letters for space, accuracy and clarity. We regret that we cannot publish unsigned letters. Please include your street and telephone number with your submission. The Chelsea Record publishes columns, viewpoints and letters to the editor as a forum for readers to express their opinions and to encourage debate. Please note that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of The Chelsea Record. Text or attachments emailed to editor@ chelsearecord.com are preferred.

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Letter to the Editor

THANK YOU TO OUR DSPS FOR PROVIDING CARE, **DIGNITY TO SO MANY**

To the Editor,

Since 2008, the second week of September has been designated Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Recognition Week to honor the hundreds of thousands of human services workers across the country helping people live their best lives. I want to take this opportunity to thank the DSPs of North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS) for their vital contributions to our organization and our mission.

NSCS employs more than 1,000 people throughout 80 programs in Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston and other local communities. More than half of these talented and compassionate individuals are DSPs, providing direct care to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use and/or mental

health challenges. Each day, they give the best of themselves to support our clients in their pursuit of independence, recovery, stability and community inclusion. The work is complex and demanding, but our DSPs treat all with dignity and understanding.

At NSCS, we strongly believe that our employees set us apart. This week, we publicly recognize the contributions and value of our DSPs to let both our community and our DSPs know that their NSCS colleagues, clients and families appreciate them every day.

Judi Lemoine, **President & CEO** North Suffolk **Community Services**

A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

To the Editor,

Thank you all for ensuring our community stays well-informed and up to date on events like this race!

The 2nd Annual Chelsea

Road Race was a tremendous success and it could not have happened without the dedication and support of our entire community.

From the 500 runners who gave it their all, to those cheering on the sidelines, to our Police and Fire Departments who kept everyone safe, to our City Manager and our special guests who joined in the celebration --- EVERY contribution made the day one to remember.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to Gonnella Law for the beautiful break tapes and signage, to the Chelsea Clock Company for their donation of two stunning Patriot clocks awarded to the first-place male and female winners, to the medal rack art design from Max Corona, to the volunteer breakfast from Dunkin Donuts, to all our entertainers and select vendors and most especially to ALL the Volunteers and members of the Chelsea Running Club. A very special thank-you to the staff from the Department of Public Works and Chelsea Public Schools Building & Grounds whose support and hard work were essential to making the event possible. And we extend our deepest gratitude to our outstanding Co-Directors, Eduardo Rodriguez and Nikki Santos, for their leadership. The Chelsea Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is sincerely thankful for their partnership and commitment.

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the Chelsea Community Fund and Chelsea Cultural Council whose funding provided essential support for this year's road race.

This event truly showed the strength, spirit, and pride of Chelsea. Thank you for being part of itwe look forward to making next year's race even bigger and better!

With gratitude,

Bea Cravatta Director Chelsea Recreation & **Cultural Affairs**

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vor of the opioid crisis, who credits the Chelsea Police Department and its community-based efforts as part of her path to recovery.

In the video, Shiara shares her story of struggle, resilience, and hope-highlighting the impact that compassionate policing and strong community partnerships can have in helping individuals break free from addiction. Her testimonial underscores the Department's commitment to addressing the opioid epidemic not only through enforcement, but also through care, support, and connection to vital ser-

The video can be viewed by searching for Shiara's story on YouTube.

"This video is an incredible reminder of why we do this work," said Chief Keith Houghton. "Shiara's courage in telling her story shines a light on the human side of the opioid crisis, and it reinforces our commitment to being a department that protects, supports, and uplifts our community."

The Chelsea Police Department extended its deepest thanks to Shiara Lara for her bravery in sharing

her experience and stated that together, the department will continue the fight against the opioid crisis, one life at a time.

If you or a loved one is suffering from substance abuse, help is available today via MA Substance Use Helpline at 1-800-327-5050 or Text HOPE to 800-327. For all emergencies, please dial 9-1-1.

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who immediately brought in Ed Markey. I worked on all state officials to assist Chelsea officials in the city's recovery. In the aftermath of the massive fire, Mr. Donovan toured the site with Sen. Edward Kennedy, Gov. Francis Sargent, and Mayor Philip Spelman.

Attorney John F. Donovan III was Bobby Donovan's nephew. Mr. Donovan also had three nieces, John's sisters, Jane, Katie, and Mimi. He had two brothers, the late Richard Donovan and the late John F. Donovan Jr.

John recalled his uncle Bobby's campaigns for of-

"He lost the state representative election in 1968 and came back and won in 1970 and served three terms," said John III. "He ran for Congress in a 12-candidate Democratic Primary in 1976 and lost to

of his campaigns, getting signatures and knocking on doors in the sixth grade."

Bobby Donovan became the Commandant of the Chelsea Soldiers Home. A resident of Harvard Street in Chelsea, he also owned and operated an insurance company on Broadway for many years."

John III remembered that his uncle was very involved in the Chelsea community and a member of the Sagamore Club and the Cary Club.

Bobby was also a member of the Chelsea YMCA where he worked out regularly on the speed bag developing his boxing skills. He also competed in amateur boxing bouts.

"When I worked at the 'Y,' I would always talk to Bobby," recalled Charlie Sherman, "He was a really

good guy."

People enjoyed his company at social events.

"He liked to sing, "Danny Boy," and truly enjoyed life and tried to help people out when he could," said John

John III said he often sees former Chelsea residents who regale him with old stories about Bobby Dono-

"My uncle just lit up a room," related John. "Everybody knew him and would greet him with a big Bobby!"

Bobby Donovan lived a rich, full life. In a city of political giants like the Quigleys, Vokes, and Slaters, Bobby Donovan continued and maintained an important legacy for the Donovan family. Another positive connection to Chelsea's glorious past when politics mattered to everyone and elections had the full attention of the community is gone.

Robert "Bobby" Francis Donovan was one of Chelsea's best.

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THE 2ND ANNUAL CHELSEA ROAD RACE

Road Race was a tremendous success and it could ments who kept everyone not have happened without safe, to our City Manager the dedication and support of our entire community.

who gave it their all, to those day one to remember.

The 2nd Annual Chelsea cheering on the sidelines, to our Police and Fire Departand our special guests who joined in the celebration---From the 500 runners every contribution made the



A trio from the Phunk Phenomenon Dance Studio performed prior to the start of the race.



The top three finishers in Saturday's Chelsea Day Road Race were (I-r) Julian Vega (3rd place in a time of 18:50), Brian Wilson (2nd place in 17:44), and champion Carlos Cabrera, who came across the line in a clocking of 17:38. Chelsea State Rep. Judith Garcia (second from right) and Becca Pizzi of Belmont, who was the first American woman to complete the World Marathon Challenge (a series of seven marathons on seven continents in seven consecutive days) for which she holds the current record, presented the awards.



Solice Reynoso once again did an outstanding job as the MC for the second annual Chelsea Day 5K Road Race. Reynoso himself is an accomplished runner and marathoner who created a run club/nonprofit organization, **Running United Nationwide.**



Well-known Chelsea artist Max Corona stands beside the work he created for Saturday's Chelsea Day 5K Road Race. Corona gave an inspirational speech at the end of the race about the need to take care of our mental health and well-being.



Chelsea District 8 City Councillor Calvin Brown (far left) stopped by the Army recruiting table to thank the recruiters for their service to our country after he completed Saturday's Chelsea 5K Road Race.



A group of friends who competed in the Chelsea Day 5K Road Race on Saturday celebrate after finishing the race.



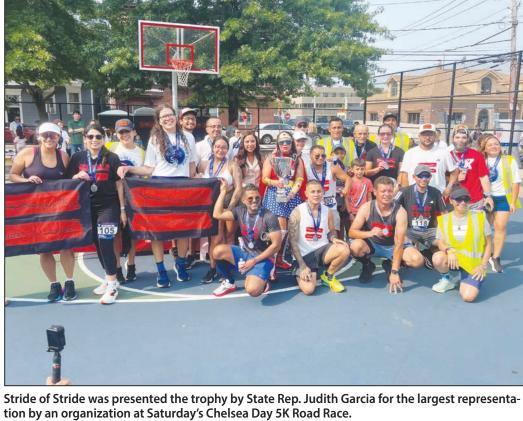
Broadway briefly was a sea of runners Saturday morning as the nearly 500 competitors in the second annual Chelsea Day 5K Road Race made their way down Broadway toward the Tobin Bridge.



The top female finishers in Saturday's Chelsea Day Road Race were (I-r) Sydney Neugebauer (3rd place in a time of 20:06), Carolyn Cohen (2nd place in 19:43), and Faith Dunbar (not pictured), who was the top female runner with a time of 19:13. Chelsea State Rep. Judith Garcia (second from right) and Becca Pizzi of Belmont, who was the first American woman to complete the World Marathon Challenge (a series of seven marathons on seven continents in seven consecutive days) for which she holds the current record, presented the awards.



A contingent from the Familia Renacer Church in Revere took part in Saturday's Chelsea Day 5K Road /Race.





A large contingent from the Shark Running Club of Revere competed in Saturday's Chelsea Day 5K Road Race. The Sharks have been in existence for about 18 months and have about 125 members.



Saturday's second annual Chelsea Day Road Race once again was a great success, with nearly 500 runners taking part in the 5K race that traversed through the city's streets, beginning and ending at the Williams School. Shown above are City Manager Fidel Maltez (far left) and the many other volunteers, city officials, and public safety officials who made the day a memorable one for all who were on hand.

RESIDENTS CELEBRATE CHELSEA DAY

Residents celebrated "Chelsea Day" Saturday with a road race that attracted 500 runners, a parade down Broadway, and a special presentation on stage by the Chelsea contingent that brought national recognition to the city by winning the National Civic League's All-America City Award in June.

In fact, National Civic League Director Rebecca Trout traveled to Chelsea to personally present the award to City Manager Fidel Maltez, City Council President Norielez DeJesus and the team during Saturday's festivities on Lower Broadway.

a representative from the All-America City national competition flew all the way from Denver to give us this award," said Maltez.

Trout commended Chelsea in her remarks, noting, "Chelsea submitted an epic application highlighting several of the projects that you heard about here today. The application review committee was just so impressed with those efforts. What really stood out was the community's commitment to equity and inclusion, to programs that have language justice and anti-displacement efforts, as well as the really collaborative part-

"We are so proud that nerships with several of the community partners such as GreenRoots and the school district. The energy in Denver was amazing, and it was

special because of the people like you see on the stage in Chelsea today. The jury was just blown away by the spirit of resilience and be-

longing that you were able

to capture here in Chelsea."

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pearance of Rebecca Trout,

With the success of Chel-

the community once again

showed why it truly is an

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

"All-America City."



Chelsea Navigator Tim Hanifan, Jodiah Hill, and Chelsea Navigator Jason Owens.



Proudly attired in their Chelsea Pa'Lante attire are, City Coun-



Welcoming National Civic League Director Rebecca Trout to Chelsea are Executive Assistant Grace Agosto, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and Police Chief Keith Houghton.

Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung delivers her sparkling Spoken

Word presentation about Chelsea that she had performed on



cilor Lisa Santagate, Assistant City Engineer Jorman Mota, DPW Commissioner Cate Fox-Lent, Environmental Compliance Coordinator Isaac Smith, Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development Emily Granoff, and Kelly School Principal Lisa Lineweaver.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell and her daughter, Juliana Hassell.



Christian De Jesus Franco, candidate for City Council, pictured with supporters before the parade.



Ready for the Chelsea Day Parade are City Councilors Todd Tay-

lor, Leo Robinson Norieliz DeJesus (President), Tanairi Garcia,

Melinda Vega, and Kelly Garcia.

Sandy Youssef and Aida Marroquin of East Cambridge Savings Bank.



Believe in the Chelsea Public Schools, from left, Chelsea historian Lee Farrington, Brian Hatleberg (father of CHS '25 valedictorian Holly Hatleberg), Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and City Manager Fidel Maltez.



CPS Officer of Innovation, **Access and Opportunity Malik Howshan and City Manager** Fidel Maltez.



Cary Havey (far left) and the team from CAPIC, who participated in the Chelsea Day parade that proceeded down Broadway.



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Youth sports leader Kevin O'Regan (back row) and participants in the Chelsea Pride Youth Football and Cheerleading organization, shown before the parade.

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Phoenix Charter School founder and CEO Beth Anderson and Phoenix Chelsea Charter Head of School Josh Zoia.



Chelsea Police Capt. Brian Dunn and Chief Keith Houghton.



Former CHS football star John Hassell, Chelsea Police Capt. Brian Dunn, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, and Police Chief Keith Houghton.



City Councilor Todd Taylor, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, and his wife, Sandra Valentin Brown.



Representing Pre-Flight, 111 Eastern Ave, Chelsea, and standing in front of their colorfully decorated shuttle bus are Erica Pleitez, Johana Deleon, owner Kevin Welsh, and Mustapha Rhazlane.



Members and friends of the Chelsea Softball League pay a memorial tribute to Osvaldo "Ovi" Garcia, a legendary home run hitter in the Chelsea Modified Fast Pitch Softball League and the Latin American Softball League and a true gentleman who was admired and respected by all who knew him.



Rotary Club President Dr. Aaron T. Jennings (right) and members of the club are pictured as they prepare to participate in the parade.



 $The \ Highland \ Park \ Rehabilitation \ and \ Health care \ Center \ contingent \ displays \ its \ banner.$



City Manager Fidel Maltez (right) joins Chelsea Black Community (CBC) President Joan Cromwell and other CBC members for a photo on Chelsea Day.



Roca founder and CEO Molly Baldwin (third from left) and the Roca team ready to participate in Chelsea Day festivities.



Reunited at Chelsea Day are some members of the contingent that helped Chelsea win the All-America City Award at the National Civic League competition in Denver.



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Constanza Williams, Lead Community Outreach Specialist Specialist for JVS.



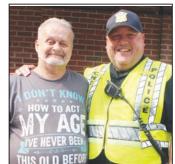
GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni and John Walkey, GreenRoots Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives.



Representing the Chelsea Public Library at Chelsea Day, Lisa Mucciarone, Amanda Arsenault, and Adamaris Perez.







Chelsea High coach Bruce Harrison and one of his former summer league basketball standouts, Brian Dunn.



Jackie Finnegan and Al Sheinker, a popular member of the Chelsea High School Class of 1976.



City Councilor Tanairi Garcia and State Rep. Judith Garcia.



Performing on stage at Chelsea Day is the talented local duo of Lucy Martinez and her brother.



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



Antonia Montes, who is 93 years old, enjoying Chelsea Day with her proud family, Nereida Montes, Brenda Valentine, Jennifer Hassell, John Hassell, John Montes, Jojo Morabito, and others.



Chief of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki (left) and associates and friends from the Chelsea Senior Center are pictured in the City Hall parking lot prior to the start of the parade.



La Luz de Cristo had a great turnout of members and friends for Chelsea Day.



National Civic League Director Rebecca Trout presents the All-America City Award to City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, who accepts the coveted award on behalf of Team Chelsea, who earned national recognition at the event held in June in Denver, Colorado.

OBITUARIES

Robert P. Perry

February 16, 1931 - August 26, 2025



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of

Robert Perry, at the age of 94, on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at the Chelsea Veterans Home. Robert was a cherished father, brother and grandfather, who epitomized the values of hard work, dedication, and service throughout his remarkable life.

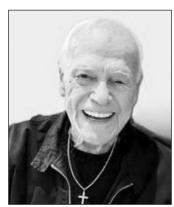
Born on February 16, 1931, in Chelsea, Robert was the beloved son of the late Henry J. and Josephine M. (Howell) Perry. He was one of nine siblings, and together they navigated the joys and challenges of growing up in their closeknit family. Robert attended local schools and, in a testament to his patriotism, enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving honorably during the Korean Conflict. He was discharged in 1953 as a Flight Engineer, a role that reflected both his technical prowess and commitment to his country.

Upon returning to Chelsea, Robert married his first wife, Marlene (LeClair), and together they raised a family of three; Steven, Bill, and Debbie. Robert served with distinction in the Chelsea Fire Department, ultimately achieving the rank of Captain before his retirement

Following his retirement, he found new beginnings in Vero Beach, Florida, and Southwick, Massachusetts. After the passing of his beloved second wife, Cecile (Giorgio), whom he married in the 1990's, Robert sought the comfort of community living, eventually residing in assisted living facilities before spending his last months receiving supportive care at the Chelsea Veterans Home.

Robert was a dedicated member of the Chelsea Firefighters Local 937, a former member of the Merrit Club, and a devout Catholic, whose faith served as a guiding light throughout his life. He cherished the simple pleasures of life, including golfing, cooking, gardening, and maintaining a commitment to good health and fitness.

He is survived by his devoted children, Steven and Betsy Perry of Peabody, Bill and Lisa (Lepore) Perry of Middleton, and daughter Debbie and Rob Green



of Virginia. He also leaves behind his beloved siblings; Henry J. and Lorraine Perry of Chelsea, James and Linda Perry of Reading, Theresa and John Hartigan of Peabody as well as Marie Lemanski of Florida and his sisters-in-law: Barbara Perry, Linda Hirtle, Lucy LeClaire and Jean Delaney.

Robert was predeceased by Edmund and Anna Perry, Franklin and Marilyn Perry, Gordon and Nancy Perry, William and Marjory Perry as well as Celina and Alan Fairbank, Norman and Josie LeClair, Herb Delaney, Raymond and Katherine (Kermelewicz) LeClair, and brother-in-law, Bill Lemanski. He was a proud grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of two. He is also survived by numerous nieces and neph-

In honor of Robert's remarkable life and contributions to family and community, a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, located on the Chelsea Veterans Home Campus at 100 Summit Ave., on Saturday, September 20 at 10 a.m. Following the Mass, a committal service with military honors will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that contributions be made in Robert's memory to the Chelsea Veterans Home, 100 Summit Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150, Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Ste B-2, Danvers, MA 01923, or Bayada Home Health Care, 800 Cummings Center, Ste 366-U, Beverly, MA 01915.

Robert Perry's legacy will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. May he rest in peace.

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



Robert F. Donovan

September 13, 1936 - September 4, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert F. Donovan, an esteemed member of the Chelsea community, who departed this life on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at the Leonard Florence Center for Living where he had been receiving supportive care for the past seven months. Robert was 88 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Robert was the beloved son of the late John F. Sr. and Agnes C. (Crowley) Donovan and one of three sons. He was a lifelong resident, spending many years in the Prattville neighborhood before moving to Cohen Florence Levine Estates Assisted Living in 2017. Robert attended local schools. graduating from Malden Catholic High School, and furthered his education at Dean Jr. College.

A dedicated businessman, Robert built a successful career as a self-employed Independent Insurance Agent in Chelsea, serving the community he cherished for many years. His commitment to public service was exemplified through his tenure as a three-term State Representative for Chelsea from 1971 to 1977. Furthermore, he was appointed Commandant of the Chelsea Soldiers Home, a position he held from 1981 to 1983. Robert remained active in local politics throughout his life and loved engaging in spirited discussions about current affairs.

An avid sports fan and former Red Sox bat boy, Robert dedicated time to cheering on the Red Sox and the New England Patriots. He frequented travel, exploring various parts of the country and abroad, forming memories he cherished. He was a proud member of the Chelsea Sagamore Club and the Cary Square Associates, organizations that allowed him to connect with fellow community members. A true entertainer at heart, he would often serenade friends and family with his beloved rendition of "Danny Boy".

Robert is predeceased by his parents and his two brothers and their spouses, John F. Donovan, Jr. and



his wife, Marguerite and Richard C. Donovan and his wife, Kathleen. He is survived by his cherished nieces and nephew, Jane Harney and her husband Jim, John F. Donovan, III and his wife Laura, Katie Donovan, and Mimi Lynch and her husband, John as well as four great-nieces and three great-nephews.

Robert is predeceased by his parents and his two brothers and their spouses, John F. Donovan, Jr. and his wife Marguerite, and Richard C. Donovan and his wife Kathleen.

He is survived by his cherished nieces and nephew, Jane Harney and her husband, Jim, John F. Donovan, III and his wife, Laura, Katie Donovan and Mimi Lynch and her husband, John as well as four great-nieces and three great-nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. A Mass of Christian Burial commenced at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, located at 100 Summit Ave., Chelsea. Prior to the service, family and friends gathered to pay their respects in St. Michael's Cardinal Cushing Pavilion and the day's ceremonies concluded with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that contributions be made in Robert's name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741, or online at https://give.michaeljfox.org/.

Robert F. Donovan will be remembered for his deep commitment to family, community, and public service. May he rest in peace.

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



Debra Murphy

She dedicated her life to caring for others

Debra A. Murphy, 67, of Beverly, died on Monday, September 1, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Chelsea on September 25, 1957, she was the daughter of the late Francis Murphy and Patricia (Gurkin) Marsters and the beloved wife of Beverly Corwin.

Debra dedicated her life to caring for others, both personally and professionally. She worked for many years in the medical industry and retired as Director of Patient Access at Mass General Brigham. Throughout her career, she mentored and supported countless colleagues, always encouraging those around her to grow, achieve their goals, and reach their full potential. Her warmth, guidance, and strength left a lasting impact on everyone fortunate enough to work with or know her.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Debra was known for her generous spirit and unwavering commitment to her friends and family. She was a natural nurturer—always ready with a listening ear, kind words, or helping hand.

In her free time, Debra found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved playing cards, gardening, painting, and reading. These hobbies brought her peace and creativity, and she often shared them with those close to her.

Debra is survived by her wife, Beverly Corwin; her daughter, Taylor Murphy; her sister, Patricia Blais and her husband, Jack Blais; her



brother, Steven Murphy and his wife, Joy Murphy; her sisters-in-law: Terry Corwin and her wife, Julie Fiore, Leslie Christensen and Jocelyn Branas and her partner, Bill Wells; her brothers-in-law: Charlie Corwin and his wife, Jen Corwin and Andy Corwin; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Debra was predeceased by her brothers, James Murphy and Francis Murphy.

Debra's legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the love she shared, and the strength she inspired in others. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Visiting hours at the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly were on Sunday, Sept. 7. In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions may be made in Deb's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Care Dimensions of Danvers whose care and compassion meant so much to the family. Information and condolences at www.campbellfuneral.com.

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DPH opens state-of-the-art emergency supply warehouse

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today unveiled its new, interoperable emergency supply warehouse, a critical resource that strengthens the state's ability to respond quickly and effectively and provide the equipment, supplies, and medical resources needed to deliver care during public health emergencies and disasters.

State and local officials, emergency preparedness leaders, and community health partners gathered with DPH representatives to mark the occasion, touring the bright and expansive space – which has been operational since July 1, 2025 – and learning about its

many capabilities and fea-

The new DPH warehouse is strategically located in Franklin, at the intersection of I-495 and I-90, offering easy access to major highways. It is adjacent and directly connected to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) warehouse, which will facilitate rapid, coordinated statewide response during times of crisis. Spanning 75,000 square feet, the facility houses more than 21 million individual items - from personal protective equipment to bandages and dressings to refrigerated medical products.

"This warehouse is so much more than just shelves of materials, equipment, and supplies – it represents resilience, readiness, and a collective commitment to respond quickly and fully to care for our communities when disaster strikes," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Kiame Mahaniah, MD, MBA. "Today we mark an important investment in the safety, health, and well-being – and peace of mind – for those who live in, work in, and visit Massachusetts."

"Massachusetts has faced many public health crises over the years – from the Great Molasses Flood in 1919, to the Cocoanut Grove Nightclub fire in 1942, to the Blizzard of '78, and more recently the Boston Marathon Bombing and the COVID-19 pandemic," said Public Health Com-

missioner Robbie Gold-

stein, MD, PhD. "We have learned critical lessons from each of these disasters and other emergencies, large and small. And we have taken all those lessons to heart and turned them into action. This warehouse embodies that action – that commitment – and it allows us to stand with our health care and public health partners and be ready for the next crisis we will inevitably face together."

The DPH warehouse provides more than 4,000 pallet storage positions across three levels, with 1,000 square feet of cold-chain storage for refrigerated products. A 10-door loading dock supports the facility's high-throughput operations. State-of-the-art security

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All MBTA modes free after 9 p.m. to mark the start of extended service

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) announced last month that, effective August 24 as part of Fall 2025 service changes, all subway lines and eight frequent bus routes will offer extended service on Fridays and Saturdays with five of the MBTA's most frequent bus routes with the highest number of later riders offering extended service every day of the week. Trip end times for these lines and routes will be about one hour later compared to current service end times. Extended service will also be added on some ferry lines on Fridays and Saturdays through the end of September with additional trips added.

To encourage riders to take advantage of the extended service, all subway lines, bus routes, ferries, Commuter Rail lines, and the RIDE trips will be free on Fridays and Saturdays beginning at 9 PM through the end of service September 5 – 6, September 12 – 13, September 19 - 20, September 26 – 27, and October 3 - 4.

about extended service or

see the original press release.

Weekend Extended Service

- Subway: Service for the Red, Orange, Blue, and Green lines will be extended by about one hour on Friday and Saturday nights. Frequency during the one-hour of extended service will be about every 30 minutes on the Ashmont and Braintree branches of the Red Line and each of the Green Line branches, and about every 15 minutes between Alewife and JFK/UMass on the Red Line, on the entire Orange Line, and on the entire Blue Line.
- Bus: Service on Bus Routes 1, 22, 39, 66, 110, SL1, SL3, and SL5 will extend by about one hour on Friday and Saturday nights. Frequency during the onehour of extended service will be approximately every 30 minutes.
- Ferries: Service for some ferry lines will extend by one to two hours with additional trips on Fridays and Saturdays beginning Friday, August 29, through Saturday, September 27:
- On Fridays: Hingham/ Hull Ferry: An addition-Read below for more al Hingham/Hull Ferry roundtrip will be added

to the schedule departing about one hour later than current schedules. This trip departs Hingham to Long Wharf at 10:15 PM; the trip departs Long Wharf to Hull and Hingham at 11 PM.

- The current last departure from Hingham is at 9:15 PM with the last departure from Long Wharf at 9:55 PM.
- On Fridays and Saturdays: East Boston Ferry: Additional East Boston Ferry trips will be added to the schedule with service extended to 10 PM. The last trip from East Boston to Long Wharf will depart at 9:30 PM; the last trip from Long Wharf to East Boston will depart at 9:45 PM.
- The current last departure from East Boston on Fridays is at 7:30 PM and on Saturdays is at 8:30 PM with the last departure from Long Wharf on Fridays at 7:45 PM and on Saturdays is at 8:45 PM.
- On Fridays and Saturdays: Charlestown Ferry: Additional Charlestown Ferry trips will be added to the schedule with service extended to 10 PM. The last trip from Charleston to Long Wharf will depart at 9:30 PM; the last trip from Long Wharf to Charlestown

will depart at 9:45 PM.

- The current last departure from Charlestown on Fridays is at 8:15 PM and on Saturdays is at 6:15 PM with the last departure from Long Wharf on Fridays at 8:00 PM and on Saturdays at 6:00 PM.
- Lynn, Winthrop, and Quincy Ferries: The last trip for these routes will remain as they are on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Updated Ferry schedules will be available soon at mbta.com/Ferry.

Daily Extended Service

• Bus: Service on Bus Routes 23, 28, 57, 111, and 116 will be extended by about one hour every day of the week. Frequency during the one-hour of extended service will be approximately every 30 minutes.

The current cost of the extended service on subway lines and bus routes for additional operations personnel hours is approximately \$2 million.

Schedules for all lines and routes vary. Riders are strongly encouraged to check schedules in advance and use the MBTA's Trip Planner as well as the MBTA Go app to plan their travels. Regular fares will be charged for all extended services.

The MBTA previously announced additional Fall 2025 service adjustments. More information and detailed service schedules are available here.

The MBTA continues to serve a critical role in supporting the economic vitality of Massachusetts. Over the past two years, the agency has focused on providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on. Through initiatives such as extending evening service and the Better Bus Project, the MBTA continues to optimize routes, improve connectivity, and enhance the rider experience.

For more information, mbta.com/Servicevisit Changes or connect with the T on X @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @ the MBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

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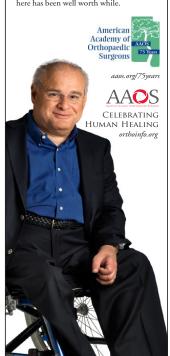
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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

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principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS. Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.





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Chelsea Community Fund opens FY25–26 grant cycle with up to \$15,000 funding opportunity

The Chelsea Community Fund, in partnership with The Boston Foundation, is now accepting applications for its FY25-26 grant cycle, inviting local organizations to propose impactful projects that address critical community challenges.

Established in 1999 through a landmark \$1.5 million endowment—raised from community contributions, charitable foundations, the City of Chelsea, and a matching "challenge grant" from the Clipper Ship Foundation—the Fund has a legacy of supporting initiatives that strengthen Chelsea through community-driven solutions.

For the 2025 funding cycle, proposals may request between \$1,000 and

\$15,000. This year's increased maximum grant amount reflects the Fund's commitment to supporting a broader range of impactful projects, including those addressing:

• Social determinants of health such as housing, food security, economic opportunity, education, and cultural connection

• Youth safety, health, and well-being, with programs aimed at preventing and addressing teen violence, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), dating and domestic violence, and mental health challenges

Projects must serve Chelsea residents, and Chelsea-based organizations will be prioritized. Eligible applicants must have 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status or work with a qualified fiscal sponsor. Grantees may apply for no more than two consecutive funding cycles, after which they must abstain for one cycle before reapplying.

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025, with award notifications scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2025. Proposals must be submitted in PDF format via email to CommunityFund@la-colaborativa.org.

For full RFP, eligibility criteria, funding priorities, proposal requirements, and any questions, please con-CommunityFund@ la-colaborativa.org.

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People of Chelsea project to host special event Sept. 16

Darlene Photographer DeVita, founder of the People of Chelsea project, is pleased to announce a special event at the Griffin Museum of Photography in Winchester, MA on Tuesday, September 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- The evening will feature: · Panel Discussion with
- Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and Chelsea Black Community (CBC) President Joan Cromwell
- Moderation by Glenn Ruga, Founder & Director of the Social Documentary Network

• Presentation & Slideshow featuring new portraits, stories, and selections from the People of Chelsea project

This event is free for Griffin Museum members and \$5 for non-members. Learn more about supporting this important cultural institution: griffinmuseum.org/about-the-griffin

Reserve your here: griffinmuseum.org/ event/lcc_chelsea_gmp/

DeVita will be joined by her collaborator, multilingual writer and editor Sarah Putnam, to share the stories behind the book and celebrate the Chelsea commu-

The People of Chelsea photographs and stories will be on view throughout September at the Griffin Museum's satellite gallery at Lafayette City Center Place in Downtown Crossing, Boston. A reception will be held on Sunday, September 21, from 2:00-4:00 PM, and all are welcome to attend.

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shown on the plan herein mentioned, ninety-five and 76/100 (95.76) feet; **SOUTHWESTERLY:** by Missell Avenue, fifty-one and 11/100 (51.11) feet; and NORTHWESTERLY: by lot 38 as shown on said plan, one hundred six and 34/100

(106.34) feet. Said land is shown as lot 39 on a subdivision plan drawn by John W. Parsons, Surveyor, dated June 14, 1950, as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as Plan No. 12642-D, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 52794. The above described land is subject to the location of a natural water course running through the same, as approximately shown on said plan. The above described land

is subject also to a grant of easement to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company et al dated December 20, 1950, filed and registered as Document No. 194976. The description of the property contained in the mortage shall control in the event of

a typographical error in this

publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 6, 2005 and registered with the Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No.: 700861 and noted on Certificate of Title No.: 122040. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above

described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the

purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street 2nd Floor Plainville, MA 02762 Attorney for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-3 Present Holder of the

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CHELSEA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION FOR BIDS INSTITUTIONAL (BUILDING) CLEANING SERVICES

The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking sealed bids to furnish all services to provide "Institutional (Building) Cleaning Services" for the City of Chelsea. Invitation for Bid documents are available on or after September 04, 2025 by visiting the City's website https://www.chelseama.gov/ departments/purchasing/ current_bids___solicitations. be held at the Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea on September 09, 2025 at 10:00am, meet at Greeter's Desk.

Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Institutional (Building) Cleaning Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 18, 2025.

The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minori-

ty Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 9/11/25

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HOUSING AUTHORITY The Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Perimeter Fence Replacement at State Aided Development: Union Park (667-1) in Chelsea, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by GCG ASSOCIATES.

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CHELSEA GIRLS SOCCER TOP EXCEL ACADEMY 3-1

Chelsea topped Excel action Thursday, September Academy Charter High 4 at Noyes Park. School, 3-1, in girls soccer



Allison Sic Sucuqui (13) chases a loose ball as she tried to get past Excel defenders.



Chelsea's Wendoly Zuniga Romero (15) and Edlyn Hernandez Enriquez celebrate Enriguez's penalty kick goal that gave Winthrop a 2-0 lead, as Excel's Alisson Giron (8) reacts to her team's deficit.



BOB MARRA PHOTOS

Chelsea's Dayra Mauricio Guzman (3) makes a play to keep the ball in bounds as teammate Alisson Pavon Sanchez (12) moves in to help.



Edlyn Hernandez Enriquez (9) moves in to block a pass by Excel's Mia Jenkins (2).



Chelsea's Kimberly Fuentes Chavez (right, 7) and Allison Sic Sucuqui (13) line up to slow an advance by Excel's Alisson Giron (8).



Excel's Mia Jenkins (2) and Chelsea's Kimberly Fuentes Chavez (7) vie for a ball in front of the Chelsea net.

CHELSEA BOYS SOCCER TOP EXCEL ACADEMY 2-0

Excel Academy Charter tember 4.

The Red Devils got off to High School, 2-0, in boys a good start to the 2025 soc-soccer action at Chelsea cer season as they topped Stadium on Thursday Sep-

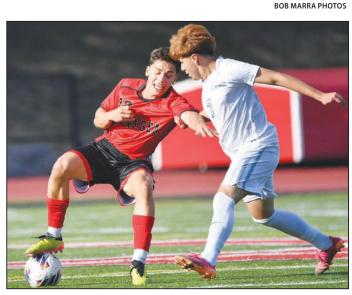


Chelsea's Stiven Oseguera (5) and Excel's Erick Araujo (11) are locked-in-arms as they chase a loose ball.



Chelsea's Brayan Andrade (2) holds off Excel's Erick Araujo (11) and advances the ball.

CHS Roundup



Chelsea's Joao Pereira Nozar (12) fights off Excel defender

Excel's Alejo Tobon (2) and Chelsea's Jose Joj (10) battle for a loose ball.

CHS FOOTBALL HOST LOWELL CATHOLIC FRIDAY NIGHT

AT 6:00 The Chelsea High football team, which dropped its season-opener at Ipswich last week, 28-6, will host Lowell Catholic tomorrow (Friday) evening under the lights at Chelsea Stadium.

The opening kickoff is set for 6:00.

CHS GIRLS SOCCER **OPENS SEASON** WITH 3-1 VICTORY

The Chelsea High girls

1-0 lead. Early in the second half, Hernandez-Enriquez dribbled into the box and was fouled, earning a penalty kick. She converted the PK from the spot to double the Chelsea lead. Excel responded with a penalty kick of their own after a foul on the right side of the box, cutting the Chelsea margin to one.

soccer team kicked off its 2025 season in superb fash-

ion with a 3-1 victory at Ex-

cel Academy in East Boston

The contest was a hard-

fought battle from the out-

set, with the momentum

shifting throughout the

game. The first half saw

back-and-forth play until

junior Yahira Jovel broke

through with the opening

goal, assisted by freshman

Edlyn Hernandez-Enriquez,

just five minutes before halftime, to give Chelsea a

last Thursday.

But with 15 minutes left in the game, freshman defender Karla Valle Salmeron sparked a counterattack, Hernandez-Enriquez, who sprinted nearly 50 yards before finishing one-on-one with a clinical strike to the left side of the

"Overall, the team had a strong showing in this game



Chelsea's Cristian Lopez (11), Jorge Perez Jr. (17), Alexander Gonzalez-Urrutia, (6) and Jose Joj (10, far right) surround Brouk Ephrem (14) after Ephrem's goal put the Red Devils ahead 2-0 over Excel Academy Charter High School.

finding Excel goalkeeper. The Lady Red Devils

held strong the rest of the way, securing a hard-fought 3–1 victory on the road.

TODAY The Chelsea High boys soccer team opened its 2025 season on the right foot with

to improve our chemistry

and game understanding,"

said CHS head coach Randy

were scheduled to play at

Somerville this past Tues-

day and will make the short

trek across the Parkway to

meet Everett this evening

(Thursday) for a contest un-

der the lights at Everett Sta-

glish for their first home

game next Tuesday after-

noon at 4:15 on the turf

at Chelsea Stadium and

then entertain Revere next

CHS BOYS SOCCER

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dium at 6:30.

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and we'll continue working a 2-0 victory over Excel Academy last Thursday at Chelsea Stadium.

> Coach Mick Milutinovic and his crew, who took on Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Somerville Tuesday, will host archrival Everett today (Thursday) at Chelsea Stadium at 4:15. They will trek to Lynn English next Tuesday and to Revere next Thursday.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL HOSTS REVERE NEXT MONDAY

The Chelsea High girls volleyball team will host Revere this coming Monday at Chelsea High School. The opening serve is set for 4:30.

After traveling to Medford next Wednesday, the Lady Red Devils will return home to meet Lynn Tech next Thursday.



Stiven Oseguera (5, second from left) leads the race for a loose ball as teammates Brouk Ephrem (14) and Josafath Gonzales (3) keep pace with Excel's Diego Martinez (7).