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Unified Sports debuts at Chelsea High School

Special to the Record

The sounds and sights were the same as what you'd be accustomed to hearing and seeing at a Chelsea High School basketball game. The distinct sneaker squeak of players running up and down the court. The ball bouncing up and down on the hardwood. The stands filled with CHS cheerleaders leading the crowd in cheers and chants.

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In partnership with Special Olympics, Chelsea Public Schools and Chelsea High School started a Unified Sports basketball team that had its first game earlier in October. Shown (top photo left to right) are Assistant Coach Greg Sullivan, Bryan Pineda Perez, Diego Garmendia Portillo, Head Coach Joe DiGaetano, Jonathan Williams Jr., Matthew Merino Del Rio (standing), Genesis Serrano, and Sofia Gutierrez Joj. Shown above, Diego (#31) prepares to shoot in Chelsea's game against Lynn Classical at CHS.

Chelsea Clock honored by Rep. Garcia at 10th Annual Manufacturing Awards Ceremony at Gillette Stadium

Special to the Record

State Representative Judith Garcia is honored to announce that Chelsea Clock is a 2025 recipient of the "Manufacturer of the Year" Award for the 11th Suffolk District presented by the Massachusetts Legislative Manufacturing Caucus. This award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership skills in the manufacturing industry. The company was presented with this award at the 10th Annual Manufacturing Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, October 21st at the Massachusetts Manufacturing Mash-Up at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA.

Each year, the Massa-

chusetts Legislative Manufacturing Caucus hosts the Manufacturing Awards Ceremony to highlight many of the Commonwealth's most noteworthy manufacturers and celebrate their

successes as leading manufacturers in the industry. This recognition is reserved for Commonwealth manufacturers that exemplify what it means to "make it in Massachusetts" and pro-

pel their industry towards continued growth and innovation. This year, over 65 diverse manufacturers were selected by legislators

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Chelsea Clock accepts the Manufacturer of the Year Award and celebratory citation from Representative Garcia and the Massachusetts Manufacturing Caucus at Gillette Stadium.

Municipal election set for Tuesday, Nov. 4

Special to the Record

Polls will be open for the municipal election in Chelsea on Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There are several contested races for city council and school committee in this year's election.

In the city council at-large race, there are five candidates for three positions. Joining incumbent at-large councilors Leo Robinson, Kelly Garcia, and Roberto Jimenez-Rivera on the ballot are Nicholas Gre-

goretti and Yesenia Alfaro.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor is facing a challenge from Christian DeJesus Franco. In District 2, incumbent Melinda Vega is being challenged by Deron Hines.

In District 4, incumbent councilor Tanairi Garcia is being challenged by Marnie MacAlpine, while in District 8, incumbent Calvin Brown is being challenged by Marcezi Kotoni.

Council candidates who

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Council to vote on split tax rate

By Adam Swift

The city council is scheduled to hold its tax classification hearing and to vote on a split residential/commercial tax rate and a residential tax exemption at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 10.

Traditionally, the council has approved a 175 percent tax shift to commercial and

industrial properties. In recent years, the council has also approved a 35 percent residential exemption, the biggest exemption allowed by state law.

The greater increase in the tax rate for commercial and industrial properties means that the greater burden of the tax levy will fall

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'Chelsea Reads' Celebrates 20 Years!

By Cary Shuman

The Chelsea Public Library is one of the city's greatest treasures, proudly welcoming generations of residents through its majestic doors high above Broadway diagonally across from

City Hall.

And on Saturday, Nov. 1, the CPL will host what has become of the most anticipated events on the calendar for Chelsea's schoolchildren: "Chelsea Reads."

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Ready to welcome Chelsea schoolchildren to the 20th edition of "Chelsea Reads" this Saturday, Nov. 1 are, from left, Local Historian Librarian and former Director Bob Collins, Children's Librarian Emma Heuchert, Library Assistant Amanda Arsenault, and event founder Margo Johnson.

Council looks to help downtown businesses

By Adam Swift

The city council is continuing to look at ways to help small businesses in the downtown that were affected by the recent Broadway reconstruction project.

At last week's meeting, District 7 Councilor Manuel Teshe requested an update on a motion he previously made to double the number of businesses that receive

funding through the storefront improvement program to help at least ten businesses per year.

"We've had our fair share of listening sessions and heard how much they are struggling and how much they are losing currently," said Teshe. "As I understand, there is money set aside for all the storefront

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City manager addresses transportation program, voting

Special to the Record

City Manager Fidel Maltez has placed an emphasis on communicating with residents since he took office. Earlier this week, Maltez recorded the latest in his series of public outreach videos to air on Chelsea Community TV. The text of his October video, which focuses on the RC Link transportation program, 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.

We know that there is a transportation gap in Chelsea and Revere that makes it difficult for residents and visitors to travel within and

between our two communities and access critical services, jobs, and essential destinations.

Today, we want to share some big news with you: the Cities of Chelsea and Revere have teamed up to make it easier for all of us to get around by launching RC Link, a new on-demand transportation service serving our communities!

This service improves transit access for our residents and visitors, particularly in areas where public transportation options are limited.

One of the most important features of RC Link is that it is affordable, especially compared to traditional on-demand services. Each ride costs only \$2, and

rides are even more affordable for students, seniors, riders with disabilities, and income-eligible members of our community.

We encourage you to give RC Link a try – take a ride to Market Basket, or to go shopping downtown Broadway, visit Rumeny Marsh Reservation, or walk Revere Beach, with this new program you can visit anywhere you want within our two communities.

Most importantly, it is easy to use. Anyone in Chelsea or Revere can book an on-demand ride through the RC Link app or by calling 339-331-1995. Service is available Monday to Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. RC Link gives you a pick-up destination, and you will

walk to meet your driver. From there, you are off to your destination.

Beyond the obvious perks of affordability and on-demand service, using RC Link means you can leave your car at home, reducing traffic congestion and freeing up parking spaces in high-traffic areas.

You can learn even more about RC Link by visiting city.ridewithvia.com/rclink

I'm also hopeful that having this new, affordable way to get around Chelsea will help increase voter turnout for our local election on November 4, 2025.

This is an important election – one that will determine who will serve on the Chelsea City Council and School Committee in 2026

and 2027.

Several key election deadlines are approaching, and perhaps the most important is the last day to register to vote, which is Saturday, October 25.

You have until 5 p.m. on the 25th to register in person at the City Clerk's Office, or, if you prefer to register online, you have until midnight.

We want voting to be easy, so we made you an easy-to-remember site for our elections webpage. Write this down or type it into your browser now: www.chelseama.gov/elections

On this site, you will find links to register to vote, your polling location, information about voting by mail

and voting early in-person, and more.

During Chelsea's last local election, less than 10% of registered voters actually voted. That means 90% of our voters did not participate in the most important action to ensure our Democracy and representative government truly works.

Voting is our right! And voting is our responsibility. It is more important than ever to raise our voices, exercise our rights, and join together in forming a stronger and better Chelsea that works for all of us. So please, cast your vote – our vote is our power.

News Briefs

RESIDENTS INVITED TO APPLY TO SERVE ON A CHELSEA BOARD OR COMMISSION

The City of Chelsea is seeking residents to fill open seats on various City Boards and Commissions. These volunteer groups play a crucial role in the decision-making process and contribute to the effective governance of Chelsea. The City encourages all interested residents to apply and get involved in shaping the future of our community.

The following Boards and Commissions have open vacancies:

- Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board – 1 Vacancy
- Cultural Council – 2 Vacancies
- Community Recreation Advisory Board - 1 Vacancy
- Disability Commission – 2 Vacancies
- Historical Commission – 1 Vacancy
- Community Preservation Committee - 2 Vacancies
- Tree Board - 2 Vacancies

All boards listed above

have three-year terms except for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, which has a two-year term.

Residents interested in applying should submit a letter of interest and a resume. Applications can be sent by mail to the City Manager at Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, 02150, or via email to citymanager@chelseama.gov.

For more information on available positions, visit www.chelseama.gov/board-openings.

CHIEF HOUGHTON ATTENDS 2025 IACP CONFERENCE

Police Chief Keith Houghton attended the 2025 annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), held Oct. 18–21 in Denver, Colorado.

The IACP is the world's premier professional association for police leadership; with a mission of shaping the future of policing through education, networking and the promotion of best practices.

At the 2025 conference, more than 16,000 public-safety professionals gathered from across the globe to explore the latest advances in law enforcement training, technology, leadership development and community engagement.

The event featured four full days of workshops, general assemblies, and a major exposition of over 600 vendors at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver.

"It was an honor to stand among more than 125 Massachusetts Police Chiefs at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in Denver Colorado this week," said Houghton. "I am proud to represent the Chelsea Police Department and our community on this global stage of law enforcement leadership and collaboration."

Chief Houghton's presence at this global gathering signifies the department's commitment to staying ahead of emerging policing challenges, learning from peer agencies, and bringing best-in-class practices back to the community.

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are running unopposed include incumbents Norieliz DeJesus in District 3, Lisa Santagate in District 5, Giovanni Recupero in District 6, and Manuel Teshe in District 7.

For the school committee, at-large member Katherine Cabral is running unopposed.

In District 1, incumbent Shawn O'Regan is being challenged by Hugo Perdomo, while in District 5, incumbent Jonathan Gomez-Pereira is being challenged by Katherine Palencia.

Running unopposed for the school committee are incumbents Sarah Neville in District 2, Mayra Balderas in District 4, Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo in District 5, Ana Hernandez in District 6, and Lucia Henriquez in District 7. Jacob Small is running unopposed for the District 8 school committee seat.

Chelsea residents can find out which district they belong to by calling Chelsea 311 at 617-466-4209; using the City's digital interactive map located at www.chelseama.gov/elections;

or by entering their address into the state's "Where do I vote?" tool available at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/WhereDoIVote>.

Mail-in-ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Nov. 4. They can be mailed back to the Clerk's Office; placed in the silver box located at City Hall on Washington Avenue; or hand-delivered to the City Clerk's Office. Ballots will not be accepted at the polls on Election Day.

For questions about accessible voting, or about the election in general, contact James O'Regan, Chelsea's Elections Administrator, at joregan@chelseama.gov or at 617-466-4056.

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Ward 4 Precinct 2
Public Safety Building
Sagamore Avenue & Cheever Street

Ward 4 Precinct 3
Public Safety Building
Sagamore Avenue & Cheever Street

District 2 Voting Locations:
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St. Rose School
580 Broadway

Ward 4 Precinct 4
St. Rose School
580 Broadway

District 3 Voting Locations:
Ward 3 Precinct 2
St. Rose School
580 Broadway

Ward 4 Precinct 1
St. Rose School
580 Broadway

District 4 Voting Locations:

Ward 3 Precinct 3
Williams School
Auditorium
Arlington Street Entrance

Ward 3 Precinct 4
Williams School
Auditorium
Arlington Street Entrance

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CHELSEA GIRLS SOCCER BEAT BOSTON INTERNATIONAL 7-0 ON SENIOR NIGHT

Chelsea clinched a spot in the MIAA Division II girls soccer tournament with a 7-0 win over Boston International on Senior Night Monday. Before the game, the team celebrated their three senior members, who were welcomed through a Tunnel of Cheers arranged by Chelsea cheerleaders, then introduced to the fans. The Red Devils improved their record to 8-6-3 to secure an invitation to post-season play that begins next week.



Senior Brittney Castellanos Ochoa (17) with family.



Seniors, left to right, Brittney Castellanos Ochoa (17), Leslie Salmeron (18), and Captain Kimberly Estrada Mazariegos.



Andrea Mendez chases after a loose ball.



Edlyn Hernandez Enriquez controls the ball through midfield.



Emili Rodriguez Rodriguez sets up a kick.



Emili Rodriguez Rodriguez makes her way around a Boston International defender.



Senior Brittney Castellanos Ochoa (17) runs onto the field before the game.



Senior Leslie Salmeron (18) comes through the Tunnel of Cheers with her dog and her Aunt Randy.



Senior captain Kimberly Estrada Mazariegos is all smiles as she comes through the Tunnel of Cheers.

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Time to FALL BACK!

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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 councillor 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 services

Looking forward to seeing you in the community.

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CONGRATULATIONS, CHELSEA HIGH GIRLS SOCCER!

We'd like to offer our congratulations to coach Randy Grajal and his Chelsea High girls soccer team upon qualifying for the post-season Division 2 state tournament thanks to a series of gritty and clutch performances this past week.

The Lady Red Devils first took on an unbeaten, first-place Medford team (12-0-0 in the Greater Boston League) that had defeated Chelsea by a score of 6-0 in their earlier meeting this season, but battled the Lady Mustangs to a 1-1 deadlock in the rematch.

Grajhal's crew then met Lynn Classical and earned another 1-1 tie, thus setting the stage for this past Monday's 7-0 triumph over Boston International that punched their ticket to the post-season for the first time since 2017.

We know we join with all of the Lady Red Devils' fans in wishing coach Grajal and his squad good luck as they get set to embark on their Journey to the Tourney.

AND CONGRATULATIONS CHELSEA HIGH BOYS SOCCER!

We'd also like to offer our congratulations to the Chelsea High boys soccer team for claiming an outright Greater Boston League (GBL) championship thanks to a clutch effort during the past two weeks that saw coach Mick Milutinovic's Red Devils overtake defending champion Revere.

Chelsea had trailed the Patriots by three points in the GBL standings entering the final two weeks of the GBL season, but the Red Devils first knocked off Revere and then won their next three games -- while Revere tied one and lost one -- to surge past the Patriots to finish with a 10-3-1 record in the GBL, compared to Revere's final mark of 8-3-3.

The Chelsea team's performance over these past two weeks is part of a larger streak in which the Red Devils have won 10 of 12 contests. Milutinovic's crew is peaking at the right time as they prepare for the upcoming Division 2 state tournament (Chelsea presently is ranked #28 in the MIAA's D-2 power ratings) and we know we join with all Chelsea sports fans in wishing them good luck in their post-season matches ahead.

GET OUT AND VOTE ON TUESDAY

Many of us view local government in the same way that we think about the weather: Everybody complains about it, but nobody does anything about it.

However, unlike the weather, there actually is something we can do about the future direction of our local government: We can get out and vote.

We always have found it ironic that the turnout for national elections far exceeds the turnout for local elections, even though local government has a much more direct impact on our daily lives than the state and federal governments.

Our local government officials are responsible for just about everything that affects the quality of life in our communities, including our schools, public safety departments, trash collection, snow removal, street repair, zoning regulations, etc., etc., etc.

The policies enacted by those who are in charge of our local government have a direct impact on the property values of our homes, which for most of us are the most significant asset we own.

Cities across the state (and in the town of Winthrop) are holding elections this Tuesday, November 4. We urge all of our readers to take the time to get out and vote in order to elect the leaders in our community who best will reflect our values and our goals for ourselves and our families.

IT'S HALLOWEEN SEASON -- ENJOY IT SAFELY!

With the Halloween season reaching its peak this week -- Halloween itself is this Friday -- we urge all of our readers to enjoy the festivities in a safe and responsible manner.

Halloween has come a long way since we were children and carried those little cardboard UNICEF donation boxes for the world's starving children, which we would turn in the next day to the Sisters of St. Joseph at our parochial school, Our Lady of Grace in Chelsea.

Halloween has become big business in recent decades. Americans will spend over \$13 billion on candy, costumes, and decorations to celebrate the holiday this year, up from \$3.3 billion in 2005.

Halloween isn't just for kids anymore -- it has become as much a party season for adults as it is for children.

There are two things that are absolute musts for every adult who will be partaking in the fun. First and foremost, no one should be driving under the influence. Arrests for drunk driving typically spike during the Halloween season. If you plan on drinking, either go with a designated driver or use an Uber or Lyft. Moreover, those who are hosting Halloween parties should make sure that their guests are okay to drive home -- friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Second, as for Halloween Night itself, every person operating an automobile should take care to drive with extreme caution and care and to be on the look-out for little trick-or-treaters. Every motorist should be sure to drive extra slowly and well below the speed limit.

We also would add that parents of teenagers have a big responsibility to ensure that their children -- and yes, teens are children -- are home early and are not drinking. Parents should set an early curfew for their teens and 'tweens to make sure they stay out of trouble.

Each of us needs to do our part to make sure that neither ourselves nor our loved ones are added to the grim statistics of the Halloween season.

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on those properties.

With a 35 percent residential exemption, the residential tax rate is expected to be \$11.49 per \$1,000 of valuation for FY26, a slight decrease from the FY25 rate of \$11.51, according to Deputy City Manager for Finance Michael Mason. The commercial tax rate is expected to come in at \$23.79 per \$1,000, down from the FY25 rate of \$24.03.

Although the tax rate

is dropping, due to the increase in valuation for properties, it does not necessarily mean that tax bills will be going down.

Mason said there will be moderate to non-existent increases in the property tax bills for residents who own one- to three-family homes and condominiums.

From FY25 to FY26, the average value of single-family homes and condominiums have in-

creased by about 5 percent. Two-family homes have increased on average by 2.6 percent, three-family homes by 8.5 percent, apartment buildings of four-plus units by 5.1 percent, commercial properties by 3 percent, and industrial properties by 4.1 percent.

According to Mason and Chief Assessor Jim Sullivan, the average monthly bill for a single-family homeowner would increase by a little

over \$10 per month with the residential exemption. The increase for two-family and condo owners would be even lower than that, while the average monthly bill for three-family homeowners would increase by about \$50 per month.

In addition to the residential exemption and the tax rate split, there are also a number of exemptions available for senior citizens and disabled veterans.

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grants that are coming in the future. I would like to see that we can move up the timeline a little bit so that more businesses are benefiting from this and hopefully we can help them survive."

Teshe said there are a number of businesses in the downtown that are struggling to survive.

"I would also like to

voice my support for our local businesses," said District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor. "Normally, I don't think it is the role of government to try to help subsidize businesses, but the problem here is specifically the downtown Broadway project that has really impacted these businesses. I think that it is incumbent upon the city to

try to mitigate some of that damage a little bit."

Taylor said he would like to see what can be done within reason to try to mitigate some of those problems that were caused by the city and not the fault of the businesses themselves.

"I'm certainly not in favor of any bailouts of any businesses, but any kind of

assistance that is affordable and that we can do I think is appropriate," said Taylor.

Teshe also noted that there have been a number of applications that have come in for grant assistance in conjunction with the city and the chamber of commerce, and that the recipients of those grants will be announced soon.

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CHELSEA KIWANIS CLUB HOLDS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER

The Chelsea Kiwanis Club held its Installation of Officers Dinner at El Potro. President Carolyn Boumila-Vega took the oath of office in her continuing term as the leader of the outstanding service organization. Kiwanis Lt. Governor Elaine Monge of Chelsea proudly represented clubs in the region at the event.



Dignitaries in attendance, Kiwanis Lt. Gov. Elaine Monge, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, City Councilor Calvin Brown, School Committee Member Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo, and Kiwanis President Carolyn Boumila-Vega.



Kiwanis Club member Renee Caso enjoys an EL Potro refreshment at the Installation of Officers Dinner.



Steven Monge, Elaine Monge Lt. Governor-Division 10, their daughter, new Kiwanis member Elianni Monge, and Carolyn Boumila-Vega Chelsea Club President.



Kiwanis Lt. Governor Elaine Monge and Chelsea Kiwanis Club President Carolyn Boumila welcome special guests, Honorary Members Bill Carafa and Gerry McCue, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell to the Installation of Officers Dinner.



Chelsea Kiwanis Club President Carolyn Boumila-Vega and her children, Adrianna Vega (left) and Alex Vega (right).



Seated, from left, Honorary Chelsea Kiwanis Member Gerry McCue, Kiwanis Lt. Governor Elaine Monge, Chelsea Kiwanis Club President Carolyn Boumila-Vega, Chelsea Kiwanis Secretary Rich Cuthie, and Honorary Chelsea Kiwanis Member Bill Carafa. Standing, from left, Chelsea Kiwanis Board Member Joe Carreiro, Chelsea Kiwanis Club Member Nicole McLaughlin, new Chelsea Kiwanis member Kathryn Bourgea, new Chelsea Kiwanis member Susana Carella, Chelsea Kiwanis member Renee Caso, Chelsea Kiwanis Board Member Veronica Medina, Chelsea Kiwanis Board Member Michelle Mirthes, and new Chelsea Kiwanis Member Elianni Monge.

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from across the Commonwealth to be recognized at the awards ceremony.

“For over a century, Chelsea Clock has stood as a symbol of craftsmanship, precision, and pride in our city,” said Representative Judith Garcia (D-Chelsea). “As one of the nation’s oldest and most respected clockmakers, they have not only preserved Chelsea’s manufacturing legacy but continue to innovate and inspire a new generation of makers. I am deeply proud to honor Chelsea Clock as the 2025 Manufacturer of the Year for the 11th Suffolk District. It recognizes their enduring excellence and the skilled craftsmanship that continues to define Massachusetts manufacturing.”

“On behalf of everyone at Chelsea Clock, we are honored to be recognized as the 2025 Manufacturer of the Year for the 11th Suffolk District,” said Lisa Polidoro, Senior Director of Sales and Business Operations at Chelsea Clock. “This recognition belongs to our employees and crafts-

people whose skill and dedication have sustained a tradition of precision manufacturing in Chelsea since 1897. We are grateful to Representative Garcia and the Massachusetts Legislative Manufacturing Caucus for championing the Commonwealth’s makers, and we remain committed to innovating, investing in our workforce, delivering best in class products, and proving every day what it means to ‘make it in Massachusetts.’”

Formed in August 2014, the Manufacturing Caucus includes more than 60 legislators from around the Commonwealth. Lawmakers focus on training for manufacturing employees, encouraging innovation by helping start-ups access resources, and expanding apprenticeship opportunities in key manufacturing sectors. The Caucus is chaired by Representative Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin) and Senator Paul R. Feeney (D-Foxborough).

The Massachusetts Manufacturing Mash-Up, where

the awards were hosted, is a conference run by the Center for Advanced Manufacturing to kick off October’s manufacturing month. The Mash-Up is an opportunity for partners and industry to come together to help accelerate advanced manufacturing and celebrate all our successes here in the Commonwealth. The event offers numerous opportunities to meet new businesses or partners, find the resources to help our manufacturers succeed, and gain

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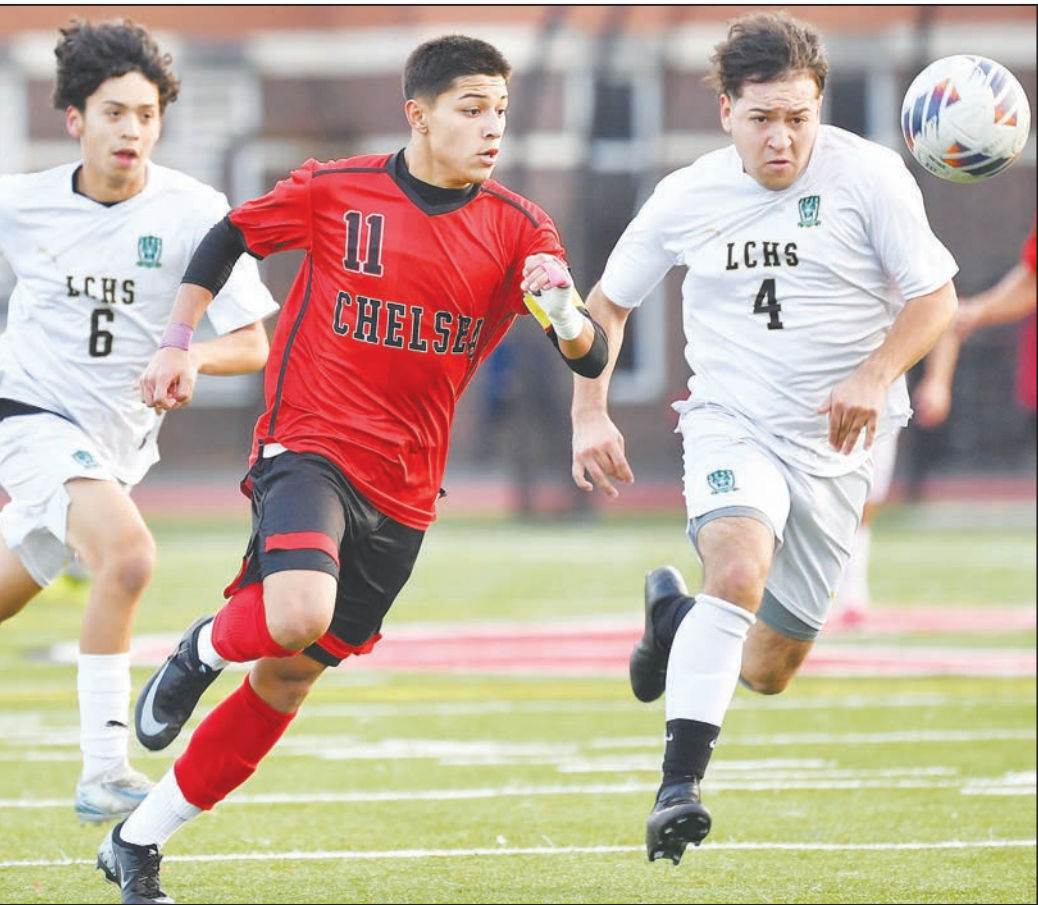
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CHELSEA BOYS SOCCER BEAT LYNN CLASSICAL 4-0



Christian Lopez (11) sprints after a loose ball.

After a scoreless first half, Chelsea exploded for four goals in the second half, and the Greater Boston League champion Chelsea Red Devils improved their overall record to 12-4-1 with a 4-0 win over Lynn Classical Thursday October 23 at Chelsea Stadium. Chelsea wrapped up its season October 28 against Brighton

and now awaits the MIAA announcement of the Division 2 soccer championship tournament schedule.

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



Josafath Gonzales (3) wrestles for control with a Lynn Classical forward.



Jose Joj (10) is sent tumbling as he is tripped up by a Lynn Classical defender.



Ryan Orellana (8) eyes the field as he escapes a Lynn Classical defender.



Alexander Gonzalez-Urrutia (6) defends against a Lynn Classical advance.



Joao Pereira Nozar (12) puts his full effort into a head-shot.



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Brouk Ephrem (14) keeps a Lynn Classical forward away from bouncing ball.

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Ryan Orellana (8) holds off a Lynn Classical defender and gets his head on the ball.



Jorge Sanabria Basquez (7, front) and Jose Joj react to the goal that gave Chelsea a 2-0 lead in the second half.

CHS BOYS SOCCER WINS GBL TITLE

The Chelsea High boys soccer team capped an incredible run over the second half of the season by posting two victories over Greater Boston League (GBL) opponents to overtake Revere and claim the 2025 GBL championship.

The victories, by scores of 5-1 over Medford last Tuesday and 4-0 over Lynn Classical last Thursday, allowed the Red Devils to surpass Revere, which had been seeking to repeat as GBL titlists. The teams had entered the week tied for first place with 17 points apiece, but the Patriots dropped their final GBL contest to Somerville, 6-3, on Thursday, enabling the Red Devils to claim the crown.

Last week’s victories that propelled Chelsea to the title capped a remarkable run in which coach Mick Milutinovic’s crew have won 10 of their last 12 contests. The Red Devils erased a three-point Revere lead in the standings thanks to their 2-1 win over Revere in a head-to-head meeting and a Revere tie with Medford last week.

The final standings

showed Chelsea atop the GBL with a 10-3-1 mark and Revere in second with an 8-3-3 record.

Chelsea was scheduled to wrap up its regular season yesterday (Wednesday) with a non-league contest vs. Brighton.

Milutinovic and his squad, who punched their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney earlier this season, then will await word of their final seeding and first-round opponent in the upcoming MIAA Division 2 state tournament. The Red Devils presently are ranked 26th in D-2.

CHS GIRLS SOCCER REACHES STATE TOURNAMENT

The Chelsea High girls soccer team celebrated Senior Night in appropriate fashion by qualifying for the post-season state tournament with a 7-0 victory over Boston International Monday evening at Chelsea Stadium.

The triumph clinched the first appearance in the state tourney for a CHS girls team since 2017, a major milestone for coach Randy Grajal’s girls soccer program.

Chelsea controlled the game from the opening whistle, moving the ball well, creating consistent opportunities, and capitalizing early. The first half ended with a 3-0 lead, and the momentum continued into the second half as the Lady Red Devils added four more goals to secure the final 7-0 result.

Junior captain Yahira Jovel netted a hat trick and sophomore Emily Rodriguez scored two goals to power the Lady Red Devil offense.

The special win came on Senior Night, in which the team honored its three seniors, Kimberly Estrada Mazariegos, Leslie Salmeron, and Britney Castellanos Ochoa, for their contributions to the CHS girls program.

“This victory showcased teamwork, composure, and execution,” said Grajal. “The team is proud of this accomplishment and looks forward to continuing their journey in the upcoming tournament.”

Just as impressive as Monday night’s win was the team’s performance last week against two top Greater Boston League foes, Medford and Lynn Classical,

in which the Lady Red Devils earned a pair of ties that moved them within striking distance of qualifying for a Journey to the Tourney.

Last Tuesday, Chelsea hosted Medford, which entered the contest with a 12-0-0 record in the Greater Boston League (and had defeated the Lady Red Devils in their first meeting this season). This time around, however, Chelsea matched Medford’s intensity from start to finish, resulting in a hard-earned 1-1 draw.

Medford scored first on a penalty kick near the end of the first half, but the Lady Red Devils never backed down. They continued pressing, defending, and creating chances throughout the second half.

In the final minutes of the game, Emily Rodriguez broke through on the left side, cut inside toward the middle, and struck a right-footed shot past the keeper to secure the equalizer for Chelsea.

“The goal energized the entire team and was a reflection of their determination and resilience,” said CHS head coach Randy Grajal. “This performance showed the team’s heart and

strong work ethic from the opening whistle to the final whistle. Our team proved they can compete with one of the strongest teams in the league and will continue to build on this momentum for the remainder of the regular season and postseason play.”

Two days later Grajal’s squad made the short trek to Lynn to meet Lynn Classical under the lights at Manning Field and came home with another 1-1 draw.

Chelsea struck early in the ninth minute when a corner kick was deflected and landed near the top of the box, where Katherine Benitez fired a right-footed shot into the back of the Lady Ram net to make it 1-0.

The rest of the half was played end-to-end by both sides, similar to the previous matchup between the teams. Just before halftime, Lynn Classical brought the contest back to level off a free kick that slipped past the Chelsea goalkeeper.

The second half remained tightly-contested, with both teams pushing hard for the winning goal, but neither side was able to break the deadlock. Chelsea walked away with a well-earned

point, leaving the Lady Devils just one point away from securing a spot post-season — a goal the team has pursued since the start of the season.

“The tie left the team confident, motivated, and ready to take care of business to clinch their postseason opportunity. They have shown all year that they can compete with any team in the league, and they plan to keep proving it as they push toward the tournament,” said Grajal.

The Lady Red Devils were scheduled to conclude their regular season with a match vs. O’Bryant High School of Boston yesterday (Wednesday) and then will await the announcement of their final seeding and preliminary round opponent in the MIAA Division 2 state tourney.

CHS FOOTBALL HOSTS MINUTEMAN TONIGHT AT 6:00

The Chelsea High football team, which dropped a 22-6 decision to Medford last week, will host Minute-man Regional this evening (Thursday) at Chelsea Stadium. The opening kickoff is set for 6:00.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

BRUINS LACKING CONSISTENCY

There’s a lot missing in the current play of the Boston Bruins, which is something of concern when the schedule has them playing a host of games in just a few days.

If you hang your hat on the outcome of the first three games of the season — all wins, your hopes are high, but to follow that with a six-game losing streak, can certainly take the wind out of your sails. The answer is obvious, the Bruins have two very different teams that show up on any given night. Case in point, their ability to beat the Colorado Avalanche last week, handling the Avalanche their first loss in regulation, and then reverting to the one we are seeing lately, which is the one that gets hit with far too many penalties — and now a team who had recently boasted a tight penalty-killing unit, into one that fails miserably. A prime example



of lack of effectiveness was evident in their recent disaster on Monday, where they allowed their division rival Ottawa Senators to score four goals on five power play chances. The lack of discipline has been a constant, making the Bruins one of the most penalized teams in the NHL. Giving their opposition multiple chances per game to put their power play units into the game, eventually has proved to be costly. The loss of defenseman Hampus Lindholm to the Injured Reserve list, and the extensive injury to Jordan Harris, could be a partial reason, but not to the extent shown lately by the blue line corps. Head coach Marco Sturm has resorted to constant line changes, both with his forwards and defenseman, as he seeks

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State health officials announce ninth human case of West Nile virus in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced the season’s ninth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) diagnosed in a man in his 50s with exposure in Middlesex County.

No risk level increases are indicated at this time of year. At the end of October, municipalities at high risk for WNV will be reduced to moderate until there is a hard frost.

“This case is a reminder that WNV infections can occur even in the fall, and we should remain vigilant,” said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. “We are now past the peak season for West Nile virus in Massachusetts, but some risk will continue until the first hard frost, and we are still reminding ev-

eryone to continue to take steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites.”

The first WNV-positive mosquitoes in the state this year were announced on June 17. There were a total of 451 mosquito samples that tested positive for WNV this season from Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties. There was also one animal case of WNV this year in a goat.

In addition to WNV, Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) was detected in mosquitoes in Massachusetts this year. There were 23 EEE-positive mosquito samples and no human or animal cases.

Surveillance information, including case updates, will

continue to be updated as needed and posted online at the Massachusetts Arbovirus Update.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient, such as DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), or oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should

not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during the evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gut-

ters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also

speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent West Nile virus (WNV) and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

Learn more about mosquito-borne diseases, including all WNV- and EEE-positive results on DPH’s Arbovirus Surveillance Information page, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

The North Shore Music Theatre presents ‘The Cher Show’

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ographical musical, written by Tony® Award-winning writer Rick Elice, creator of Jersey Boys, includes 35 of Cher’s biggest hits, including “Believe,” “Turn Back Time,” and “Strong Enough.” THE CHER SHOW inspires you to never abandon your dreams. Get ready to rock along and relive the magic of Cher’s career with this unforgettable musical that will truly turn back time!

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The cast of THE CHER SHOW in the Tony Award-Winning costumes designed by Bob Mackie playing at North Shore Music Theatre from October 21 thru November 2, 2025. Photo©Paul Lyden.

BOSTON LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATION SESSION

Massport will host a hybrid (in-person and virtual) consultation session on the Boston Logan International Airport 2023/2024 Environmental Data Report (2023/2024 EDR). A representative from the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office will participate.

The hybrid Consultation Session Public Meeting is scheduled for:
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
at the Logan Airport Rental Car Center*
15 Transportation Way
East Boston, MA 02128

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www.massport.com/environment/boston-logan-edr-espr-data-portal

- The meeting will be streamed in both English and Spanish, with Spanish interpretation available for in-person attendees.
- Requests for additional language interpretation services must be submitted on or before Friday, October 31, 2025 to: community@massport.com

Please note that an electronic copy of the 2023/2024 EDR is available on Massport’s website at
www.massport.com/environment/boston-logan-edr-espr-data-portal

Additional copies of the 2023/2024 EDR may be obtained by calling Brad Washburn, Massport, at (617) 568-3546 or emailing bwashburn@massport.com during the public comment period.

Massport has requested an extension of the public comment period, which began on **October 22, 2025** (the publication date of the MEPA Environmental Monitor) and will end on **January 9, 2026**.

Written comments may be submitted by **January 9, 2026** to:

The Honorable Rebecca L. Tepper, Secretary
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Office
Jennifer Hughes, EEA No. 3247
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Comments may also be submitted electronically via the MEPA Public Comment Portal at:
<https://eeasonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicComment/Landing/>

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But this wasn't an ordinary CHS basketball game; this was the start of something new, special and inclusive to all.

On Tuesday, October 21, Chelsea Public Schools and Chelsea High School hosted the first-ever Unified Sports basketball game at CHS. Unified Sports, in partnership with the Special Olympics, brings together students with and without intellectual disabilities to play on the same team, promoting inclusion, friendship, and school spirit. Unified Sports is about building a community where every student can shine.

Head coach Joe DiGaetano commented, "Unified Sports has been an incredible experience for everyone involved. The joy, teamwork, and sense of belonging that come from these practices and games

have been truly rewarding to witness. You can see the confidence growing in every student, both athletes and partners alike. They're learning not only about basketball, but also about inclusion, friendship, and what it means to support one another on and off the court."

CHS played Lynn Classical in its first game at the Saul Nectem Gymnasium at CHS. The team played in front of a raucous crowd, headlined by the CHS Cheerleading Team who supported the players with confidence-instilling cheers. The atmosphere created a true community celebration of teamwork, inclusion, and school spirit.

The Chelsea Unified basketball team continues to grow and currently includes 11 players: Dany (Alex) Antunez Cruz, Angel Erazo Alarcon, Diego Garmendia

Portillo, Sofia Gutierrez Joj, Bryan Medina, Matthew Merino Del Rio, Bryan Pineda Perez, Daniel Romero Matute, Juan Santos Ramos, Genesis Serrano and Jonathan Williams Jr.

The team competes in the Greater Boston League (GBL) under the direction of head coach Joe DiGaetano and Assistant Coach Greg Sullivan. They practice two days a week, and will continue to have games through the middle of November. The team will have a game on Monday, November 3, at Malden before playing in the end-of-year GBL Jamboree on Friday, November 14.

DiGaetano added, "It's been amazing to watch how quickly they've bonded — every high-five, every cheer, and every smile reminds us why Unified Sports is so special."



Student-athletes Bryan (#3) and Diego (#31) celebrate after scoring a basket against Lynn Classical.



The Chelsea Cheerleading Team cheering on Unified Sports at its game against Lynn Classical.



Bryan (left) and Sofia (right) high five after Bryan scored against Lynn Classical.

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the possible adjustment that could put the team into working in a more effective style. That attempt to date, has not proved to be the answer, as Sturm's frustration with fact that his troops are not following his game plan is surfacing quickly. The urgency is compounded with this week's schedule with

has the locals playing four games in six days, not leaving much time for practice, and no time to work out the issues.

Tonight (Thursday, 7pm) the Bruins will host the Buffalo Sabres on TD Garden ice, followed by a Saturday 1pm matinee with the Carolina Hurricanes.

Boston will then head back on the road for a one-and-done with the New York Islanders on Monday at 7pm, before returning home to take on the Ottawa Senators (Thursday 7pm), with a chance to gain some revenge for the 7-2 thrashing they were handed in last week's confrontation.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2025-22

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held on: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 Council Chambers. 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: 123 Washington Avenue LLC For Major Site Plan Approval to construct an addition and convert the property from a funeral home into a nine-dwelling unit structure and two retail units which requires Special Permits for the use of the structure as a dwelling containing seven or more dwelling units, the change from one nonconforming use to another, less detrimental nonconforming use, and to reconstruct, extend, alter, or change a nonconforming structure and does not meet the requirements for minimum parking lot aisle, minimum number of off-street parking spaces, minimum width of off-street parking spaces, location of off-street parking, minimum lot size, minimum lot size per unit, maximum lot coverage, minimum usable open space and maximum floor area ratio at the premises known as: 123 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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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on October 20, 2025, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following order:

Ordered, that pursuant to Section 4-3(I) of the Chelsea City Charter, the Chelsea City Council hereby approves the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with AFSCME, LOCAL 708, covering Library employees, memorialized in the Memorandum of Agreement for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, dated October 2, 2025.

Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2025-22

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

With reference to the application of: 123 Washington Avenue LLC For Special Permits and Variances seeking approval to construct an addition and convert the property from a funeral home into a nine-dwelling unit structure and two

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NOTICE

In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on October 7, 2025, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:

To approve proposed amendments to Article 13 of the Citywide Parking Program.

To install a handicap sign at 36 Garland Street.

To reintegrate a dedicated left-turn signal at the intersection of Marginal, Pearl, and Williams Street.

To install a specific truck route on Hillside Avenue, from Summit Avenue to Eleanor Street, and to ban trucks from Crest Avenue.

To install a 'No Parking Here to Corner' sign on Winthrop Road.

To prohibit parking 55 feet on Webster Avenue East of Locke Street and 75 feet on Webster Avenue, west of Locke Street.

To install a handicap sign at 135 Washington Avenue.

To install a handicap sign at 943 Broadway.

Jeannette Cintron White Parking Clerk

10/30/25

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In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on October 20, 2025, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following order:

Ordered, that, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53A?, the Chelsea City Council accepts the donation of gym equipment and related items from Bobby Cobb, owner of Today's Auto (sourced through Gronk Fitness), in the amount of \$9,814.98 for the Chelsea Fire Department.

Ordered, that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of Massachusetts General Law, the sum of \$182,717.12 representing unexpended portions of projects appropriated under the Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 Capital Improvement Plans for the projects as noted below, and which remain available after the completion of the projects for which the funds were authorized and which are no longer needed, are hereby transferred in the amount of \$116,621.00 to the FY2024 CIP Island End River Flood Resiliency Project account 55402413 series and in the amount of \$66,096.12 to FY2021 CIP Beacham/Williams Corridor Reconstruction Project account 55402117

series. The remaining balance of \$87,887.88 of the FY2021 Upper Broadway Easements project will be held to finish paying outstanding balances for easements and acquisitions along Upper Broadway.

Ordered, that, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY24 and FY25 were not paid and are owed to the vendors, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY26 budget as noted, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the following expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balances that total \$1,324.79 from prior years.

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10/30/25



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. SU25P15926D

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

In the interests Of: Jeremy Michael LaChance

Of:Chelsea, MA

Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 07/14/2025 by Marvarine V. Wilson of Cambridge, MA and Donna A. Lewis of Cambridge, MA will be held 12/08/2025 09:00 AM Review Hearing. Located Probation Department, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston MA 02114

You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application for Appointment of Counsel form.

Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An

important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: September 8, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

10/30/25

LEGAL NOTICE



Re:King Tacos Restaurant Corp. d/b/a King Tacos 388 Broadway, Chelsea MA Chelsea Licensing Commission,

November 13, 2025

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a Transfer of an All Kinds of Alcohol Beverages (on Premise) License application from Taqueria Eucalipto Corp. d/b/a Las Vegas Restaurant to King Tacos Restaurant Corp. d/b/a King Tacos at 324 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise.

CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

Noomi Libran Licensing Administrator

10/23/25, 10/30/25

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU25P2406EA

Estate of: Patricia Anne Horton

Also Known As: Patricia Anne Humiston

Date of Death: 08/23/2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioners Stephanie Cook of San Diego, CA Mark A. White of Chelsea, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

10/30/25



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court

24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114

DIVORCE

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Docket No. SU25D1890DR

MD Sultan Mahmud Sifat Plaintiff

vs. Redwana Ramzam Tajin 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: Barry R. Lewis, Esq. Law Offices of Barry R. Lewis 16 Lanewood Ave. Framingham, MA 01701 your answer on or before 12/11/2025. 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, First Judge of this Court.

Date: October 21, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate Court

10/30/25



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court

24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Docket No. SU25C0547CA

In the matter of: Stephany Astrid Tejada Beltran

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Stephany Astrid Tejada Beltran of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Stephany Astrid Beltran Ventura

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m.on the return date of 11/20/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine E. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 24, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate

10/30/25

LEGAL NOTICE



LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA PUBLIC HEARING

All taxpayers are invited to attend a Public Hearing by the Chelsea City Council, in conjunction with the Board of Assessors, on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, regarding the MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL TAX FACTOR and the RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION, and their effect on Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Rates.

Councilor Norieliz DeJesus President, Chelsea City Council John Taglilotele, Chairperson Board of Assessors.

ALL TAXPAYERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

10/23/25, 10/30/25

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given

that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on October 20, 2025, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following order:

Ordered, that, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53A?, the Chelsea City Council accepts the donation of gym equipment and related items from Bobby Cobb, owner of Today's Auto (sourced through Gronk Fitness), in the amount of \$9,814.98 for the Chelsea Fire Department.

Ordered, that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of Massachusetts General Law, the sum of \$182,717.12 representing unexpended portions of projects appropriated under the Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 Capital Improvement Plans for the projects as noted below, and which remain available after the completion of the projects for which the funds were authorized and which are no longer needed, are hereby transferred in the amount of \$116,621.00 to the FY2024 CIP Island End River Flood Resiliency Project account 55402413 series and in the amount of \$66,096.12 to FY2021 CIP Beacham/Williams Corridor Reconstruction Project account 55402117 series. The remaining balance of \$87,887.88 of the FY2021 Upper Broadway Easements project will be held to finish paying outstanding balances for easements and acquisitions along Upper Broadway.

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10/30/25

LEGAL NOTICE



Re:DMS Trinity, LLC. d/b/a Trinity Naturals 270 Second Street, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission, November 13, 2025

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a Cannabis License Change of Hours from 8am to 9pm (Sunday-Wednesday) and 8am to 11pm (Thursday-Saturday) requesting to change to 8 am to 11 pm Sunday-Wednesday and midnight on Thursday-Saturday for DMS Trinity, LLC.

d/b/a Trinity Naturals at 270 Second Street, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters

to the licensed premise.

CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

Noomi Libran Licensing Administrator

10/23/25, 10/30/25

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers 500 Broadway

Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments regarding the international street safety action plan, Vision Zero Chelsea.

Copies and filings may be viewed at the City Clerk's Office.

Per Order

Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson

10/16/25, 10/30/25

LEGAL NOTICE



LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November, 18th 2025 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Verizon for the following petition: Winnisimmet St Place one (1) JO pole, P.2A approximately 35' southwesterly from existing pole, P.3 located on the westerly side of Winnisimmet Street.

Public comments will be accepted during the meeting. Written comments are accepted by email to cfax@chelseama.gov until 12:00pm on 11/18/25.

The public is invited to attend.

Cate Fox Lent Commissioner

10/30/25 11/6/25

LEGAL NOTICE



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

El Departamento de Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el martes 18 de Noviembre 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 Verizon para la siguiente petición: Winnisimmet Avenue Coloque un (1) poste JO, P.2A, aproximadamente a 35 pies al suroeste del poste existente, P.3, ubicado en el lado oeste de la calle Winnisimmet.

Se aceptarán comentarios públicos durante la reunión. Se aceptan comentarios escritos por correo electrónico a cfax@chelseama.gov hasta las 12:00 p.m. del 11/18/25.

El público está invitado a asistir.

Cate Fox Lent Comisionada

10/30/25 11/6/25

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING Zoning Amendment ZA25-03

In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, 6:00 PM

For a recommendation to the City Council on proposed amendments to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance: Section 34-262 Table of Dimensional Regulations & 34-300 Table of Principal Use Regulations

The amendment would reduce the required minimum lot area and minimum lot area per unit in the Residential 1 (R1) District from 7,500 square feet and 3,500 square feet per unit to 5,000 square feet and 3,000 square feet per unit.

In addition, the amendment would allow three-family dwellings in the R1 District by Special Permit.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. 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. to 7 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

10/23/25, 10/30/25

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA Invitation for Bids

POLONIA PARK RENOVATION

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "POLONIA PARK RENOVATION".

Invitation for Bids will be available on or after October 30, 2025 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php.

- A Pre-Bid Site Visit scheduled on 11/06/2025 @ 11:30am

Polonia Park, located on 37 Tremont St., Chelsea MA

Invitation for Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "POLONIA PARK RENOVATION" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."

The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.

The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M.

Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer

10/30/25

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK WITH THE COURTS TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A FEE WAIVER

Celebrate the holidays on Boston’s historic Freedom Trail

The Freedom Trail Foundation invites revelers to celebrate this holiday season on the annual Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against the unique backdrop of Boston’s historic sites and centuries of history, makes these merry 60-minute tours a perfect way to celebrate the holidays. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston’s holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered Fridays and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from November 21 through December 27.

Led by 19th-century Dickensian costumed guides departing from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Freedom Trail while learning about 19th-century holiday traditions. Following the Stroll, guests receive discounts off museum store purchases at Freedom

Trail sites, including the Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House, and Old North Church’s Heritage and Gift Shops (valid with any Historic Holiday Stroll receipt from November through December).

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children for public tours. The Strolls may also be scheduled as private group tours pending availability. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer daily public Official Freedom Trail Tours® throughout November and December and during the winter months. All Freedom Trail tours are available as private family or group tours by reservation. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Historic Holiday Strolls and Freedom Trail Tours, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org and for group tour reservations, please call 617-357-8300 press “0.”

MASSPORT, BOSTON RENEGADES CELEBRATE BANNER UNVEILING AT BOSTON LOGAN



On Friday, October 17 the Massachusetts Port Authority, Governor Maura Healey and Revere Mayor Patrick Keef joined the Boston Renegades in unveiling a championship banner in the Celebration of Champions exhibit above the Terminal C checkpoint at Boston Logan International. This exhibit showcases the tradition of winning that teams in Boston and New England have sustained over the last century. The exhibit features banners from the Boston Celtics, Red Sox, Bruins, New England Patriots, Worcester Pirates, Boston Cannons, Boston Pride, New England Free Jacks and now the Boston Renegades. The Renegades have won 5 national championships over the last 7 years, and are the premier women’s tackle football team in the country. From their home at Harry Della Russo Stadium in Revere, they have broke record after record in Women’s tackle football. They are also important community members, teaching girls of all ages football and inspiring generations of women. Massport is proud to hang another banner in this exhibit, and we look forward to hanging even more.

Ready to “Fall Back?”

When you change your clocks, check your alarms!

With the end of Daylight Savings Time just around the corner, State Fire Marshal Jon M.

Davine and the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts are reminding residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when they change their clocks.

“Working smoke and CO alarms are your family’s first line of defense against an emergency at home,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “As we ‘fall back’ this weekend, please take a few minutes to be sure you and your loved ones are protected.”

Modern smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have the manufacturing date printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and CO alarms should be replaced according to the manufacturer’s instructions – usually 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model.

Fire officials are especially concerned about expiring smoke alarms because of a 2015 update to the State Fire Code. That update, which remains in effect, requires that replacement smoke alarms in most Massachusetts homes have sealed, 10-year batteries. As a result, the first wave of alarms purchased to comply with the update are nearing the end of their useful lifespan.

State Fire Marshal Davine and the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts offered these tips for residents who are replacing outdated single-station smoke alarms. Following these guidelines will reduce the risk that someone will remove the batteries and place them in another de-

vice or to disable the alarm when it’s activated by cooking smoke:

- Choose photoelectric alarms from a well-known, national brand
- Look for the mark of an independent testing lab like UL or Intertek/ETL
- Select alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a “hush” feature
- Alarms that meet UL Standard 217, 8th edition or later, use the latest multi-criteria technology to reduce nuisance alarms caused by cooking smoke

If your alarms are less than 10 years old and take alkaline batteries, then put in fresh batteries to be sure you’re protected all winter long. And remember to test your smoke and CO alarms once a month to be sure they’re working properly.

Heating Season Brings Carbon Monoxide Hazards

Westborough Fire Chief Patrick Purcell, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, emphasized the importance of working carbon monoxide alarms as we enter the colder months.

“Carbon monoxide is a leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States, and heating equipment is the main source of carbon monoxide in the home,” Chief Purcell said. “We can’t see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms on every level of your home are the only way to detect this invisible killer.”

Massachusetts firefighters encountered carbon monoxide hazards at about 5,000 calls last year, Chief Purcell said.

Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

“Changes to building construction and furnishings mean we have less time to escape a fire at home than ever before,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “You could have just three minutes to get out safely.”

“Working smoke alarms and a practiced home escape plan are among the most fundamental and important tools for surviving a fire,” said Chief Purcell. “Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, including young children, older adults, and persons with disabilities.”

Fire officials recommend planning two ways out of the building, the apartment, and each room if possible. Be sure to select a family meeting spot a safe distance from the building.

Senior SAFE

Adults over 65 are at disproportionate risk of death or serious injury in a fire, especially if they live in one- or two-family homes. Hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts have grant-funded Senior SAFE programs that may provide assistance with smoke and CO alarms. Seniors who need help installing, testing, or maintaining their alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE program, visit www.mass.gov/dfs or contact your local fire department.

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DiDomenico welcomes Italian Consul General to State House

Senator Sal DiDomenico welcomed Arnaldo Minuti, the Consul General of Italy in Boston, and the Consulate team to his State House office and invited him to speak on the Massachusetts State Senate floor for Italian Heritage Month.

“It was an honor to intro-

duce Consul General Minuti to the Senate and Senate President Spilka, and watch

him speak about the rich history of our shared cultures, and how our countries

can continue to work together and learn from each other,” said Senator DiDo-

menico. “I want to thank the Consul General for visiting and making this month ex-

tra special for me and my colleagues.”



Consul General of Italy in Boston, Arnaldo Minuti, signing the Official Senate Chamber guest book, alongside Senator DiDomenico.



Senator DiDomenico in the Senate Chamber (third from left) with the Consul General of Italy in Boston, Arnaldo Minuti (fourth from right), Senator Nick Collins (far left), Senator Robyn Kennedy (second from left), and the Consul General’s team.

CITY PAWS

Special spot

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We were walking home from lunch recently when we crossed paths with a delightful Husky. She walked right up to us while we were asking her guardian if we could say hello. The woman told us it was fine, and this dog loved scratches under the chin.

Do you know dogs who have a special spot that they are happy to have scratched or patted? Dogs may choose different people to deliver different types of attention. Our Poppy runs to Ed for belly rubs, but to Penny for circular massages of her ears and back.

Usual Spots

Some places where dogs react to touch with great pleasure contain sensitive nerves and sensory neurons, known as touch receptors, according to Whole Dog Magazine writer Joan Merriam. “Not to go too Sandy Scientific on you, but these

touch receptors travel along sensory nerves that connect to neurons in the spinal cord, then to the thalamus, and finally to the somatosensory cortex of the brain, which in turn triggers the release of oxytocin. All this happens in the flutter of an eyelash: the only thing we’re aware of is that our dog goes into a state of semi-bliss the moment we start rubbing her belly.

Oxytocin release is also true of dogs’ very sensitive ears. Consider providing gentle scratches to places where the dog can’t reach. Perhaps this is why so many dogs welcome a soft scratch to the base of their tail or under their collar.

Massage

When we consider ways to help our dogs who are frightened, injured, or showing the effects of aging, we may not think of massage. Today, the professionals at major animal hospitals, like the MSPCA’s Angell

Animal Medical Center, are including massage therapy as part of their rehabilitation services. While discussing treatment for your pet, ask your vet if there is any sort of massage you could do to help with healing.

You can also use the time you spend petting or massaging your dog as a body check-up. Our Westies have had skin problems, and we would find any hot spots or breakouts during a good rubdown.

Tellinton Ttouch

Over the years, we’ve used a special kind of massage called Tellington Ttouch on our own dogs and with some of the skittish rescue pups we have fostered. Mardi Richmond described the classic TTouch massage in an article in Whole Dog Journal, “... your fingers are slightly curved and you use the pads of your fingers to create the circles.” She has found this “particularly use-



There is nothing like a good belly rub to bond with your dog. (Photo by Nomao Saeki)

ful for anxious dogs.” You can take training for this practice online or in-person classes.

Remember, petting, massage, or touch therapy are all good ideas if you and your dog both enjoy the experience. Some dogs melt into your lap or snuggle up beside you and soak up strokes like arid soil in a

gentle rain. Others squirm and can’t wait to get away and get on with more interesting things.

A sign that a person is a dog lover is when their hands unconsciously begin to stroke, pat, and gently scratch a dog sitting beside them. Did you know that petting a dog can lower heart rate and blood pres-

sure, release happy hormones, and generally relax both the canine and human partners? It’s a win-win way to spend time together.

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

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PERFORMING COVERS OF ALL GENRES

Reads // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The free event is held in coordination with National Family Literacy Month in November, recognizing the crucial role families play in fostering reading and learning skills.

Margo Johnson, co-founder of “Chelsea Reads” with Donna DeFillippo 20 years ago, continues to be involved in the organizing of the event that at its height drew an assemblage of more than 1,000 guests before COVID-19 took away some of its momentum.

Former Library Director Bob Collins, who is now the Local History Librarian, said a key to the celebration’s instant success was the incredible support it has received from community leaders and organizations.

“Margo came to us with this idea 20 years ago, and we’re still doing it,” said

Collins. “The first year we drew 65 years, and we had more than 1,000 people at one point – that’s how popular this event got.”

Johnson said that she and co-founder DeFillippo wanted to do something special to welcome new families to the city. “Mass General, where I was working, was distributing books to children, and that’s when I went to Scholastic (a book company) and Raising A Reader and asked them for their assistance. And that’s where it all began, and here we are 20 years later. The staff at the Library has been superb at building up this event.”

Maltez, Abeyta will appear as celebrity readers

The support from the community is as strong as

it’s ever been, as evidenced by the participation of City Manager Fidel Maltez, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, Police Chief Keith Houghton, Fire Chief John Quatieri, and Chelsea Senior Center Director Geraldine Portillo, who will appear as “celebrity readers” at Saturday’s celebration.

Children’s Librarian Emma Heuchert said the Piggie and Elephant characters from the Mo Willems series will be making appearances.

There will also be an appearance from “Mary Poppins,” the fictional nanny so gloriously portrayed by Julie Andrews in the movie.

And to top off all the fun and enjoyment from “Chelsea Reads,” each guest will receive a free backpack containing free books.

Enrollment grows at the CPL

Emily Heuchert and Library Assistant Amanda Arsenault say that enrollment in weekly library programs for youths continues to grow.

“We have four-or-five activities a week that we run, including a Leggo Club, storytimes, a gaming afternoon, and a craft time,” said Heuchert. “So, I try to reach a lot of interest levels and different age groups.”

And “Chelsea Reads” – an event that Margo Johnson founded more than two decades ago – will be filling up the library with hundreds of enthusiastic young readers this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

(Information from the event flier was used in this story.)