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Shown (above) Chelsea residents and police officers sit together during a Faith & Blue event at La Luz De Cristo in Chelsea on October 10, 2025.

Shown (right) a Chelsea police officer and K-9 spend time with Chelsea children at Revive Community Church's Faith & Blue event on October 25, 2025.

“Faith & Blue” bridges connection between police and community

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea and the Chelsea Police Department are thanking the seven local faith organizations that hosted community Faith & Blue events this October and November, opening their doors to bridge a connection between Chelsea

community members and Chelsea police officers.

“Now in its second year, Chelsea’s Faith & Blue events are becoming a new tradition,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. “These events strengthen community ties and enhance public safety and trust by facilitating engage-

ment between law enforcement and our residents. We are grateful for the strong partnerships we have developed with our local faith organizations that opened their doors and their hearts to us this year.”

From October 2 through November 16, Chelsea residents joined City Manager

Fidel Maltez, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Chelsea police officers at Faith & Blue events at AME Church; First Congregational Church; La Luz de Cristo; Revival Church; Revive Community Church; Saint

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Chelsea awarded more than \$7 million through State’s Community One Stop for Growth program

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea has been awarded \$7 million in state grants through the Commonwealth’s Community One Stop for Growth program, a competitive

initiative that supports local economic development, housing, and community revitalization.

Chelsea received four grants in this funding round:

- \$5 million from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to fund utility upgrades at Park and Pearl Streets. These improvements will make the area more climate-resilient and development-ready, helping to attract new mixed-use, transit-oriented developments in the Downtown District.

- \$800,000 from the HousingWorks Infrastructure Program to start the first phase of a geothermal energy system installation at the Veterans Home at Chelsea. Working with the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), the geothermal system will use underground pipes to heat and cool the buildings. This will

lower energy costs and reduce pollution while keeping the residents comfortable year-round.

- \$750,000 from Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to support water main infrastructure work at the Veterans Home at Chelsea.

- \$500,000 from the Housing Choice Grant Program to plan the redevelopment of 115 Park Street. The site isn’t being used much right now, but the City plans to prepare it for new housing in the future.

“These grants represent a major vote of confidence in Chelsea’s approach to equitable development,” said City Manager Fidel Maltez. “By aligning local planning with state and private-sector investment, we’re transforming underutilized areas of our city into housing, jobs, and community amenities that serve residents across income levels.”

“These projects reflect the power of collaboration,” said Ben Cares, Director of Housing and Community Development. “Each one builds on years of planning and partnership - whether it’s introducing geothermal energy at the Veterans Home, preparing new housing sites, or upgrading infrastructure that will unlock future development.”

DPW Commissioner Cate Fox-Lent, who will oversee implementation of the MassWorks infrastructure project, emphasized the long-term importance of the Park and Pearl Street improvements. “This investment modernizes an aging section of Chelsea’s utility network and positions the area for new growth,” she said. “By upgrading our core infrastructure now, we’re laying the ground-

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Funding could come for study of new fire station

By Adam Swift

Funding could become available in Fiscal Year 2027 to begin a feasibility study for a new fire station in the city.

Earlier this month, District 6 City Councilor Giovanni Recupero requested an update from City Manager Fidel Maltez on the status of building an additional fire station in Chelsea.

“We deeply appreciate the City Council making a new fire station a priority,” said Maltez. “A new fire station began with making Engine 4 permanent for our City. Over the next two years, we will gradually increase staffing in our Fire Department to reach the required number of firefighters to staff this new engine sustainably.”

Maltez said he has met with the fire chief several times on the topic.

“In our FY2027 CIP (capital improvement plan), we have included funding

to begin this journey,” said Maltez. “Similar to our dream of a community center, we should begin with a feasibility study that looks at properties that could house a new fire station. At the moment, the City of Chelsea does not have any properties that can be repurposed for a new station.”

The feasibility study will include a cost estimate that will help inform the city’s decisions as it moves forward with the possibility of opening an additional fire station, Maltez said.

Recupero thanked the city manager for looking into the issue.

“I hope that one day, the dream I have to have a new fire station will come, because that will make us safer,” said Recupero.

Recupero said that the waterfront side of his district along the waterfront and Marginal Street is more at risk because of the lack of

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Chelsea municipal buildings to close early on Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving

Special to the Record

Chelsea municipal buildings, including City Hall, the Chelsea Public Library, and Chelsea Senior Center, will close early at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, in observance of Thanksgiving. City Hall and the Senior Center will reopen on Friday, November 28, at 8 a.m. and the Library will open an hour later at 9 a.m. Chelsea’s public safety buildings will remain open.

In addition, there will be no curbside collection of trash and recycling on Thursday, November 27; as a result, there will be a one-day delay in collection for the remainder of the week.

There will also be no enforcement of the Residential Parking Program beginning Wednesday, November 26, at 2 p.m. through Friday, November 28, at 8 a.m. However, street sweeping will take place on Friday, November 28.

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez said, “We’re grateful to every member of the Chelsea community and wish everyone of our residents a happy and safe Thanksgiving.”

Maltez decided to close the City’s buildings early again, as he did last year, to express gratitude for City staff and to ensure staff have enough time to travel, relax, and enjoy the holiday.

Officer Mark O’Connor retires from Chelsea Police Department

Special to the Record

The Chelsea Police Department recently announced the retirement of Officer Mark O’Connor, who served for over 21 years.

“Officer O’Connor has served the Chelsea Police Department with unwavering professionalism, dedication, and compassion,” said Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton. “Throughout his career, Mark consistently treated every member of our community—and every colleague—with dignity and respect. His friendly demeanor, steady presence,



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Chelsea Police Officer Mark O’Connor.

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LIFE SCIENCE CAUCUS CO-CHAIR DIDOMENICO BRINGS COLLEAGUES TO AMGEN

As Co-Chairs of the Life Sciences Caucus, Senator Sal DiDomenico and Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante invited their colleagues and staff to visit Amgen’s Operations East Coast Innovation Center in Cambridge. The group had the opportunity to see firsthand the groundbreaking medical research and discovery happening at this facility.

“It was inspiring to see this cutting-edge innovation happening here in Massachusetts, the heart of scientific advancement,” said DiDomenico.



Life Science Caucus Co-Chair Senator Sal DiDomenico, welcoming his colleagues to the tour.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with State House colleagues and Amgen leaders.

City manager answers parking ticket questions

By Adam Swift

City Manager Fidel Maltez provided an update on several parking issues to the city council this week.

Earlier this month, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero filed a motion asking if the city has a searchable system for residents who have paid parking tickets with cash. He also filed a separate motion asking the city manager to provide an update on the number of parking tickets issued for vehicles parked illegally in the city.

“Our parking citation system is maintained in a modern database developed and owned by a company called Passport Parking,” stated Maltez.

Passport Parking is used by a number of communities in the state, including Salem, Boston, and Somerville.

“This modern platform allows us to make improvements to help our residents, including going to virtual residential stickers,” said Maltez. “Passport Parking tracks all transactions in the system, whether credit card, check, or cash is used to make a payment. The system is completely searchable, and we can check via license plate, address, or a person’s name.”

Residents can create an account with Passport Parking and track any violations they are issued, looking up the ticket number to see the status immediately. Maltez said the city clerk will add language on notices reminding residents of the system.

“Our Treasury Department has tight financial controls on cash payments,” according to Maltez. “Simi-

lar to a bank, a teller has to tie-out cash in her register every day. If there is more cash or less cash than the database expects, our Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer step in and figure out the issue that day before closing the books.”

Maltez added that all payments are logged into Munis, the citywide financial system. Every month, the treasurer and her team ensure that all payments received match each other through the reconciliation process.

“The entire process is very sensitive, and we take great care in ensuring that we have tight financial controls,” said Maltez. “These controls are part of our annual audit conducted by an external and professional firm.”

As for the parking violations request, Maltez informed the council that over the past 11 months, the city’s parking enforcement officers have issued a total of 80,430 citations.

“This includes violations such as residential permit violations, handicap parking spot violations, and many others,” said Maltez. “Of the total 80,430 citations issued, 32,334 citations, or 40%, were issued for residential parking permit violations. This means the team is issuing an average of 2,939 citations for resident parking permit violations per month.”

With the upcoming transition to digital residential parking permits, Maltez said he believes the parking enforcement team will be able to cover the city overnight at an even more efficient rate.

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a nearby fire station.

“It’s increasing all the time by apartments, and more people are moving into that side,” said Recupero. “It is the only side of the city that does not have a fire station. Everywhere else in the city has one except the waterfront side of my district, which is Marginal Street and the surrounding areas, so I would like to see at least one go there one day, if not in the near future, at least in the far future.”

State grant to help fund Kayem Park

By Adam Swift

The city recently received a state grant to help pay for the renovation of Kayem Park at 248 Chestnut St.

“For this grant, the proposed scope of work at Kayem Park includes new playground equipment and rubber surfacing, a new splash pad and water fountain, more trees, lighting, and a shade trellis over picnic benches,” stated City Manager Fidel Maltez.

The state PARC (Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities) grant is a reimbursable grant of up to \$425,000.

Maltez asked that the city council appropriate the cost of the project from the general stabilization fund with the expectation that it will be reimbursed through the grant.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$825,000, with the council having previously appropriated \$400,000 for it through the FY26 capital improvement plan, according to Maltez.

At Monday night’s meeting, the council moved the appropriation request to its ways and means subcommittee.

“Once completed, the new park space will serve our city’s youth, offer older residents a place to rest in the shade, mitigate heat and poor air quality, and increase the quality of life for residents in one of the densest areas of the city,” Maltez stated.

The city is expected to complete its design of the park improvements by June 1 of next year.

“The design process will include coordination with park users, neighborhood residents, and other stakeholders,” said Maltez. “Already, two public meetings have been convened, as part of the PARC grant application process, and the City has performed direct outreach to the neighborhood. We anticipate holding an additional public meeting to share the final design and construction schedule in 2026.”

Reconstruction of the playground will take place in Fiscal Year 2027, with a targeted completion date of June 1, 2027, according to the city manager.

“Prior to the commencement of construction, a public informational meeting will be held to inform residents about construction,” Maltez said.

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and outgoing personality have defined his approach to policing and contributed greatly to his remarkable career at the CPD.”

Houghton said that before joining the Chelsea Police Department, Officer O’Connor’s commitment to service began long before his days in uniform in Chelsea.

“Mark proudly served our nation in both the United States Coast Guard (1983-1987) and the United States Air Force (2002-2007), demonstrating the same courage, integrity, and devotion to duty that he would later bring to this department,” Houghton said. “Officer O’Connor leaves behind a legacy of kindness, professionalism, and community-focused policing. His contributions have made the Chelsea Police Department stronger, and his positive influence will continue to be felt by those who had the privilege of serving alongside him.”

“On behalf of the entire department, we thank Officer Mark O’Connor for his many years of faithful service and wish him the very best in his well-earned retirement.”

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work for both private investment and community benefit in the years ahead.”

The Community One Stop for Growth program streamlines access to multiple state funding sources, including MassWorks, HousingWorks Infrastructure, and Housing Choice, enabling communities to advance complex projects that strengthen local economies and improve quality of life.



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YOUNG MEN ARE PAYING THE PRICE FOR CASINOS ON OUR CELL PHONES

The evidence is clear that the rush by many state legislatures, including Massachusetts, to buy into the sports-gambling craze has had a hugely negative impact upon one group in particular -- young men.

When the Supreme Court struck down the federal ban on sports betting in 2018, Americans legally wagered less than \$5 billion on sports annually. Last year, they bet \$150 billion -- and 90% of those bets were placed on phones, not at casinos or racetracks, and more than half were so-called live bets, which are placed while the games are in progress.

This increase in wagering has come primarily out of the pockets of young men, who by any measure have become casualties of the sports-betting craze.

As the TV ads inform us, a person can open a betting app on their smartphone and find hundreds of options per game. This new generation of bettors is not merely wagering as to which team will win and the final point spread, but on minutiae such as whether the next pitch will be a ball or a strike -- in other words, they can bet throughout the game on every single thing imaginable.

One need not be an expert in addictive behavior to realize that making it this easy to place a new bet every minute (or even less) feeds into an insatiable desire to achieve the “high” of placing a bet -- a form of addiction to which the brains of young men are uniquely vulnerable.

One would have hoped by now that our state legislators would have realized the mistake they made and would repeal the law allowing betting on cell phones, and restrict sports gambling to casinos.

But the states themselves are now addicted to the tax revenue from the sports gambling industry, especially in this era of reduced funding from Washington. Our legislators have made a deal with the devil -- and young men and their families are paying the price.

A VICTORY FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Advocates of marriage equality breathed a sigh of relief last week when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to take up a request that it consider overturning its 2015 landmark decision, Obergefell v. Hodges, in which the court ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples under the Constitution.

The Obergefell decision, which was decided by a narrow 5-4 majority, requires all 50 states (plus the District of Columbia) to recognize the marriages of same-sex couples equally with the marriages of opposite-sex couples.

Prior to the court’s Obergefell ruling, it had been left up to each state to determine whether to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples (Massachusetts was the first state to do so in 2006). However, those marriages were not recognized federally, which meant that couples could not file joint federal tax returns or enjoy any of the other rights and privileges of marriage.

The majority opinion in Obergefell, written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, put it very simply: “Marriage is a keystone of our social order and there is no difference between same- and opposite-sex couples with respect to this principle.”

However, the make-up of the Supreme Court has changed greatly over the past 10 years. Judge Kennedy has retired and the three judges appointed by President Trump during his first term, Neil Gorsuch, Amy Coney Barrett, and Brett Kavanaugh, all had expressed opposition to legalizing gay marriage throughout their legal careers prior to their appointments to the Supreme Court.

Given those changes, marriage equality advocates had feared that the court might reconsider its ruling in Obergefell. In addition, Justice Clarence Thomas had suggested in his concurring opinion in the Dobbs case (which overturned Roe v. Wade) that Obergefell also should be scrutinized.

The case that came up to the court was a petition filed by the former Kentucky county clerk who gained national attention in 2015 when she defied a court order and refused to issue same-sex licenses because of her religious beliefs.

She had asked the Supreme Court to reverse an order that required her to pay more than \$300,000 in attorney’s fees to a couple for whom she had denied a marriage license and to overturn the Obergefell decision.

At least four of the nine justices were needed to vote to hear the case and revisit the same-sex marriage precedent. However, the court refused to take it up, thereby allowing a lower court ruling that had dismissed the former clerk’s case to stand.

Although the former county clerk’s attorney said in a statement that he would continue his efforts to overturn Obergefell, it seems clear that marriage equality, which today enjoys broad public support, is here to stay -- and that’s good news for all Americans.

ZBA approves 12-unit Broadway project

By Adam Swift

The Zoning Board of Appeals had a packed agenda at its November meeting last week, approving a special permit and variance for a proposed Broadway apartment building and denying the special permit and variance for a proposed two-family home on Madison Avenue.

The proposal for a 15-unit residential development from Treetop Investments, LLC for 816-818 Broadway had previously been before the ZBA and the planning board. Members of both boards raised concerns about the size of the project and the lack of larger units within the building.

The developers came back to both boards with a scaled down proposal of 12 units that increased the number of two-bedroom units.

The proposal approved

by the ZBA calls for three one-bedroom units; six two-bedroom units with one bath; and three two-bedroom units with one bath. Two of the units will be marketed at affordable rates.

The entrance for the residential units will be on Eleanor Street.

“This structure would not be out of character for the neighborhood, and would make the most appropriate use of the lot,” said David Mindlin, the attorney for the project.

The ZBA voted 3-2 to grant a special permit and a variance for the construction of a new two-family home at 9 Madison Ave. by Usman Aslam. Four votes were needed for approval.

Several residents of the neighborhood raised concerns about parking, although there were six proposed off-street parking spots for the project. How-

ever, some neighbors said the needed curb cut could cut down on parking in the neighborhood, as well as noting that the two-family house would not match the nature of the predominantly single-family homes along Madison Avenue.

The same plans for the project cannot come before the ZBA for at least two years, however, a revised plan, such as a single-family home, could be submitted to the city.

In other business last week, the ZBA approved a special permit requested by Felipe’s Driving School for a driving school at 471 Eastern Ave.

The board also approved a request to build two additional residential units in the basement space at 83 Watts St.

The ZBA also opened the public hearing on a proposal to construct an addition and convert the property

at 123 Washington Ave. from a funeral home into a nine-dwelling unit structure with two retail spaces.

Several ZBA members did raise some concerns about parking for the retail business spaces, depending upon the types of businesses that sign leases.

That project will be before the planning board for a recommendation on Nov. 18 before heading back to the ZBA for a potential vote on Dec. 9.

In other business, the ZBA approved a modification of an existing special permit at 157 Washington Ave. that will allow for the addition of two residential units on the third floor.

There were several letters of support for the modification, including one from City Councilor Tanairi Garcia noting the positive investments that property owner Madeline Garcia has made in the community.

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Luke’s-San Lucas Episcopal Church; and Temple Emmanuel, where a special Yom Kuppur event took place.

Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton said, “Faith & Blue reminds us that policing is about more than law enforcement — it’s about compassion, understanding, and partnership. When we come together in faith, we break down barriers, heal divides, and strengthen the sense of unity that defines Chelsea.”

The City is looking for more places of worship to participate in future events. Faith organizations that want to learn more about participating in Chelsea’s 2026 Faith & Blue series can contact citymanager@chelseama.gov.

Testimonials from Chelsea’s Faith Organizations

“Faith & Blue has been a great opportunity to increase our relationship with our city Police Department and city leadership. Thanks to the efforts of our City Manager and Chief of Police, we get to see how our mission is so similar: serve



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton speaks to guests at La Luz De Cristo's Faith & Blue event on October 10, 2025.

others, Trust God in the process, and have faith in each other for the wellbeing of our community. This year has been very special as we have seen the love, compassion, and dedication of all the officers during hard times. We have all been strengthened by God through each and every single faith event. May God continue to bless our beautiful Chelsea.” – Pastor Keila Velez, United for Chelsea

“The Saint Luke’s-San Lucas Clergy and Lay Lead-

ership, on behalf of our congregation, thank the City Management and Law enforcement for giving us the opportunity to host one of this year’s sessions of Faith and Blue at our church. We hope and pray that these gatherings, held annually throughout our City and Nation, where members of the community, along with law enforcement, city management and faith-based organizations gather to pray and talk to each other and to share nourishment, may be an inspiration for others to follow so that all may work together to strengthen our cities and strive for justice and peace, in accordance to what our God Almighty dreams for all of us.” – Reverend Edgar A. Gutiérrez-Duarte, Vicar, Saint Luke’s-San Lucas Episcopal Church

“We are glad that we are a city that considers its churches as an important part of the people of the city. The Faith and Blue gatherings have helped us see more into the daily lives and struggles of the police, and we are blessed

to have formed many personal and faith connections. It has been edifying for all of us.” – Pastor Ellen, First Congregational Chelsea

“I am deeply grateful for the spirit of unity and fellowship that brought together our community leaders, police chief, city manager, and residents of Chelsea. Events like these remind us that when faith communities and public servants partner in service—with integrity and a shared commitment to peace—we build stronger, safer neighborhoods for all. Here’s to continued collaboration that honors our city’s diverse spirit and God’s call to love our neighbors.” – Diego Netto, Lead Pastor, ReviveCommunity Church

Faith & Blue facilitates safer, more unified communities by fostering partnerships between law enforcement, residents, businesses, and faith-based organizations. This national initiative emphasizes the importance of community connections and aims to create an environment where everyone feels secure and included.

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DIDOMENICO HONORS TEDDIE PEANUT BUTTER FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Everett’s own Teddie Peanut Butter turns 100 this year and Senator Sal DiDomenico hosted an anniversary celebration at the State House for this treasured local institution. This milestone event spotlighted Teddie’s contributions to their community, including its longstanding support for organizations such as The Greater Boston Food Bank, Best Buddies International, and Boston Celtics community initiatives. Together, these partnerships reflect a shared commitment to

equity, inclusion, and the well-being of our neighbors. DiDomenico spoke at the event about his admiration for this company, “for a century, Teddie Peanut Butter has stood as a beacon of generosity and civic spirit in our Commonwealth. Rooted in Everett, Teddie has dedicated itself not only to nourishing families, but to uplifting communities through enduring partnerships and compassionate outreach.”



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Teddie Peanut Butter former President and CEO, Mark Hintlian (third from right), Rep. Judith Garcia (far right), Everett City Councilor Katy Rogers (second from left), and Everett School Committee Member, Marcony Almeida-Barros (fart left).



Senator Sal DiDomenico with his State House team and Teddie Peanut Butter former President and CEO, Mark Hintlian.

City manager addresses question about city employee military pay

By Adam Swift

Responding to an inquiry from District 6 City Councilor Giovanni Recupero about pay for active duty military who work for the city, City Manager Fidel Maltez informed the city council that Chelsea does pay for any gap in pay while those employees are on active duty.

“We want to reiterate our commitment to support our veterans and their families,” said Maltez. “We are grateful for their service, but we know that gratitude itself is not enough. Every day in Chelsea, we are working to show veterans that we have their backs.”

Maltez said that honoring the service of veterans requires policies and resources that make it possible for them to thrive in the home that they defend.

“Our Human Resources Department has confirmed that Chelsea pays any gap in pay while members are on active duty,” said Maltez. “Employees should direct any questions to their supervisor, our Human

Resources Department, or myself.”

Recupero thanked Maltez for the information and that the city covers any potential pay gap while employees are on active duty.

“It speaks volumes for our city that we do care, that all of us care and this is going to happen and I am happy that this is going to happen,” said Recupero.

Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia thanked Recupero for making sure it was an issue that did not fall through the cracks.

“I, as a proud daughter of a veteran and the sister of an active military person ... my brother came back from deployment about a year ago and he shared with me the difficulties in having to cover the gaps when he came back,” said Garcia. “I gave a call to Councilor Recupero and (asked) how we can fix this, and he said, I’ve got this. Thank you for always standing up for our veterans and thinking outside the box and really bringing it to the floor where it really matters and change can happen.”

It is with both sorrow and celebration that we announce the passing of Phillip L. Cipollone, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, who departed this life peacefully at the age of 82 on November 16, 2025, surrounded by his loving family at his home. Phillip demonstrated extraordinary courage while living with Parkinson’s Disease for the past five years.

Born in Orsogna, Italy, in 1943 to Lorenzo and Lucia (D’Angelo) Cipollone, Phillip faced adversity early in life, as his mother was mortally wounded while holding him in her arms. Despite the challenges, he remained steadfast among family in Italy for his formative years before embarking on a new chapter in the United States at the age of 11. Settling in Chelsea, he was lovingly raised by his maternal grandmother, Maria D’Angelo, and aunt, Ida D’Angelo and his uncle Nicolo D’Angelo.

A proud resident of Chelsea for 70 years, Phillip attended Carter Junior High School, where he excelled as captain of the football team, and later continued his education at Everett Vocational High School, where he mastered the craft of sheet metal fabrication. As the founder and proprietor of Cipollone Sheet Metal, his contributions to the community resonated throughout his career.

In 1964, Phillip married the love of his life, Mary V. (Wozniak). Their 46-year marriage was a testament to enduring love until her passing in 2010. Together, they raised three devoted sons, instilling in them the values of hard work, family, and passion.

Phillip’s life was enriched by his hobbies, which included home gardening, where he cultivated exquisite tomatoes and expertly crafted wine. An avid hunter, he cherished many seasons spent in the Berkshires of Massachusetts and upstate New York. His involvement in the community was evident through his membership in the Knights of Columbus and the My Pals Club in Chelsea.

Phillip was predeceased by his cherished grand-



mother Maria, his aunt Ida, her husband Nicolo D’Angelo, and his beloved wife, Mary V. Cipollone. He leaves behind his loving sons: Lawrence Cipollone of Everett; Richard Cipollone, and his partner Liz Joyce of Chelsea; Daniel Cipollone of New Hampshire; and daughter-in-law Clarice MacDonald-Elldridge. He is also survived by his dear cousins, Carmen D’Angelo and his wife, Kathleen of Stoneham and Leonard D’Angelo and his partner, Lea of Norfolk, along with his cherished grandchildren: Andrea, Sarafina, Felicia, and Dana Cipollone, and his adoring great-granddaughter, Azalea Cipollone.

Phillip’s legacy of love and kindness will be honored in a series of ceremonies that will invite all who knew him to join in celebrating his remarkable life. Relatives and friends are warmly invited to attend visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, located at 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday, November 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. His funeral services will follow on Friday, November 21st at 10 a.m., conducted from the funeral home. The ceremony will conclude with Phillip being laid to rest alongside his beloved wife in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family may honor Phillip’s memory through contributions made in his name to Good Shepherd Community Care, 160 Wells Ave., Newton, MA 02459, or at [https://gscommunitycare.org/Donate]

Phillip Cipollone’s spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind. May he rest in peace and may we celebrate a life well-lived.



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Dorothy Webb

Graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1956

Dorothy L. (McKinley) Webb entered eternal rest on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at RegalCare at Courtyard in Medford. She was 87 years of age. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late John J. and Mary J. (Dziewgugue) McKinley. Dorothy was a Chelsea High School graduate, Class of 1956. She was a long-time resident of Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere, before taking residence at the Courtyard in Medford.

Dottie dedicated her working career as a waitress and hostess at the Hilton at Logan Airport. She loved her job at the Hilton and dedicated more than 50 years of service before retiring. Dottie led a fulfilling life full of love and affection for her family and friends. She was an avid walker; she especially loved walking the beach collecting seashells. She enjoyed traveling, reading and fashion. Most importantly, Dottie enjoyed dining out with her friends and she adored taking care of her grandchildren. Dottie will be forever loved and cherished by all who loved her.

Dottie is the beloved mother of David S. Webb and his wife Mary Ellyn May Webb of Townsend; former wife of the late John R. Webb; dear sister of Jack McKinley and his wife Sally.; cherished grandmother of Justina Webb, Heather-



lee Estes and her husband, Christopher, David J. Webb and his wife, Jessica; loving great-grandmother of Haylee, Christopher, Ryker, Max and Marley. She is also lovingly survived by her niece, Kerry McKinley Palmieri, nephews Ryan McKinley and Christopher McKinley and five great nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours at the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea, on Saturday, November 29 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Dottie’s Celebration of Life will be in the Funeral Home at 2 p.m.; and services will conclude at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dottie’s memory may be made to Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or online at www.alz.org

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SCENES FROM SEN. SAL DIDOMENICO CELEBRATION AT KOWLOON FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF HIS DISTRICT AND THE COMMONWEALTH

Last Thursday evening Senator Sal DiDomenico held a reception at the Kowloon Restaurant on Route 1 North in Saugus, welcoming friends, family and supporters from surrounding

communities. This celebration was in recognition of his service to the communities of Everett, Chelsea, Charlestown, and Cambridge and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



Carol O'Brien (center) greeted by Senator Sal and Trisha DiDomenico.



Joe D'Onofrio and Bernie D'Onofrio with Senator Sal DiDomenico and Sal DiDomenico Jr.



Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe and Jenn Keefe are greeted by Senator Sal DiDomenico.



John Burley, Rebecca Burley and Everett Councillor and former Everett Mayor John Hanlon at the Kowloon supporting Senator DiDomenico.



Senator Sal DiDomenico welcomes Louanne Zawodny, Marie Tozzi, and Karen Painter.



Governor Maura Healey with Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe and Jenn Keefe last Thursday evening at the Kowloon Restaurant.



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Christmas Day Thursday, Dec. 25 th	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday, Dec. 26 th	8:30 am- 5:00pm	8:00am - 7:30pm
Saturday, Dec. 27 th	8:30:am- 12:00pm	8:00am - 3:45pm
New Year Eve Wednesday, Dec. 31 st	8:30am - 3:00pm	8:00am - 3:45pm
New Years Day Thursday, Jan. 1 st	CLOSED	8:00am - 3:45pm
Friday, Jan. 2 nd	8:30am - 5:00pm	8:00am - 7:30pm

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Noche Buena Miércoles, 24 de Diciembre	8:30am - 1:00pm.	8:00am - 3:45pm
Día de Navidad Jueves, 25 de Diciembre	CERRADO	CERRADO
Viernes, 26 de Diciembre	8:30 am- 5:00pm	8:00am - 7:30pm
Sábado, 27 de Diciembre	8:30:am- 12:00pm	8:00am - 3:45pm
Noche Vieja Miércoles, 31 de Diciembre	8:30am - 3:00pm	8:00am - 3:45pm
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Governor Maura Healey with her long-time friend and colleague in government Senator Sal DiDomenico, and his family, Sal, Trisha, and Matthew. Senator DiDomenico welcomed Governor Healey to his 15th year celebration serving the residents in his district and the Commonwealth.



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Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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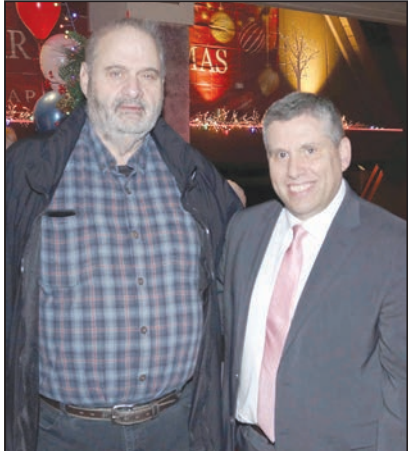
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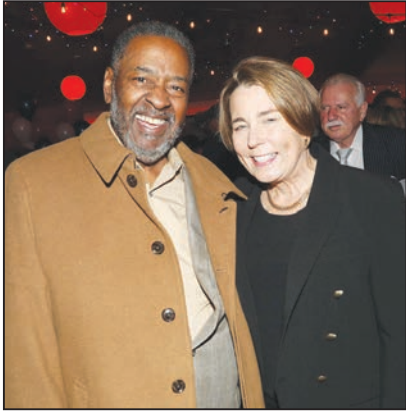
Governor Maura Healey with Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.



Former Revere Director of Finance George Anzuoni with Senator DiDomenico.



Michael Sheehan from Sheetmetal Workers Local 17 with Senator DiDomenico.



Bishop Robert Brown, Senior Pastor of the Zion Ministries in Everett, with Governor Maura Healey at the reception supporting Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Everett Councillor Holly Garcia joined Senator DiDomenico at the Kowloon last Thursday night.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with his friends from Chelsea Black Community, led by President Joan Cromwell (far right).



Newly elected Mayor of Everett Robert Van Campen and his wife Lisa, with the host and hostess, Senator Sal DiDomenico and Trisha DiDomenico.



Senator Sal DiDomenico and Trisha DiDomenico welcome the Everett School Committee members, Joanna Garran, Robin Babcock, Margaret Cornelia, and at Large Kristin Bairos.



Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey with the North End Marching Band at the Kowloon in Saugus.



Senator DiDomenico welcomes his guests, Pastor Leila Velez, State Representative Judith Garcia, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Rosemary Hughes, Everett City Councillor Anthony DiPierro, Chelsea Councillors Lisa Santagate, and Roberto Jimenez-Rivera and his daughter, Gloria.



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CLASSROOM MOMENTS



Middle school is all about discovery, friendships, and growth! Our new Grade 7 and 8 students have settled in beautifully - exploring new subjects, meeting teachers, and building lasting memories. Every day brings new lessons and laughter as they begin their exciting journey at MC!

MC GETS IN THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT



Shown (above and below) from creative costumes to Middle School Trick-or-Treat fun, Halloween at MC was full of laughter and community spirit. Our students, faculty, and staff brought the energy — making it a day to remember!



MASS, MILESTONES & BLESSINGS AT 50 CRYSTAL ST.



A truly special day for MC! We celebrated our first all-school Mass for grades 7–12 with Archbishop Henning, followed by the blessing of our new 50 Crystal St. building. The evening's ribbon cutting grand opening (below) was filled with joy, gratitude, and hope for the future. Thank you to everyone who made this milestone possible!



CELEBRATING OUR SENIOR ATHLETES

We're so proud of our senior athletes! Senior Night honored their hard work, leadership, and spirit across all fall sports. Thank you, seniors, for your dedication and for leaving an incredible legacy at MC!



Swimming seniors.



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Volleyball seniors.



Soccer seniors.



Massachusetts House passes bill to remove outdated and offensive terms in general laws

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts House of Representatives today passed a bill that removes outdated and offensive language in the General Laws to describe persons with disabilities. The language in the bill removes all variations of outdated terms such as “handicapped,” “disabled,” and the “r-word.” The bill replaces these terms with current terminology such as “person with a

disability.”

“As lawmakers, we know that words matter,” said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “This legislation is our latest effort to ensure that our state laws do not use antiquated words that carry negative connotations, words that also serve as a reminder of past injustices. I would like to thank Representatives Livingstone, Finn and Garballey for their

work on this important legislation.”

“Removing out-of-date and offensive language from the Massachusetts General Laws to describe people with disabilities is an important step in ensuring that our values are also reflected in our statutes,” said Representative Jay D. Livingstone (D-Boston), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

“As legislators, it is our job to help make sure that people with intellectual or developmental disabilities feel included, accepted and embraced for who they are, and this is an important step in doing so.”

“I am pleased that this legislation appears finally ready to head to the Governor’s desk. While we as a society have done a much better job of assisting and caring for some of the need-

iest, the language of in our laws has not kept up. This legislation goes a long way to matching our legal words to our public actions,” said Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D. Winthrop).

Last year, the Massachusetts Legislature renamed the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) as MassAbility, a change that defines the agency’s role in supporting residents with disabilities live

independently. The name change reflects the intention to empower individuals living with disabilities and move away from outdated terminology as the office undergoes broad changes towards a more expansive model for disability employment services and independent living.

The bill passed the House of Representatives 154-0 and now moves back to the Senate for further consideration.

House passes Home Care Bill establishing a licensure process for home care agencies

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts House of Representatives today passed a bill that establishes a licensure process for home care agencies to ensure that consumers receive quality non-medical services, and to protect home care workers. The bill tasks the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) with implementing the licensure process, and grants the secretariat the authority to approve licenses, survey and investigate home care agencies, and impose fines when appropriate. Under the bill, home care agencies would be required to dis-close anyone with a 5 percent ownership interest in the agency, carry workers compensation and liability insurance, and provide appropriate levels of training for their employees.

The bill also creates two advisory councils: the Home Care Oversight Advisory Council to help guide the development and implementation of the home care licensure process, and the Home Care Worker and Consumer Abuse Stakeholder Advisory Committee

to make recommendations on standards and procedures to address the abusive treatment of home care workers, personal care attendants (PCAs), and home care consumers. The bill also grants additional anti-discrimination protections for PCAs.

“This legislation takes important steps to improve services for seniors, and to ensure a safe work environment for home care workers,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I want to thank Chairman Stanley for his work on this legislation, as well as all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the importance of these reforms.”

“This legislation could not have been passed at a more critical time,” said Representative Thomas M. Stanley (D-Waltham), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Aging and Independence. “With our aging population expected to grow exponentially in the coming years and the number of family caregivers shrinking, the demand for home care will subsequently increase. It is critical for the Commonwealth to have the proper standards

and protections in place for home care agencies to ensure consumers receive quality care and our dedicated home care workers are properly trained and supported in the field. I’m grateful to Speaker Mariano, Chairman Michlewitz and my colleagues in the House for once again prioritizing the needs of our aging population and continuing to champion policies that promote aging in place and help older adults remain independent.”

“As the Commonwealth has moved to provide greater at home support for seniors in need, our laws and regulations have not kept up. This important legislation will provide greater oversight and protections for homecare workers and the seniors they serve,” said Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D. Winthrop).

Oversight: Transparency & Accountability

- Grants EOHHS the ability to fine any person or entity that represents themselves as a home care agency without proper licensure, or that violates any other rules and regulations

- Grants EOHHS the ability to work with the Executive Office of Aging and Independence (AGE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) on surveying and investigating home care agencies to ensure compliance
- Requires EOHHS to conduct a suitability review for all licensure applicants, including for all individuals with at least a 5 percent ownership interest in the agency, and a review to ensure that all applicants have sufficient financial capacity to provide a minimum standard of care
- Requires EOHHS to publish a list of all licensed home care agencies on its website
- Establishes standards for consumer-specific service plans and contracts, including a description of services, total cost of care, and agency contact information
- Establishes quality metrics and standards for monitoring home care agency performance

Workforce Protections

- Establishes procedures to ensure home care workers have safe working con-

ditions, adequate training, and a process for submitting complaints

- Requires licensed home care agencies to have coverage for worker’s compensation and liability insurance, and to provide adequate equipment and supplies to home care workers
- Creates the Home Care Worker and Consumer Abuse Stakeholder Advisory Committee to study and make recommendations on standards and procedures for addressing abusive treatment, including physical, verbal, mental abuse, and bullying of home care workers, PCAs, home care consumers, and family members, including:
 - o Reporting abusive treatment and debriefing after incidents of abusive treatment
 - o Tracking and retaining records of abusive treatment
 - o Informing home care workers of potentially unsafe working environments
 - o Training for all employees of home care agencies, including on escalation cycles and effective de-escalation techniques
- Grants PCAs anti-discrimination protections to

shield them from harassment or discrimination based on sex, race, religion, etc.

Minimum Standards for Home Care Workers

- Requires several background screening checks for all home care workers
- Establishes annual training and competency requirements, including:
 - o Confidentiality and privacy rights of home care consumers
 - o Infection control and communicable diseases
 - o Handling of emergencies, including safety and falls prevention
 - o Observing, reporting, and documenting changes in home care consumer needs and environment
 - o Identifying and reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or theft
 - o Understanding Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, including person-centered care, activities of daily living, safety, and dementia-related behaviors and communication

Having passed the House of Representatives 153-1, the bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Chelsea Community Preservation Committee announces annual interactive open house

MA—The City of Chelsea Community Preservation Committee (CPC) invites the community to its 2nd Annual interactive Open House – a catered event where residents can help guide the future use of Chelsea’s Community Preservation Act funds (CPA). Join the Committee Tuesday, December 16, 2025, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Chelsea Senior Center, 10 Riley Way (behind the Central Fire Station). Community members are welcome to drop in anytime.

A key feature of the Open House is its interactive experience; attendees walk around to different informational exhibits and provide feedback on funding areas that the CPC oversees, including open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation, ensuring that community voices are heard in shaping the future of Chelsea.

“Our open house is a fun way for residents to engage with local government and help guide our CPA Plan, including the use of our

CPA funds, which directly impacts their community,” said Bianca Mercado, Housing and Community Preservation Manager for the City. “We invite all Chelsea residents to attend and make their voices heard.”

Hot catered food from Dave’s Fresh Pasta and special CPC goody bags will be provided to all attendees until supplies last.

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Bruce Knows Basketball!

Harrison is named Chelsea High School girls hoop coach

By Cary Shuman

Bruce Harrison is arguably one of the greatest youth basketball coaches in the city's history. Harrison will now look to write a new chapter in his highly successful career, having been named the head coach of the Chelsea High School girls basketball varsity team.

And Harrison is ready for the challenge of restoring the program to its former grandeur when such superstars as Autumn Lopez, Denise Chappell, Latoya Perry, and Katrina Hill led Thomas Fay III's Red Devils to the 2000 Division 3 North title and a Garden appearance and Krissy Rosa, Tiffany Moore, Laurie Skiddell, Nancy Pilcher and Marsha Telesetsky made Chelsea a Greater Boston League contender in the 1980s.

"Our goal is to qualify for the State Tournament every year," said Harrison, whose Bucks were a powerhouse in the old Chelsea Youth Basketball League.

A coaching promotion

Many consider Harrison's appointment as head coach a promotion in recognition of his past achievements in youth basketball and as the middle school coach the past three seasons. Athletic Director Amanda Alpert, a former national champion women's professional foot-



Bruce Harrison

ball player, understood that Harrison's success at building winning teams would be an asset in his new position. "I'm grateful to Amanda for the coaching opportunity and to be able to represent Chelsea High School," said Harrison. "I'm confident that we will field a team that will be ready to compete in each game."

Harrison's Chelsea middle school team played in the league championship game last season, falling just short of a title to Revere. Some of his players will be candidates for the varsity team this season.

Harrison describes himself as "a defensive coach," but those who have watched him on the CYBL sidelines developing future star athletes such as Leo Chafin, Reggie Wilkerson, Roy Avellaneda, and his nephew, Leon Smith (45 points in a CYBL title game) know his teams can score points in a hurry.

Harrison is expecting a large group for tryouts which begin December 1. "I'm going to say that 40-50 girls are going to try out for our program," said Harrison. "We'll have varsity and junior varsity teams."

Harrison has named former Commonwealth Athletic Conference All-Star Lynette Alvarez as an assistant coach. Joey DiGaetano will serve as a varsity assistant.

Harrison, 63, is the son of the late Ernest Harrison and Loris Harrison. He attended Williams School and is a member of the Chelsea High School Class of 1981, a classmate of his sister, the late Lisa Harrison. He competed in track in high school under coach Wally Bavaro.

He works in security in the Chelsea school district.

A CYBL coaching legend

It was in the old Chelsea Youth Basketball League where Harris established his coaching credentials over the course of two decades.

While Bruce deflects top billing to such opposing coaches as Steve Selbovitz, Larry Notkin, Mark Zamansky, Joe Godin, Steve Fried, Jimmy Manzo, Ron Robinson, and others, it was Bruce's Bucks that were perennial contenders every year and won numerous championships. He remembers well the league presidencies of Walter Norrie and Jackie Cooper when the CYBL played its games in the old CHS gymnasium with its entrance on Tudor Street.

Harrison also won titles as a coach with John Montes at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club where his traveling teams played in regional leagues.

And now Bruce Harrison is ready to make his mark in the Greater Boston League and MIAA basketball.

Asked point blank if he considers himself the greatest coach in local youth basketball history, Harrison replied humbly, "There have been many outstanding coaches, and I'm proud to say I learned from all of them."

He credits Leo Robinson, who was an assistant coach of Harrison's Bucks, as being "a tremendous mentor and friend," who helped him grow as a person and coach.

"I'll be there opening night when Bruce make's his varsity coaching debut," said Robinson, who was re-elected councilor-at-large Nov. 4. "I know Bruce will give everything he has to his players and the program. Patriots coach Mike Vrabel has proven that you can build a winner quickly, and I believe Bruce will accomplish big things for Chelsea High School."

It's time for students and alumni to board the Brucie Basketball Bus.

CHS Roundup

11TH ANNUAL J. BARRY DWYER 5K TURKEY TROT IS SET FOR CHELSEA STADIUM SATURDAY

The 11th annual J. Barry Dwyer Turkey Trot is set for this Saturday, November 22, at 10 AM at Chelsea Stadium.

The trot promises to be a fun event for persons of all ages and abilities, featuring a 5K road race, a 3K walk, and a 400 meter fun run for youngsters 10-and-under. The running course is a US-ATF-certified 5K with chip timing provided by Yankee Timing. The course is mostly flat with a mild hill on the way out and back. The start and finish is on the track at Chelsea Memorial Stadium at Chelsea High School.

The entry fee for those who register before the race for the 5K run is \$35 and for the 3K walk is \$30. The same-day registration fee is \$40.

Bib pickup and same-day registration tables will open at 8:45. Awards will be presented for the overall winners and in age-group categories.

The 400 meter fun run for kids is free. There also will be prizes, food, games, and music with a post-race party at Chelsea Station.

New this year is a Chelsea Public School Spirit Contest for the most participants from a Chelsea school.

Proceeds will benefit the J. Barry Dwyer Scholarship Fund and the Chelsea High cross country and track programs. J. Barry Dwyer was

a hugely successful and popular cross country coach at Chelsea High, whose teams put together a string of Greater Boston League championships and compiled a winning streak of 35 meets over five seasons in the 1970s.

Among the athletes he coached at Chelsea High were the legendary Bobby Goss (who set the national freshman high school record in the one-mile with a time of 4:23), Eddie Richard and his brothers Jim, Bobby, and Jack, Greg Benson, Richie Bradley, Tony and Paul Rosati, and many others during that era.

Register at www.racewire.com/register.php?id=14667.

RED DEVILS DEFEAT O'BRYANT, PLAY AT E.B. ON THANKSGIVING

The Chelsea High football team earned its fourth victory of the season with a 30-20 triumph over O'Bryant High of Boston last Friday evening under the lights at Chelsea Stadium.

The Red Devils, who stand at 4-6 on the year, will make the short trek over Chelsea Creek to the field at Logan Airport to meet East Boston High on Thanksgiving morning.

The contest figures to be a good match. The Eastie Jets stand at 2-8, but the teams shared a common foe -- O'Bryant -- with Eastie also having triumphed by a score of 30-8.

The opening kick-off is set for 9:30.

Water Authority Board tables vote on proposal to dump sewage in Charles River forever

Following a wave of public outrage over the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA) recently-proposed plan to allow for sewage to continue to be dumped into the Charles River forever, the MWRA Board of Directors has tabled a scheduled vote on the proposal at its November 19 meeting.

"The public has responded loud and clear. No amount of sewage is acceptable to be dumped in our beloved Charles River," said CRWA Executive Director Emily Norton. "We are glad to hear that MWRA is finally listening to public input and postponing a decision on this terrible proposal."

During a meeting with its Board of Directors on Oct. 29, MWRA officials presented multiple options

for addressing combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the Charles, and recommended adopting the option that would increase sewage overflows by the largest amount.

CSOs are a key source of pathogen contamination to the Charles and are becoming more frequent as our climate changes. In these outdated sewer systems, stormwater and household/industrial wastewater are collected in the same pipes to be conveyed to a wastewater treatment plant, but during heavy rainstorms, the combined system cannot handle the excess polluted water and releases it into the river.

MWRA and the city of Cambridge are legally required to carry out an extensive CSO planning ef-

fort to address 9 of the 10 remaining CSO outfalls on the Charles, and must submit a preferred project option by the end of 2025. The national precedent for these plans, known as Long Term Control Plans, is to reduce the amount of sewage being discharged into a waterbody. MWRA proposing an increase was an unexpected outcome.

MWRA's proposal recommended the state downgrade the legal classification of the Charles River. Massachusetts water quality standards currently classify the mainstem of the Charles as a "Class B" water body, which does not allow any CSOs. MWRA recommended a downgrade to a classification known as "Class B(CSO)" allowing it to dump sewage into the riv-

er forever.

MWRA is only allowed to dump sewage into the river today because of a variance it has received from MassDEP and U.S. EPA, which is intended to be a time-limited, interim measure while MWRA makes progress toward CSO elimination.

In April, CRWA launched its Cut The Crap campaign to create public awareness around CSOs and generate pressure on the MWRA and the City of Cambridge to stop sewage from polluting the Charles. Since then, nearly 8000 people have signed petitions or sent emails to the MWRA, urging them to "cut the crap" being dumped into the Charles River.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

BRUINS INJURIES MOUNT

Friday night's game will be number two in the team's current four-game road trip, including games versus Anaheim this past Wednesday, Los Angeles Kings (10:30pm) on Friday, San Jose Sharks (8:00pm) on Sunday, and finally the New York Islanders (7:00pm) on next Wednesday. Boston's current available player list has recently become similar to Mass General Hospital, but under the adjusted heading of 'MASH' General Hospital. Heading into Monday night's 3-1 loss to the Carolina Hurricanes, the team injury report placed: Forwards Viktor Arvidsson (return listed as week to week) and Casey Mittelstadt on Injured Reserve, defenseman Jordan Harris on Long Term Injured Reserve, with Elias Lindholm still out of the lineup since October 30 due to injury -- he has recently returned to practice with the team. This warranted Providence Bruins call-ups forwards

Matej Blumel and Riley Tuft to fill the spots in the lineup. The result was Tuft's first Bruins goal, scored with ten seconds remaining in the 3-1 loss to Carolina, avoiding Boston's first shutout loss this season. The loss put to an end goaltender Jeremy Swayman's five-game win streak, it also noted a scary injury to Charlie McAvoy, who took a puck to the face when hit by a Carolina shot. McAvoy left the game, and did not return... he is currently being diagnosed, with the possibility of surgery, and was not expected to be on the road trip. The loss to Carolina was disappointing, following the team's powerful 3-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens last Saturday on Montreal's home ice. That latter win came despite the lack-of-discipline play by the Bruins, who were fortunate enough, to have strong penalty killing to negate their lack-of-discipline play, and notch the win.



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