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PAUL SMITH AND CBC HOST CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Special to the Record

Well-known Chelsea resident Paul Smith joined the Chelsea Black Community (CBC) in generously hosting a Children's Christmas

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Above, the many guests at the CBC Children's Christmas Party join Santa Claus and the Grinch for a group photo during the pizza luncheon.

Right, former Chelsea High basketball standout John Martin, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Paul Smith, Adrien Galarza, and Marcy Smith.



Planning Board gets update on West Chelsea development plans

By Adam Swift

The city is continuing to look at how it can best spur responsible development in West Chelsea.

At the December planning board meeting, planning and land use administrator Will Cecio provided an update on potential redevelopment opportunities in West Chelsea, focusing on the Market Basket parcel and beyond.

"The city's ongoing goal is to incentivize development in this transit-oriented district," said Cecio. "We also discussed the underperformance of current zoning districts right now and presented a possible vision and

a possible overlay district for the area."

Since that discussion in the early fall on the overlay district, there has been additional discussion based on feedback from the planning board and other community members.

"We are utilizing some of the findings coming out of the master plan as we start to put this together," said Cecio. "We have expanded the boundaries. Initially it was covering the Market Basket site and then the site that's bounded by Spruce, Everett, and then possibly Second or Arlington."

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CDBG funds will help with Voke Park project

Special to the Record

Last week, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced nearly \$33.5 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards to support housing, infrastructure, social services and economic development projects in 52 communities across Massachusetts.

Chelsea received a \$850,000 grant to help with renovations to Voke Park as well as social services programs in the city.

"From our smallest hill towns to our Gateway Cities and regional hubs, we are listening to local leaders and making sure they have the resources they need to deliver for their residents," said Governor Maura Healey. "These Community Development Block Grants will support housing and economic development in cities and towns across the state, and the new Rural and Small Town designation will make sure that no com-

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Public hearing on proposed amendment to FY24 CBDG

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development will hold an in-person Public Hearing on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Housing and Community Development Conference Room, located at 500 Broadway, Room 102.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the City's proposed amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 2024. We will

review the year's proposed Community Development Strategy, and generate public input.

This public hearing is a requirement prior to submitting the CDBG amendment to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EO-HLC). CDBG funds may be used for eligible projects/activities in the categories, including but not limited to, housing rehabilitation, community economic development, public facilities/infrastructure, planning, and/or

public/social services. The proposed amendment seeks to add an additional activity of housing rehabilitation with an emphasis on homes in need of lead abatement and remediation.

According to Housing and Community Development Director Ben Cares, the city is required to notify the public when there is a change in the CDBG grant fund use.

"In this case, we had surplus funds remaining after an infrastructure project came in under bid," said

Cares. "So we are responding to the needs of the community and to council priorities by reallocating those funds to housing rehab."

The City of Chelsea is a mini-entitlement community that receives CDBG funds on a noncompetitive basis for eligible activities. The City of Chelsea's Department of Housing and Development staff will implement the CDBG program.

Staff from the Chelsea

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ZONTA CLUB DONATES TO TOY DRIVE



The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recently visited the Salvation Army to present a donation of toys to the annual Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive. Zonta is an international organization dedicated to building a better world for women and girls. Representing the Zonta club are from Bottom to top—Lee Farrington, Christine DePrizio, Joan Lanzillo Hahees, Janice Tatarka, Barbara Lawlor, Adele Lubarsky, Mary Jane O'Neill, and Major Trudy Media from the Salvation Army.

Chelsea elected officials to be sworn in January 5

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea's recently elected public officials—City Councilors and School Committee mem-

bers—will be sworn in to office during an inauguration ceremony on Monday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the third floor of Chelsea City Hall. The event is free and

open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The ceremony will include a formal honor guard and bagpipe procession, followed by a special performance of the National Anthem by a duet of two local high school students.

The following members will be sworn in during the ceremony:

City Council

Roberto Andres Jimenez-Rivera, Councilor-at-Large; Leo Robinson, Councilor-at-Large; Kelly Garcia, Councilor-at-Large; Todd B. Taylor, District 1; Deron Hines, District 2; Norieliz D. Dejesus, District 3; Tanairi Garcia, District 4; Lisa A. Santagate,

District 5; Giovanni A. Recupero; District 6 Manuel Teshe; District 7; Calvin T. Brown; District 8.

School Committee

Katherine Cabral, Committee Member-at-Large; Shawn P. O'Regan, District 1; Sarah Elizabeth Neville, District 2; Jonathan Daniel Gomez-Pereira, District 3; Mayra Balderas, District 4; Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo, District 5; Ana E. Hernandez, District 6; Lucia Henriquez, District 7; Jacob J. Small, District 8.

The ceremony will also be live streamed by Chelsea Community Cable Television on Comcast channel 22 and Facebook.

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MassDOT, Travelers Marketing’s Community Voices, and the City of Chelsea join to support pedestrian safety

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), in partnership with Travelers Marketing’s Community Voices for Road Safety program and the City of Chelsea, today hosted an event to raise awareness of pedestrian safety on Chelsea’s busy roads. At the Chelsea Market Basket, holiday customers were reminded about the importance of looking out for friends and neighbors on the streets. Highly visible, reflective shopping bags were distributed to customers, all with the message “Hey, Chelsea! Our Streets Are Full of Life. Drive Like You Care. Walk Like It, Too.”

The bags are also available with the message in Spanish: “¡Oye, Chelsea! Nuestras calles están llenas de vida. Conduce como si te importara. Camina como si te importara también.”

This event amplifies the community-centric cam-

paign created by and for Chelsea residents who rely on walking as part of their daily lives. The inspiration for the campaign came from a series of community meetings and creative workshops during which participants shared their experiences, concerns, and pride in Chelsea’s walkable, accessible environment. Local organizations, including La Colaborativa, Green Roots, and the Chamber of Commerce, were among those to host and participate in the meetings.

“During this busy holiday season and throughout the year, it’s important for drivers and pedestrians to look out for one another. This event at Market Basket is a continuation of the work Community Voices has been doing across the City of Chelsea to promote driver awareness and pedestrian safety,” said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. “By carrying these reflective totes, residents

will be more visible after dark while also promoting that safety is a shared responsibility.”

The event’s corresponding public awareness campaign includes billboards and MBTA bus signage displayed throughout the city, in addition to other local business and community events. Today’s event kicks off distribution of thousands of the reflective, reusable bags at the Chelsea Market Basket. These promotional bags are provided free of charge and will temporarily replace the purchasable reusable tote bags available to shoppers.

“Just as this safety message was shaped by the Chelsea community, this campaign meets our residents where they are—where they shop and commute every day—making it as effective as possible and leading to real change that makes our streets safer for everyone,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

The Chelsea public awareness campaign is part of the Community Voices for Road Safety initiative, an award-winning safety program developed and implemented by Travelers Marketing. In Chelsea, where the program is focused on pedestrian safety, high school students and residents played a key role in shaping the campaign’s message, ensuring it reflects the community’s perspectives and shared commitment to safer streets.

“At La Colaborativa, we believe everyone deserves to feel safe walking in the city they call home. Chelsea is only 2.5 square miles but its highly congested, our sidewalks are used daily by essential workers heading to bus stops and the commuter rail, by families running errands, and by youth walking to and from school,” said Gladys Vega, La Colaborativa President & CEO. “Chelsea is also a gateway city that sits at the center of

regional traffic, under the Tobin Bridge, next to a casino, and alongside major development in neighboring cities, congestion is only increasing and pedestrian safety is more urgent than ever.”

Community members voiced concern over pedestrian safety issues, citing close calls and drivers who are often distracted and speed through neighborhoods, behaviors that are leading causes of crashes.

Participants acknowledged that both drivers and pedestrians share responsibility for safety; however, they emphasized that distracted and aggressive driving poses the greatest danger. Many urged efforts to educate children and adults alike on safe crossing habits and the importance of obeying traffic signals.

Travelers Marketing’s Community Voices for Road Safety program has proven successful in other areas, garnering the 2025

Peter K. O’Rourke Special Achievement Award from the Governors Highway Safety Association. A 2024 campaign in Brockton MA, in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the National Road Safety Foundation, increased seat belt use by 30 percentage points, from 42% to 72%. And a recent campaign running over the summer and into the fall in Holyoke, MA, focused on reducing distracted driving.

Community Voices for Road Safety is a division of Travelers Marketing, a nationally recognized, award-winning program for its safety initiatives. Community Voices for Road Safety focuses on community-partnered development of neighbor-to-neighbor public safety campaigns. The program operates nationwide, engaging directly with community members and creating campaigns that reflect their lives and drive meaningful change.

NeighborHealth appoints veteran healthcare leader Jamie Hazard as President and CEO

Special to the Record

NeighborHealth today announced the appointment of Jamie Hazard as its new President & Chief Executive Officer, following his nine months of service as Interim CEO. A longtime leader in community health system finance and strategy, Hazard has spent more than a decade at NeighborHealth guiding the organization through major growth, financial transformation, and operational innovation.

Hazard steps into the role with a deep understanding of what makes NeighborHealth unique – its roots in community, its people-first culture, and its belief that great care happens when patients, families, and providers are deeply connected.

“Jamie understands NeighborHealth from the inside out, not just the numbers, but the mission, the people, and the communities who count on us every day,” said Rita Sorrento, Chair of NeighborHealth’s Board of Directors. “At a

defining moment for our organization, Jamie brought stability and a renewed sense of purpose. His leadership reflects our values of respect and openness, grounded in community, and a commitment to delivering care that goes beyond the clinic.”

Hazard’s tenure as Interim CEO came at a pivotal moment for community health centers nationwide. Amid industry-wide challenges, Hazard stabilized NeighborHealth’s financial position, strengthened employee engagement, and advanced several mission-critical initiatives. By prioritizing listening, collaboration, and clear communication, his approach fostered strong connections and confidence across staff, providers, the board, and community partners.

“NeighborHealth is a part of the social fabric of Greater Boston, and serving as Interim CEO allowed me to see our organization through a different lens,” said Hazard. “What struck



New NeighborHealth President and CEO, Jamie Hazard.

me most was the resilience of our team and the extraordinary trust our patients place in us. Stepping into this permanent role is both a privilege and a responsibility I take to heart.”

13-year tenure as Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer positioned NeighborHealth for success, increasing annual revenue from \$75 million to more than \$300 million, and advancing key expansions in services, facilities, and community partnerships.

He also led the financial integration of the South End Community Health Center, secured complex financing for new facilities, and implemented transformative technology systems that improved operational efficiency and patient experience.

Looking ahead, Hazard’s vision builds on the belief that care in community is essential for true health. He plans to expand innovative care models, grow technological and operational capabilities, and continue strengthening the culture so every employee feels valued and every patient feels seen.

“Our mission has always been to create a compassionate, culturally aligned environment that meets people where they are,” said Hazard. “We belong to these communities, and together we can shape a healthier future, built on connection, dignity, and access for everyone.”

Hazard will begin his role as President and CEO of NeighborHealth on December 19, 2025.

Hazard earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance from Boston College, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts Boston, a Master of Science in Finance from the University of Massachusetts Boston, and a Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) as a McDonough Scholar from Georgetown University. He also serves on multiple boards and committees, including Boston Medical Center’s Boston HealthNet, the Community Health Center Committee, the Boston Accountable Care Organization Finance and Contracts Committee, Advocates for Community Health in Washington, D.C., and Community Health Best Practices, LLC in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

NeighborHealth, formerly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, is one of the nation’s largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the

largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 130,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a 2025 National Quality and Cancer Screening Leader. For more than 50 years, NeighborHealth has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston’s South End and Roxbury neighborhoods. With nearly 2,000 employees, NeighborHealth champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other healthcare providers in our state. For more information, visit www.neighborhealth.com.

Winter weather advisory: keep animals safe and warm this winter

Special to the Record

With winter—and low temperatures—upon us, it’s important to think about how we’ll keep all our family members safe, warm, and healthy, including the four-legged ones.

The Animal Legal De-

fense Fund (ALDF), the nation’s leading legal advocacy organization for animals, has tips for how you can make sure your companion animals stay safe even in the worst weather winter has to offer. Dogs, cats, and other companion animals are not equipped to handle the cold

much better than humans, so it’s important to pay close attention to signals they may be getting uncomfortable.

•First and foremost, bring your companion animals indoors, where it is warm. If it’s too cold for you to be outside, it’s too cold—and

potentially deadly—for them, unless they are arctic breed dogs that can withstand colder weather such as a husky or malamute.

•Watch for signs of hypothermia—shivering, weak pulse, dilated pupils, stupor, and unconsciousness. If an animal exhibits these symptoms, get them to a veterinarian right away.

•“Salts” that melt snow can be a serious irritant for an animal’s paws—and some are toxic if eaten. Make sure to wipe or rinse their feet when back indoors.

•Don’t leave antifreeze in open containers. Antifreeze is deadly—its sweet taste attracts almost any animal and will kill them.

•Bang on the hood of your car before starting it—small animals, including cats, may crawl under the hood to find warmth.

Companion animals give us unconditional love but they can’t tell us when they get too cold. A little care and caution will go a long way toward keeping all our family members healthy this winter.

If you see an animal in distress outdoors, call 911.

It is not uncommon for dogs and cats left outdoors in the brutal cold to suffer severe frostbite or even to freeze to death. Some areas, like North Dakota and Minnesota, have recorded temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero.

State laws differ dramatically when it comes to defining the standards of care required for animals. Some states fail to expressly include a requirement to provide adequate “shelter” as an element of the crime of animal neglect.

However, others, like North Dakota (mentioned above) expressly mandate it. For example, in North Dakota, neglect of a dog or a cat includes failing to provide “[s]helter from the elements, as appropriate for the species, the breed, and the animal’s age and physical condition.”

But one thing is certain: it is illegal to knowingly cause a companion animal to freeze to death in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

ALDF is frequently contacted regarding animal cruelty charges filed against people who have left ani-

mals out in the cold.

Public scrutiny and law enforcement are our best tools to enforce animal cruelty laws, and that is why we make exposing such neglect—like leaving dogs outdoors to freeze to death—a priority and make sure violators of these laws are held accountable.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund was founded in 1979 to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. To accomplish this mission, the Animal Legal Defense Fund files high-impact lawsuits to protect animals from harm; provides free legal assistance and training to prosecutors and law enforcement to ensure that animal victims are removed from cruelty situations and animal abusers are held accountable; supports tough animal protection legislation and fights harmful legislation; and provides resources and opportunities to law students and professionals to advance the emerging field of animal law. For more information, please visit aldf.org.

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FOUR CENTENARIANS HONORED AT COHEN FLORENCE LEVINE ESTATES

Four assisted living residents over the age of 100 at the Cohen Florence Levine Estates were honored at a birthday party and celebration. City Manager Fidel Maltez and State Rep. Judith Garcia presented special citations to the residents who have reached the remarkable milestone of turning 100.

The honorees are: Charley Kanter, 101, Stella Garcia, 102, Carmella Tracia, 101, and Ida DiMichele, 100.



City Manager Fidel Maltez visits with centenarian honorees Stella Garcia and Charley Kanter at the birthday party.



Assistant Activities Director Shellie Honohan and City Manager Fidel Maltez recognize the four honorees, Ida DiMichele, Carmella Tracia, Charley Kanter, and Stella Garcia with a special 100th birthday cake at the celebration.

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munity is left behind. Together, these initiatives are about giving communities the tools they need to grow their economies, build more housing to lower costs, and deliver the high-quality services their people deserve.”

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll said that as a former mayor, she knows how powerful it is when the state not only sends funding but also recognizes and supports the local policies that make new housing possible.

“CDBG is one of the most flexible tools that cities and towns have to respond to local needs. By pairing those dollars with a refreshed Housing Choice program — including a Rural and Small Town designation — we are making sure communities of every size can access state support, unlock new housing and strengthen their downtowns and neighborhoods,” Driscoll said.

In Chelsea, about \$500,000 of the CDBG will be used for the Voke Park project, according to Housing and Community Development Director Ben Cares.

“We will be designing an accessible playground area, so this is for a smaller portion of Voke Park where the tot lot exists today,” said Cares.

“We will be improving that for residents who have accessibility needs, but it won’t be exclusively for accessibility needs. It will be open for everybody, it will just have accessible features which means that it can accommodate people who need ADA accessibility, that might be differently-abled, that might have mobility issues — this park will be accessible for those residents and for all other residents.”

The project will be in the design phase for much of the winter and spring, with the potential to go out to bid next summer with the project wrapping up prior to the end of 2026, Cares said.

The remaining money from the grant will be earmarked for social services programs such as the REACH afterschool program.

“This year’s CDBG awards will fund housing rehabilitation, street and sidewalk upgrades, planning work and vital social services in dozens of communities,” said state Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. “At the same time, our new Rural and Small Town Housing Choice designation recognizes that smaller communities face different realities but are just as committed to creating housing options for their residents. These changes grew out of hundreds of conversations my team and I have had with local leaders over the past three years, and they will help more communities qualify for Housing Choice recognition and grant programs that support long term housing and community development.”

The federal fiscal 2025 CDBG awards, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC), will help small cities and towns undertake projects that benefit low- and moderate-income residents. Eligible municipalities applied individually or as part of a regional application. This year, HLC is issuing 27 competitive Community Development Fund awards totaling \$25.7 million, along with \$7.75 million for nine Mini-Entitlement communities, for a combined \$33.47 million in funding.



State Rep. Judith Garcia (left) and City Manager Fidel Maltez (right) present special House of Representatives Citations and City of Chelsea Centenarian Certificates to Cohen Florence Levine Estates residents (from left) Stella Garcia, Carmella Tracia, Ida DiMichele, and Charley Kanter, at the 100th Birthday Celebration at the outstanding residential community on Admiral's Hill.

Party // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Party at CBC offices on Washington Avenue.

The festive celebration featured free toys and gifts, refreshments, and special appearances by Santa Claus and the Grinch.

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson brought the greetings of the city.

The CBC enjoyed another outstanding year under the leadership of President Joan Cromwell and its board members, holding excellent community-oriented events such as the esteemed Trailblazer Awards Celebration and the amazing Let it Fly Basketball Classic directed by Kyle Umemba and Cesar Castro.



Marcus Queen, Maureen Lee, John Martin, Paul Smith, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and Deborah Washington, enjoying a visit with Santa Claus and the Grinch at the CBC Christmas Party.



Sophie Abouzaid (front) holds a Foosketball game that was presented at the party. Pictured from left, are John Martin, Santa Claus, Paul Smith, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is the most wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the popular song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile to the faces of even the most-jaded among us.

Despite our hectic rushing to and fro’, everybody, it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic and the long lines in stores because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate the holiday season in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that transcends whatever negativity may exist both in our own lives and in the world around us.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY

The upcoming long holiday weekend means that most of us will be partaking in traditional gatherings with our families, friends, and co-workers to share the joy of the holiday season.

Unfortunately, this also means that many among us will be overindulging in holiday “spirits.”

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that where alcohol is present, it is used responsibly, not only by ourselves, but by those around us at our holiday gatherings. None of us wants to wake up the next morning with the regret, “If only I had taken their car keys.”

We wish all of our readers a happy, and safe, holiday week.

A CORRECTION FOR OUR
“MAHA MOMS” EDITORIAL

Two weeks ago in an editorial under the headline, “MAHA moms are right about toxic waste,” we discussed a petition that some of the members of the MAHA movement had sent to President Donald Trump urging him to fire Lee Zeldin, his EPA administrator, because of Zeldin’s recent directives that will make it easier for the production and use of harmful chemicals that threaten to contaminate our air, food, and water.

In that editorial we further wrote: “Also supporting the petition is the group Moms Clean Air Force (MCAF), which seeks to protect children from the effects of air pollution and climate change,” and we used a quote from MCAF founder and director Dominique Browning, which concluded, “Lee Zeldin must go.”

Taken together, our editorial suggested that the MCAF had signed onto the petition from the MAHA group.

However, according to a spokesperson for the MCAF, “Moms Clean Air Force is NOT a signatory to the MAHA petition. In fact, Moms Clean Air Force has absolutely no affiliation with MAHA. Moreover, Moms Clean Air Force has its own national campaign calling for the immediate resignation or firing of Zeldin — in fact, Moms Clean Air Force was the first national organization to take such action. But, as Moms Clean Air Force is totally independent of the MAHA petition; the timing was simply coincidental.”

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Treats For Furry Friends

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Winter has restrictions that may impact your companion animals’ health. Less exercise and more treats can add up to weight gain before you notice it. One way to avoid this is to consider alternative treats that will make you and your animals feel good without a lot of calories.

Sassy, our first Westie, had a weight problem, which, of course, was a people problem. We gave her too many high-calorie treats. When she hit 20-plus pounds, our veterinarian suggested carrots and other safe vegetables as treats. Sassy’s favorite vegetable turned out to be rutabaga. She would stand next to Penny and beg anytime one was on the cutting board.

Whole Dog Journal quoted canine nutritionist Diana Laverdure-Dunetz in their article “How Many Treats Can A Dog Have Per Day.” She suggested no more than 10% of a dog’s calories should be from treats. On what to use as treats, she said, “...treats containing high amounts of meat, oil, or sugar, for example, will generally contain more calories than treats containing whole grains, legumes, and non-starchy vegetables. Also, treats that contain more fiber will likely contain fewer calories.” Read the ingredient list on a few options before choosing a new treat.

She also reminded us that more active dogs will burn more calories, while older dogs and those who don’t get much exercise need fewer or lower-calorie treats. We give our dog Poppy Nulo Training Treats, which are just two calories per treat. In addition, we weigh her food to ensure she doesn’t overeat. It may be that your big dog would be just as happy with a couple of small treats as with one big one.



Some dogs, like this little one, love carrots and other vegetable treats.

The Best Vegetable Treats

Just like people, companion animals can have different tastes in treats. The best way to find out and ensure you have that vegetable on hand is to start by sharing something you are eating or preparing. Make a list of foods you can feed without harm, and refine it to what you usually buy. If green beans are on the menu, offer one to your pal. Cut off a bite of apple as you eat one and see if your dog likes it. Baby carrots are ready to hand out from the package if your pet likes them.

IOU’s

We hear so often that experiences are the best gift of all. With an IOU jar, you can replace a treat with something that will make your companion feel the love behind the gift.

Sit and think about experiences and moments your dog or cat seems to love. Write a few on a slip of paper, fold it, and pop it into a jar. You could make multiples for “one extra treat,” “a small piece of cheese,” or “a favorite scratch.”

Poppy loves it when we take a family walk. Most of the time, Ed walks her, but she does seem to like it when we all walk together. On the other hand, a walk with a friend might only take you a few moments to arrange, but it would be an excellent experience for both of you. If there are dogs that your beast seems to enjoy, send a text and arrange a date to walk together.

Make this winter a time when you maintain your critter’s health by adjusting their treats. Giving treats does make both you and your animal happy. You can do that with alternative treats, lower-calorie treats, or smaller treats.

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

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City of Chelsea announces new resident-centered alternate side parking during snow parking bans

Special to the Record

In recognition of the city’s density and the challenges residents face when snow parking bans are enacted, the City of Chelsea will implement alternate side parking during snow emergencies beginning January 1, 2026. Snow parking bans will continue to only apply to the city’s emergency arteries.

Led by the Department of Public Works with support from the Parking Department and Chelsea Police Department, the change is intended to ease the burden on residents to find parking during snow events, particularly in a city where parking availability is limited.

Under the new alternate side parking system:

- During even-numbered years, snow parking bans will apply only to vehicles parked on the even-numbered side of the street, allowing vehicles on the odd-numbered side to remain in place.
- During odd-numbered years, the ban will apply only to the odd-numbered side of the street, allowing vehicles on the even-numbered side to remain in place.
- For the calendar year 2026, only vehicles parked on the even side of Emergency Arteries will be required to move during a Snow Parking Ban.

“Until now, snow parking bans meant vehicles on both sides of our emergency arteries were required to move, often resulting in widespread towing and ticketing,” said Cate Fox-Lent, Commissioner for the Department of Public Works. “While intended to support snow removal and emergency vehicle access, this approach placed a significant strain on our resi-

dents. This change is about recognizing that reality and taking a more balanced, resident-centered approach while still ensuring public safety.”

The alternate side parking system will only apply while a snow parking ban is in effect during a snow emergency. A snow emergency is declared whenever snow or ice accumulates to a depth of two (2) inches or more or whenever a snow emergency exists due to impending or existing snow or ice conditions.

The City will continue to communicate snow parking bans through its website www.chelseama.gov; Facebook, X (Twitter), and Instagram pages; Everbridge Emergency Alert system (www.chelseama.gov/signup); and by activating its blue lights, which are installed in strategic locations.

In the days after major storms, DPW may conduct overnight snow removal operations to further clear roadways. In those instances, temporary parking restrictions—affecting one or both sides of the street—will be clearly marked with posted “No Parking” signs on barrels or cones.

“These updates are designed to make winter storms a little easier on our community,” added Fidel Maltez, City Manager for the City of Chelsea “By listening to residents and learning from neighboring cities, we are taking steps to reduce unnecessary stress while continuing to keep Chelsea safe and accessible.”

To learn more, visit www.chelseama.gov/snow. To get updates during winter weather events, residents are encouraged to follow official City of Chelsea communication channels.

Rosemarie Rios

She leaves behind a legacy of love and strength

With heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of Rosemarie Rios at the age of 83 on Monday, December 15, 2025, surrounded by her loving family in the comfort of her home.

For the past four years, Rosemarie showed remarkable courage as she faced ongoing health challenges, always maintaining her warm spirit and love for those around her. Born on September 26, 1942, in Naranjito, Puerto Rico, Rosemarie was one of eleven children born to Isabel Baez and Jesus Nieves. She received her early education in Puerto Rico before embarking on a new chapter of her life when she moved to Long Island, New York, in 1972. Eventually, she settled in Chelsea, where she would cherish over 46 years of community and connection.

Rosemarie was married to Faustino Atanacio, and though she faced the heartache of widowhood, her spirit remained unbreakable. A devoted mother to her five children, Rosemarie’s love for her family knew no bounds. She was an integral member of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Chelsea, where her faith and dedication shone brightly. Known for her love of dancing and her warm, welcoming nature, Rosemarie became a beloved figure in her neighborhood. She was often found sitting on her front door steps, a friendly ambassador to all who passed by, greeting friends and strangers alike with her genuine smile.

Rosemarie was predeceased by both her parents



and seven siblings, but she leaves behind a legacy of love and strength. She is lovingly survived by her devoted son and caregiver, Jorge D. Atanacio, as well as her children, Orlando Atanacio and Maria Medina in Puerto Rico, and Jose Rios and Ana I. Vega of Chelsea. Her family will also honor her memory with the love of 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great-grandchildren, along with her siblings Cheo, Juan, and Luz Nieves.

In celebration of a life beautifully lived, a Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea, on Friday, December 19th. Arrangements were entrusted to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit; www.WelshFH.com As we remember Rosemarie’s spirit and the profound impact she had on all of our lives, we find solace in the love and memories she leaves behind. May her soul find peace, and may we carry her love with us always.



John N. “Johnny” Vento

July 21, 1956 – December 16, 2025

At the age of 69, John Vento passed away on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. A lifelong resident of Chelsea, Johnny graduated from Chelsea High School in 1973.

Johnny was born on July 21, 1956, one of two children of the late John and Edith (Ida Leo) Vento. He was an avid Boston sports fan and proudly collected sports memorabilia throughout his life. His love of sports began at a young age while assisting with his father’s Chelsea Little League team, the Cubs.

Johnny worked for both Cool-Ray and Leonard Silver in Chelsea and also enjoyed hosting bingo games at Admirals Hill, where he was well known and warmly regarded.

Johnny is survived by his loving sister, Joanne Morabito, and her husband Michael Morabito of Saugus. He also leaves behind his cherished nieces, Lisa M. Smallwood of Saugus, Joanne Vasquez and her husband, Santiago (“Chago”) Vasquez of Chelsea, and his nephew and godson, Michael J. Morabito of Saugus.

He was a devoted great-uncle to Christina Vasquez and her longtime



companion, Christian Rosario of Saugus, Christopher Smallwood of Saugus, and Ryan Smallwood and his wife. Elise of Manchester, TN.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for John, in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Sunday, December 21st and his funeral was conducted from the funeral home on Monday, December 22nd immediately followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea. Services concluded with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Johnny will be deeply missed by all who were so near and dear to his heart.

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



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Carol E. Cole

September 2, 1953 - December 19, 2025



Carol E. Cole, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2025, at the age of 72, at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, surrounded by her loving family. She lived courageously with multiple illnesses for many years, embodying unmatched strength and superior resilience throughout her life.

Carol was born on September 2, 1953, in Chelsea, the daughter of the late Donald F. MacDonald and Evangeline (Robichaud) MacDonald. Raised in Chelsea, she received her education at Our Lady of the Assumption Parochial School, Carter Jr. High School, and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1971. She later attended Bay State College, laying the foundation for a life dedicated to family and service.

In 1974, Carol married Thomas “Bucky” Cole Sr., with whom she shared 51 beautiful years of marriage. Together, they raised a loving family of four children: daughter, Julie McCann and her husband, Steven of St. Marys, KS; sons: Tommy Cole Jr. and his wife, Sasha of Winchester, Michael Cole and his wife, Lauren of Wilmington, and Craig Cole and his wife, Ashlee of Saugus. Carol was a cherished grandmother to Isabelle, Cole, Evangeline, and George McCann; Tavian, Jaiden and Kiana Cole; Michael and Drew Cole; Craig and Ryder Cole and dearest sister of Donald MacDonald and his wife, Jean of Sutton.

Throughout her life, Carol was passionately devoted to her home and family, finding joy in the simplest of moments and taking pride in creating a nurturing environment. Her smile lit up every room that she entered. She had a very strong work ethic which she demonstrated over many years, even when ill. Nothing could stop her from working and she worked harder than most. She enjoyed a fulfilling career, starting as a Service Repair Coordinator for NE Telephone, where she spent 28 years before retiring from Bell Atlantic in 1998. Following her retirement, she worked as a medical secretary for Dr. Tong in Stoneham and concluded her career as a file clerk for the DOR in Chelsea.

A deeply religious woman, Carol was a lifelong devout Catholic and a dedicated member of Our Lady of the Assumption “French” Church in Chelsea. After its closure, she attended weekly Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel in Chelsea.

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Department of Housing and Community Development will be present to hear any and all comments and recommendations. All persons or organizations wishing to comment will be given an opportunity to be heard. You may also submit com-

ments in writing by January 8th, 2026 to the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA 02150, Attn: CDBG Program, or via email to hsavino@chelseama.gov

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CHELSEA DISTRICT COURT HOLIDAY PARTY

The Chelsea District Court held a Holiday Party Friday, Dec. 19 at the courthouse in Chelsea Square. Assistant Clerk Magistrate Edward O’Neil welcomed court personnel and guests to the celebration of the Christmas and holiday season. Known for his charisma, wit, and radiant personality, O’Neil, the former Chelsea Ward 2 alderman, sparkled again in his customary role as master of ceremonies.



CDC retirees, who were recognized for their service at Chelsea District Court, Court Officer John O’Brien, Chief Court Officer Judy Weiss, Court Officer William Howard, and Assistant Clerk Magistrate Harry Landry.



Andres B. Reyes proudly holds the 2025 Excellence Award that was presented to him by Assistant Clerk Magistrate Edward O’Neil, First Justice Matthew J. Machera, and Chief Justice of the Mass. District Court Stacey Fortes.

Matthew J. Machera, and ACM Edward O’Neil in presenting a statewide 2025 Excellence Award to Andres B. Reyes, Sessions Clerk. The guests enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon of Italian food from Sammy Carlo’s.



State Rep. Jeff Turco (left) greets special guest Catherine Dwyer, mother of Assistant Clerk Magistrate Jim Dwyer (right), at the holiday party Dec. 19 at the Chelsea District Courthouse.



Assistant Clerk Magistrate and former Chelsea School Committeeman Jim Dwyer, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Laura Boudreau, and Assistant Clerk Magistrate Jake McKinnon.



College of the Holy Cross senior Christina DiRuzza, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Carmine DiRuzza, and Assistant Clerk Magistrate Edward O’Neil.



Assistant Clerk Magistrate Edward O’Neil welcomes retired Assistant Clerk Magistrates Bruce Glazer and Harold Landry to the holiday party at the Chelsea District Courthouse.



The outstanding Clerk’s Office contingent, Juliana Pasto, Yvette Ciampa, Arlette Palacios, Dariana Palacios, Iliana Rodriguez, Giselle Erazo, Kathleen Campbell, and Alejandra Sanchez.



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Retired Chelsea Police Officer Joanne O’Brien and her father, retired Court Officer John O’Brien, pictured at the holiday party at the Chelsea District Courthouse.

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Malden Catholic Drama Club Showcases Disney’s High School Musical. The Malden Catholic Drama Club (MCDC) recently presented their production of Disney’s High School Musical, entertaining audiences with lively performances. MCDC students brought the story to life with singing, dancing, and memorable scenes that reflected their hard work and creativity. From start to finish, the cast’s energy and Lancer pride shone throughout the performance, making it an enjoyable experience for all. This production was a true celebration of teamwork, commitment, and the joy of the arts at MC.

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CHS Roundup

CHS BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS EVERETT, SOMERVILLE

The Chelsea High boys basketball team opened its season with an impressive 67-56 victory over Somerville last Tuesday at the Chelsea High gym and then followed that up with a thrilling 44-43 victory over Everett on Thursday

when Roify Otanez Del Rosario drained the winning three-pointer from the wing with five seconds to play. In the Everett contest, Chelsea trailed 43-41 and took possession with about 15 seconds on the clock. The Red Devils worked the ball around the perimeter until Hussein Mohammed made a move to drive through the lane from the right. When the Everett

defense collapsed toward him, Hussein dished the ball back to Del Rosario, who was uncovered beyond the arc on the left, halfway between the top of the key and the corner. Roify calmly set his feet, stepped into the shot, and delivered a textbook jumper that cleanly swished through the hoop with five seconds showing on the clock, setting off a jubilant celebration among the large crowd of Chelsea supporters. Everett sped downcourt after inbounding the ball, but could only manage a desperation heave from halfcourt at the buzzer that did not come close. The winning shot climaxed a furious Chelsea comeback in the final 90 seconds in which the Red Devils overcame a six-point deficit thanks to some aggressive defense that created Everett turnovers. The victory over the Crimson Tide reportedly marked the first triumph for a CHS basketball team over Everett since 1988, a span of 37 years. However, the teams did not meet for most of those decades. Chelsea moved from the Greater Boston League (GBL) to the Commonwealth Athletic Conference in the early 1990s, where the Red Devils continued to play until a few years ago. Everett remained in the GBL and then moved to the Northeastern Conference with the other GBL teams, until the GBL was reconstituted a few years ago. Still, the triumph marked a major milestone for coach Cesar Castro and his crew, for whom this was the program's first win over Ever-

FORMER CHS BASKETBALL COACH JAY SEIGAL RETURNS TO THE BASKETBALL COURT



Former Chelsea High School boys basketball head coach Jay Seigal is the new head coach at Northeast Regional in Wakefield. Pictured before the Knights' game against Mystic Valley Regional are (from left) Northeast Regional Athletic Director Don Heres, Northeast head coach Jay Seigal, Mystic Valley head coach Tony Ferullo, and Northeast assistant coach Jeff Seigal, brother of Jay Seigal.

THE LAFT LEGACY



Former Northeast Regional Vocational Technical High School football great Richard Laft, an officer in the Chelsea Police Department, is pictured with his daughter, Lynn Classical High School junior Gianna Laft, who is continuing the family's outstanding legacy in interscholastic sports as a key player for the girls basketball team.

ett in the four years since Chelsea has rejoined the GBL. Chelsea was scheduled to meet GBL foe Malden this past Tuesday. The Red Devils will host Boston English on Friday, January 2, at 2:30.

CHS GIRLS BASKETBALL BATTLES FIERCELY IN CONTEST WITH EVERETT

Although the Chelsea High girls basketball team came up on the short end of a 46-42 decision in a contest with Everett last Thursday, coach Bruce Harrison's squad battled hard to the final whistle. Leading the way for the Lady Red Devils in the scoring department was Monica Cespedes-Cruz, who struck for a game-high 18 points and dished out seven assists. Jaylah Santiago Lozada turned in a superb all-around effort, hitting for 17 points, grabbing seven rebounds, and making five assists. Lidya Castillo Rodriguez was a force underneath, snaring 10 boards to go with four points. "Lidya played great defense," said Harrison. The Lady Red Devils, who two days earlier dropped a 49-26 decision to Somerville and now stand at 1-2 on the season, were scheduled to host Malden this past Tuesday. They then will be off until after the vacation break.

CHS GIRLS, BOYS TRACK DEFEAT LE

The Chelsea High girls and boys indoor track and field teams earned their first victories of the season with triumphs over their counterparts from Lynn English in a tri-meet with Revere last Friday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury. Junior Lilly Serrano led the way for the Lady Red Devils. Lilly sped to victories vs. both opponents in both the 55 meter dash (in 7.61 seconds) and the 300 dash (with a sprint of 44.17). She also earned second place in the high jump vs. Revere and first vs. English with a leap of 4'-8". All three of Lilly's performances ranked among the top of all of the GBL girls competing at the Reggie Friday night. (All eight of the GBL teams compete among each other on Friday evenings at the Reggie in either dual or tri-meets.) Fellow junior Thania Simon outclassed the field in the long jump with a flight of 17'-5.75", a distance that was almost two feet further than her closest competitor among all of the GBL schools. Thania also ran a strong race in the 300 dash with a time of 46.53, which was the fourth-fastest clocking among all of the GBL girls. Senior Hazel Hatleberg turned in a strong effort in the 1000, taking first vs. English and second vs. Revere with a time of 6:37.39, which ranked as the fourth-fastest of the night. On the boys' side, Xavier Guzman 600 dash clocking of 1:34.02 was the second fastest of the night at the Reggie. Full details of both meets will appear in next week's Record.

ROMERO-MOLINA PLACES FIFTH AT SPEED CLASSIC

Red Devil Kevin Romero-Molina brought home a fifth-place medal with a toss of 34'-3" in the weight throw at Sunday's MSTCA Speed Classic that was held at the Reggie Lewis Center. Kevin led a contingent of five Chelsea boys, including teammates Nathan Pleitez, Ugali Thomas, Philip Robles, and Xavier Iraola, who competed in the event. On the girls' side, senior Harmony Rogers finished in eighth place with a throw of 20'-8.50". Eighth-grader Aria Green finished in 11th place.

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Revolutionary Spaces set the stage for America's 250th Anniversary

Special to the Record

As Massachusetts prepared to launch celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of American independence, Revolutionary Spaces invited the public and media to step back into the charged atmosphere of December 1773, when a single night of impassioned debate helped ignite a revolution. On Tuesday, December 16, Revolutionary Spaces hosted a special reenactment of the historic Meeting of the Body of the People at Old South Meeting House—the largest public gathering space in colonial Boston and the site where thousands once assembled to debate British taxation. That contentious gathering ultimately dissolved into the protest now known worldwide as the Boston Tea Party. The reenactment unfolded exactly 252 years after the original meeting, placing audiences inside the raucous exchanges, rising tensions, and collective resolve that defined the evening. "These walls bore witness to the debate, the anger, the hope, and the determination of the community," said Nat Sheidley, president and CEO of Revolutionary Spaces. "Thousands gathered here to protest taxes, argue about liberty, and ultimately set the Boston Tea Party in motion. It was democracy in its rawest form." In addition to the reenactment, participants received an exclusive sneak peek of a new 360-degree immersive experience scheduled to launch on July 1, 2026—just in time for Independence Day and the influx of visitors marking America's 250th anniversary. The forthcoming experience will use cutting-edge technology, animation, and sound to transform Old South Meeting House, surrounding visitors with the sights, sounds, and emotions of a community on the brink of rebellion. Event Details: 252nd Anniversary Commemoration of the Boston Tea Party The event marked an early milestone in Revolutionary Spaces' broader efforts to connect the public to the origins of American democracy ahead of the nation's semiquincentennial, using immersive storytelling to make history immediate, visceral, and relevant. Revolutionary Spaces stewards Boston's Old South Meeting House and Old State House as historic landmarks, museums, and active civic spaces. Its mission is to bring people together to explore the American struggle to create and sustain a free society—using history as a powerful tool for civic engagement and public dialogue. Learn more at RevolutionarySpaces.org or follow @RevSpaces on social media.

CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ‘SMILES WITH SANTA’ GIFTING EVENT

The Chelsea Police Department hosted a “Smiles With Santa” holiday gifting event at the Williams School Gymnasium.

Sgt. Star Chung, leader of the CPD Community Services Division, welcomed children and families who enjoyed visits to the different activity stations inside the gymnasium: Santa’s Workshop (toys), photo opportunities with Santa Claus, a huge stuffed animal table, facepainting, a gaga pit, and Chamber of Commerce, Chelsea Public Library, and Museum of Science tables.

The guests also visited a complimentary public refreshments area where treats from Dunkin, Kushala Sip Lounge, Starbucks, Bella Isla, and Chocolatee were available.

A great time was had by all in attendance.



Alejandro Lopez, pictured with his daughter, Valentina Lopez, and guest Kaielian Builes.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton has a special visit with Santa Claus in the company his professional colleagues in the Chelsea Police Department and City Manager Fidel Maltez.



Rudy Medina, Jordalanisha Rivera, and Heylee Medina.



Helping out at the event, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell and Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism Charlie Giuffrida.



Jasmine Murray and Isaiah Careia Short enjoying the “Smiles With Santa” event at the Williams School Gymnasium.



Alejandro Rivera (back), pictured with Marnie MacAlpine (left) and Celina Hernandez (right) at the Santa photo table.



Director of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki and her daughter, Christina Nowicki, one of Santa’s elves.



Mike Adams of the Museum of Science and Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs Bea Cravatta.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Rosemary Hughes, Director of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki, Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki, Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs Bea Cravatta, Police Capt. James Farden, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and Police Sgt. Star Chung, take a photo with the Gingerbread Man.



Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung and Director of Athletic Infrastructure Charlie Giuffrida (front row, left) welcome visitors to the gaga pit at the ‘Smiles With Santa’ celebration.



Pictured at the Kushala Sip Lounge table are Dalia Valencia and Vinod Kumar.



Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung welcomes Santa Claus and his assistant, Jisela McCarthy, to the holiday gifting event Dec. 15 at the Williams School Gymnasium.



Sgt. Star Chung and friends at the celebration.



Representing the Chelsea Housing Authority Celina Hernandez, Chyneatha Perry, Alexandra Jimenez, Gilda Cerna, Yahilin Rivera-Miranda, Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki, Christina Nowicki, Krystina Sunsinn, and Matt Frank, Director of Development, MPHA Chelsea Housing Authority.

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State Fire Marshal issues safety reminder regarding lithium-ion batteries

Special to the Record

With the holiday gift-giving season in full swing, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents to use caution when choosing and using devices powered by lithium-ion batteries.

Video of a consumer-grade lithium-ion battery failure is attached. The accompanying sounds are alarms detecting toxic and flammable gases.

“Many of this year’s Christmas and Hanukkah presents will be use lithium-ion batteries,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “These devices pack a lot of power into a small device, so it’s important to choose and use them safely.”

•Buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a certification mark from an independent testing lab such as UL or Intertek/ETL. This

means the device meets important safety standards.

•Charge devices safely. Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don’t overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it’s fully charged.

•Keep doorways, stairways, and windows clear. A fire involving a large device such as an e-bike can trap residents if left in an escape route like a doorway, stairwell, or window. Store e-bikes and electric scooters outdoors if possible.

•Recycle batteries responsibly. When it’s time to dispose of the device or replace the battery, don’t throw it in the trash or regular recycling bins. Physical damage in a compactor

truck or transfer station is a common cause of lithium-ion battery fires. Instead, bring them to a safe battery recycling location. Visit www.call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

In 2023, the Department of Fire Services launched a data collection tool to help officials track the extent of fires, explosions, and other lithium-ion battery incidents. This investigative checklist is used by the

State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit, and local fire investigators are encouraged to use it as well. While previous reporting suggested about 20 lithium-ion battery fires per year, the new tool has identified about 90 so far this year.

Visit the Department of Fire Services’ website for more lithium-ion battery safety resources.

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“But we have expanded the boundaries, I know a lot of board members said (we) should expand and seize the opportunity to hopefully transform this area,” Cecio added. “Our vision for the area, we are still crafting it, but I think it includes a lot of similar principles that were presented at the last meeting – mixed-use residential development, increasing public accessibility, and active

and open green space in the area.”

Planning for the area will also focus on increasing affordable housing and improving the existing utility infrastructure, Cecio said.

“Over the next couple of meetings, we will be bringing more information to you, more maps, more actual regulations fleshed out, tables; just to give you a chance to kind of chew on

it and provide some more feedback and comment as we get ready to hopefully, some point in the spring, send it to the (city) council.”

In other business, Cecio provided an update on the status of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (sometimes known as in-law apartments) ordinance for the city.

“Last summer, the state passed the Affordable

Homes Act, which included a piece in there that allowed accessory dwelling units (ADU) by right in any zoning district that allowed single-family housing,” he said. “We quickly brought together a very basic ADU ordinance and brought it to you guys a year ago in December, 2024, because we thought we needed to pass it to be in line with the state’s law. We learned that

that wasn’t necessarily required.”

Cecio said that communities that did not have an ordinance in place fell under the regulations of the state ordinance.


The planning board recommended that the city council postpone the hearing on the Chelsea ADU ordinance until the state promulgated some model guidelines and bylaws for

the city to review.

“We did receive those guidelines, we have a model bylaw, so we have drafted an ordinance that pretty much follows the state’s model bylaw,” said Cecio.

The model city bylaw will go before the city council for a hearing in January and will be before the planning board in February for its recommendation.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Chelsea Licensing Commission, January 15, 2026

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a Change of Manager and Change of Location on a Beer and Wine Alcohol Beverages (on Premise) License application for Sandovalmja Inc. d/b/a Los Amigos at 92 Washington Avenue, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all outbters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

Beatrice Hernandez
Licensing Administrator
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an emphasis on homes in need of lead abatement and remediation. The City of Chelsea is a Mini-entitlement community that receives CDBG funds on a non-competitive basis for eligible activities. The City of Chelsea’s Department of Housing and CDevelopment staff will implement the CDBG program. Staff from the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development will be present to hear any and all comments and recommendations. All persons or organizations wishing to comment will be given an opportunity to be heard. You may also submit comments in writing by January 8th, 2026 to the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA 02150, Attn: CDBG Program, or via email to hsavino@chelseama.gov

Benjamin Cares
Director, Housing and Community Development
City of Chelsea
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2025-25

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, January 27, 2026
Council Chambers. 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway
6:00 p.m.


With reference to the application of:

320 Revere Beach Realty
For Major Site Plan Approval for the construction of a sixty-seven (67) residential dwelling units structures which does not meet the requirements for minimum lot size, off-street parking spaces, minimum side yard setback, maximum density, maximum height, maximum number of stories, minimum rear yard setback, minimum usable open space, minimum lot size per unit and minimum access aisle width at the premises known as:

320 Revere Beach Parkway
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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To install a handicap sign at 69 Addison Street.

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To approve the Bus Network redesign; to add a second berth under the Tobin Bridge, and a bulb out on Chestnut Street.

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City of Chelsea
Public Hearing


The City of Chelsea
Department of Housing and Community Development will hold an in-person Public Hearing on Thursday, January 8th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Housing and Community Development Conference Room, located at 500 Broadway, Room 102, Chelsea, MA 02150. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the City’s proposed amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 2024. We will review the year’s proposed Community Development Strategy, and generate public input. This Public Hearing is a requirement prior to submitting the CDBG amendment to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC). CDBG funds may be used for eligible projects/activities in the categories, including but not limited to, housing rehabilitation, community economic development, public facilities/infrastructure, planning, and/or public/social services. The proposed amendment sees to add an additional activity of housing rehabilitation with



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Aviso Legal
Ciudad de Chelsea
Audiencia Pública

El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Chelsea llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública en persona el jueves 8 de enero de 2026 a las 6 p.m. en la Sala de Conferencias de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario, ubicado en 500 Broadway, Room 102, Chelsea, MA 02150. El objetivo de esta reunión es debatir la enmienda propuesta a la Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) de la Ciudad para el año fiscal 2024. Revisaremos la Estrategia de Desarrollo Comunitario propuesta para ese año y solicitaremos la opinión pública. Esta Audiencia Pública es un requisito previo a la presentación de la enmienda a la CDBG ante la Oficina Ejecutiva de Vivienda y Comunidades Habitables de Massachusetts (EOHLC). Los fondos CDBG pueden usarse para proyectos/actividades elegibles en las categorías - incluidas pero no limitadas - rehabilitación



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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 December 15, 2025, the City Council voted to adopt the following order:

Ordered, that in accordance with MGL Chapter 44B, Section 5(3)(d) and Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 3, Section 2-330 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea, the Chelsea City Council acts on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the awarding of grant funding to FY2026 Community Preservation Act Projects, as follows:


- \$50,000 for Stitching Against the Heat
- \$100,439 and \$99,561



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Vibrant array of talent headed to City Hall Plaza and beyond for First Night Boston

Special to the Record

First Night Boston is proud to announce its full schedule of performances for New Year's Eve, which will fill City Hall Plaza and surrounding venues in the hours leading up to 2026. Musicians, performers, and artists will perform in Boston's downtown, with the stage, lights, and ice in City Hall Plaza serving as the event's centerpiece. The latest schedule is included in this release, and all events are free for all.

Festivities for the 50th First Night Boston begin at 10:00 a.m. with performances at the Boston Public Market and exhibits opening at the First Church of Christ, Scientist. At noon, stages alight at Boston Public Library in Copley Square, the Copley Place Mall, and in newly refurbished Copley Square Park. Beginning at 2:00 p.m., outdoor performances kick-off at the main stage in City Hall Plaza with Leaving Irene, Superpink, Houston Bernard, and Mamadou blending a variety of beats for the growing crowds. The ice sculpture gallery will sparkle for all to enjoy, celebrating major events coming to Boston in 2026 and America's 250th birthday.

The Greenway carousel offers free rides through the afternoon, and at Boston Common, archery for beginners opens for guests to take aim at 12:00 p.m. The Skating Club of Boston hosts its first of two figure skating shows in the Frog Pond at 3:00 p.m.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and others will speak from the main stage in City Hall Plaza at 5:45 p.m., before the First Night Parade brings hundreds of performers to Boston Common for the 7:00 p.m. Mugar Family Fireworks presented by The Mugar Foundation. As the countdown continues, the tempo at City Hall Plaza picks up with Sons of Levin, Veronica Robles, Hill House the Band, Kei, and the Sultans putting their local roots and vibrant sounds on display.

As the clock strikes midnight, a second fireworks display will set Boston aglow, with the best vantage

points available at Christopher Columbus Park, the North End, and East Boston. The fireworks and headlining performance will cap more than 12 hours of free entertainment, light shows, ice sculptures, and other family-friendly programming ringing in 2026, and continuing the longest-running First Night celebration in the world.

For more information and to support First Night with a donation, the public is invited to visit www.firstnight-boston.org.

Full Performance Schedule
(As of December 17, 2025. All times subject to minor changes.)

Church of Christ Scientist

210 Massachusetts Ave., Boston MA 02115

First Church of Christ, Scientist – The Mother Church Extension

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Enjoy free admission to the How Do You See the World? experience + Maparium globe from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., tours of The Mother Church at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

First Night Organ Concert

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Soul-touching performances from organists upon one of the world's ten largest organs

Boston Public Market
100 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02108

Jeff Jam Sing-a-long

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Get ready to sing-a-long and dance in the Nook at the Boston Public Market

Fuller and Friends Trio

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Rooted in jazz, funk, and soul music, Fuller and Friends journeys across all genres of music and have you tapping your toes.

Boston Public Library – Newsfeed Cafe

700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Boston Saxophone Quartet

12:00 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Performing for more than 30 years, BSQ programs have been successful with developing high school saxophonists the Boston area.

ToriTori

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Boston-born singer, songwriter, bending R&B and Soul into something unique. 2023 R&B Artist of the Year by the Boston Music Awards and Act of the Year by the New England Music Awards

Copley Place Mall

100 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02116

Chu Ling Dance Academy

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Performing at First Night since 1999, a colorful and inspiring performance that showcases the diversity, culture, and art in Boston

Puppet Showplace Theater

1:30 p.m. – 2:10 p.m., 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Two shows: Party Animals follows five furry friends as they navigate the biggest social hurdle of their young lives – throwing a party! Holiday Sing-Along: A Puppet Variety Show starts at 2:45 with sing-alongs and festive friends.

Copley Square Park

Copley Square, Boston

Performances by the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Drumming, dulcimer, guzheng, and Chinese yo-yo performances for all to enjoy

A Trike Called Funk

1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Participatory dance and arts experience featuring various music and dance forms, pulsing from a customized cargo tricycle and its sound system.

Boston Public Library – Raab Auditorium

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Chester Brezniak and Yelena Beriyeve

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Beriyeve has been hailed “the paragon of the concert pianist” and “a standout performer.” Brezniak has performed extensively as an orchestral and chamber music player throughout the US

Alex Minasian Trio

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

New York-based pianist, musical director, and educator known for his versatility across jazz and soul genres. Alex bridges generations of music with deep skill & soul

Trinity Church

206 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02116

Emancipation Proclamation Concert

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Handel and Haydn Society and the Museum of African American History co-present the Emancipation Proclamation Concert, a celebration of liberty and freedom

Boston Common

Archery on the Common

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On the Mark Archery is a professional traveling archery service dedicated to teaching youths and adults this unique Olympic sport

Frog Pond Skating Spectacular

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

See national and international competitive figure skaters, soloists, groups, wee skaters, and more at the two shows

Mugar Family Fireworks

7:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

A spectacular Fireworks display over the Boston Common presented by the Mugar Foundation

City Plaza Main Stage

1 City Hall Sq.

Leaving Irene

2:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

A soundscape of raw emotion, layered with shimmering guitar work and heartfelt lyrics

SUPERPINK

3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

An indie disco band — sometimes instrumental, sometimes lyrical, always funky

Houston Bernard

4:00 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Drawing inspiration from Springsteen and Parton, Bernard plays with power, twang, and authenticity

MAMADOU

5:00 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.

Blends West African rhythms with, rumba, samba, salsa, and reggae, all rooted in rich guitar and percussion

Boston Music Project

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Creative youth development program highlighting students unleashing their musical creativity

Sons of Levin

7:20 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Boston-based rock band inspired by acts such as Led Zeppelin, The Who, Phish, Grateful Dead and other classic rock mainstays.

Veronica Robles

8:10 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Performance by the Mariachi singer, musician, and Latin American folkloric dancer and choreographer

Hill House the Band

8:50 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Performing a dynamic fusion of funk, soul, and pop

Kei

9:50 p.m. -10:10 p.m.

Performance by Boston's best R&B artist, including singing, dance, and energy

The Femmes

10:30 p.m. - 11:10 p.m.

A performance by an all-woman and non-binary party band specializing in songs by female and non-binary artists

The Sultans

11:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

The Sultans, one of the area's best cover bands will keep the crowd on their feet as the countdown continues

Old South Church

645 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Pipes and Pops Concert

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The best of Boston's brass and percussion artists join organist Mitchell Crawford in a supersonic program of popular classics. Experience Old South's incredible E. M. Skinner organ, with over 7,000 room-shaking pipes

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(Off of Long Wharf)

Boston Harbor Fireworks

12:00 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Breathtaking fireworks display over the Boston Harbor, brought to you by Meet Boston.

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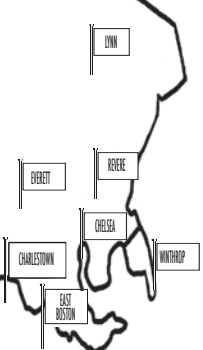
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