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Pictured at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast are Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Shannon Healey of Project Bread, Chelsea Police Capt. David Rizzuto, guest speaker Erin McAleer, Metro Credit Union Vice President Saritin Rizzuto, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Marnie McAlpine and Highland Park Healthcare Center Director Gregory Sutton.

Project Bread President and CEO  
Erin McAleer speaks at JBGC Breakfast

Special to the Record

Erin McAleer, president and CEO of Project Bread, was the guest speaker at the Dec. 11 Gerald and Darlene Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Series at the clubhouse on Willow Street.

McAleer spoke about the East Boston-based organization that provides food assistance to families in need throughout Massachusetts.



Chelsea Police Capt. David Rizzuto and his wife, Metro Credit Union Vice President Saritin Rizzuto, pictured at the breakfast.



Chelsea Inspectional Services Director Michael McAteer, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson and President and CEO of Mass. Competitive Partnership Jay Ash.



East Cambridge Savings Bank Customer Service Representative Aida Marroquin, East Cambridge Savings Bank Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager Sandy Youssef, guest speaker Erin McAleer, Joseph Vinard, and Susan Gallant, CPA.

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JBGC Breakfast Chair Mark Robinson (left) and JBGC Executive Director Gina Centrella (right) welcome the guest speaker, Project Bread President and CEO Erin McAleer, to the breakfast.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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need to know, check [chelsearecord.com](http://chelsearecord.com)

Chelsea  
Year in Review

Staff Report

The past year saw the city of Chelsea facing challenges and triumphs on both the local and national stages.

Federal immigration policies placed hardship and strain on many Chelsea residents.

As a sanctuary city, Chelsea follows the law and our police do not enforce federal immigration policies, according to city administration officials.

our partners at Lawyers for Civil Rights—in defending the rights and dignity of our immigrant communities. Chelsea is a city built by immigrants, sustained by their contributions, and strengthened by our shared values of inclusion, justice, and resilience. We will continue to protect and serve every resident, regardless of their immigration status.”

One of the major triumphs for the city in 2025 was its selection as an All-America City at an awards ceremony in Denver.

In response to those federal policies, Chelsea and Somerville filed a federal lawsuit in 2025 challenging coerced participation in mass deportations. City leaders also created resident resources and reaffirmed its commitment to protecting all residents regardless of immigration status.

“Chelsea will not be bullied or intimidated into enforcing federal immigration laws, and we will not allow federal policies to dictate how we care for people that call Chelsea home,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez when the lawsuit was filed last spring. “We stand firm—alongside our neighbors in Somerville and

It was the third time the city has been honored in the past three decades.

“This win is special,” said Maltez at the awards ceremony. “At a time when low-income and immigrant communities across the nation are under attack, we stand before you proudly to say: Chelsea is strong, Chelsea is united and Chelsea is an All-America City in 2025.”

The spirit of the Chelsea 400 celebrations that took place in 2024 carried into 2025.

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MassDOT and Market Basket  
host Pedestrian Safety Event

Special to the Record

MassDOT and Community Voices for Road Safety held a special pedestrian safety event at Market Basket during the holiday season and throughout the new year.



Former Shurtleff School classmates Andrea Pompeo Gustin (left) and City Councilor Lisa Santagate, pictured at the MassDOT pedestrian safety event at Market Basket in Chelsea. See page 4 for more photos.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SQUARE DEDICATED  
IN HONOR  
OF BELOVED  
PRINCETON STREET  
RESIDENT JACK  
“PAPA” FARETRA

EAST BOSTON - Family, friends, and neighbors gathered on a cold and chilly day (Friday, Dec. 12) to honor lifelong Princeton Street resident Jack Faretra at a ceremony dedicating an East Boston square in his honor.

Rep. Adrian Madaro served as master of ceremony for the event at the corner of Meridian and Princeton Streets.

“It’s a special day and a special season as we kick off the holiday,” said Madaro. “It’s really a pleasure to honor one of the OGs of Eagle Hill. As a born and bred Eagle Hill resident, it’s a particular special honor for me having grown up just a few blocks away. You don’t grow up on Eagle Hill without knowing about the Faretras. It’s not just Jack and Jeannie, it’s the whole family – Jack’s daughters and the entire extended family – are incredibly active members of our community. They do so much for East Boston, but Jack, in particular, a proud veteran, a proud East Bostonian, and most importantly, a proud resident of Princeton Street.”

Mr. and Mrs. Faretra’s daughters, Jessica Vasquez and Bridget Heigelmann, were in attendance to celebrate the prestigious recognition accorded to their father.

Madaro told the gathering, “Jessica called me several months back with this amazing idea and with the partnership of the City of Boston and [East Boston Neighborhood Liaison] Carlos Garcia, we were able to get this done.”

Said Jessica, “I’m just so excited that there’s so many people out here, and I really want to thank Carlos and [Chief of Staff to Rep. Madaro], Roberto [Gomez] and Adrian – they just held my hand the whole time, texting me every day, but they helped me get it done.”

During the ceremony, Mr. Faretra’s granddaughter, Mila, was asked by Rep. Madaro, “What do you want to say about your Papa?”

“My Papa is really nice,” replied Mila, drawing warm applause from the assemblage.

Madaro led the countdown for the sign unveiling, and the loudest ovation of the day for Mr. Faretra ensued, a beautiful tribute to the Pride of Princeton Street, Jack “Papa” Faretra.

Fernando Rosas and Margaritas Rosa, owners of Bono Restaurant and Catering, provided complimentary hot chocolate and coffee to guests on a chilly December day.

Mr. Rosas lauded Jack Faretra in a post on Facebook, writing, “The corner of Meridian and Princeton, where Bono is, just got a brand-new name. Today, our corner took on new meaning with the unveiling of Jack “Papá” Faretra Square. Neighbors, families, and friends gathered inside and outside, sharing smiles, hugs, and excitement.

It was a simple, genuine

moment that reflects the pride, respect, and sense of community that lives on this block. We are very lucky to be part of this community.”

**MAYOR-ELECT VAN CAMPEN ANNOUNCES KEY APPOINTMENTS**

EVERETT - Mayor-elect Robert Van Campen today announced his intention to appoint senior leaders to his incoming administration, naming Monica Lamboy as Chief Development Officer, and Robert Knox, Jr. as Executive Director of City Services.

“These appointments reflect my commitment to building a strong, experienced team focused on smart growth, infrastructure excellence, and delivering results for our residents,” said Mayor-elect Van Campen. “Monica Lamboy and Robert Knox each bring proven leadership, deep professional expertise, and a shared dedication to public service.”

As Chief Development Officer, Monica Lamboy will oversee economic development initiatives, strategic planning, business attraction and retention, and community redevelopment efforts. Lamboy holds an exemplary track record of fostering public-private partnerships and advancing projects that strengthen local economies while preserving community character.

“Monica’s vision and collaborative approach will be critical as we work to expand opportunity, support local businesses, and guide responsible development throughout our city,” Van Campen said.

Robert Knox, who will be appointed as Executive Director of City Services, will lead the city’s public works operations, including infrastructure maintenance, capital improvement projects, transportation, and essential services. Knox has over 30 years of experience in managing complex public works systems and ensuring efficient, safe, and reliable service delivery.

“Strong infrastructure is the foundation of a thriving city,” Van Campen said. “Robert Knox’s leadership and technical expertise will help ensure our streets, utilities, and public facilities meet the needs of today while preparing for the future.”

“These leaders share my belief in transparent government, fiscal responsibility, and putting residents first,” Mayor-elect Van Campen added. “I am confident they will serve our community with integrity and excellence.”

**NEXT PHASE OF SUFFOLK DOWNS BEGINS**

REVERE - The HYM Investment Group (“HYM”), Cathexis Holdings, LP (“Cathexis”), the City of Revere, Related Fund Management, and Suffolk celebrated the official groundbreaking of Portico, the second multifamily building at Suffolk Downs. The 473-unit project marks continued momentum for the transformative 161-acre Suffolk Downs redevelopment,



Shown above, Frank Alfano, Ann Mini, Maureen and Dale Willett, Ernie Brown, Councilor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, Cheryl Rivers, and Lucretia Deeran enjoying the holiday party hosted by the Revere Office of Elder Affairs on Dec. 17.

ment, which is expected to deliver 10,000 homes across Revere and East Boston. Portico will join Amaya – the first residential building at Suffolk Downs – as part of the growing mixed-use development in Beachmont Square.

Upon completion, Portico will deliver a mix of studio, one-bedroom, one-bedroom + den, and two-bedroom floorplans, alongside more than 33,000 square feet of ground-level retail space. Portico will offer a collection of distinctive indoor and outdoor amenities, including a 15th-floor sky deck with sweeping ocean views, a lounge with a kitchen and terrace overlooking Beachmont Plaza, and an expansive courtyard with flexible lawn areas, fire pits, grills, and serene landscaped seating. Residents will also enjoy innovative creative studios with recording pods, a state-of-the-art fitness center, and a bright veranda featuring a coffee bar and private work pods.

Located just steps from the Beachmont MBTA Blue Line Station, Portico will be ideal for working professionals and residents looking for a connected, amenity-rich home base with ease of access to Downtown Boston and the coast. The new construction will bring dynamic and needed additional retail to Beachmont Square and along Salt Street, joining the recently opened Twisted Fate Brewery and The Point Barre and Yoga Studio at Amaya. Connected to a lively hub of civic spaces, open space, and retail, the 1.7 million square foot, mixed-use Beachmont Square serves as a gateway to the larger Suffolk Downs site. Suffolk Downs residents have access to a diverse array of fitness, shopping, food, and beverage options. This includes The Yard @ Beachmont Square, The Track at Suffolk Downs, The Dog Park, community events, and concerts hosted at The Stage at Suffolk Downs.

Portico was, in part, made possible through a public-private partnership between HYM, Cathexis, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the city of Revere. Governor Maureen Healey and Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus helped advance the development of Portico through the Housing Development Incentive Pro-

gram (HDIP), while Mayor Patrick Keefe and the Revere City Council were key in taking the local action needed to unlock Commonwealth tax incentives.

“The Suffolk Downs redevelopment is a transformative project for Revere and Greater Boston, and the Healey-Driscoll Administration was proud to award \$5 million to help make this project possible,” said Ed Augustus, Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities. “Portico and the Suffolk Downs redevelopment will help us get to the 222,000 homes Massachusetts needs to keep up with housing demand, give buyers and renters more choices, and bring down costs.”

“Today’s groundbreaking at Portico reminds us of why both families and businesses invest in Revere. With our scenic coastal geography, convenient access to public transit, and competitive market value, there is clear incentive to plant roots and grow in Revere. Portico will deliver the needed housing, economic activity, and renewed energy to a neighborhood that is central to Revere’s progress,” said Patrick Keefe, Mayor of Revere.

“We couldn’t be happier to celebrate the groundbreaking of Portico today,” said Thomas N. O’Brien, Founding Partner and Managing Director of The HYM Investment Group. “Our focus at Suffolk Downs has always been to deliver thousands of new homes and create a truly mixed-use neighborhood and destination to meet the moment for Greater Boston. Breaking ground on Portico represents that vision in action. We are grateful to Governor Healey, Secretary Augustus, Related Fund Management, and all our project partners who have made this groundbreaking possible, and we’re certain Portico will be a welcome addition to the Beachmont Square community.”

“We are pleased to see Portico advancing as a key component of the Suffolk Downs redevelopment,” said William Harrison, CEO of Cathexis. “HYM continues to demonstrate exceptional vision and execution, and their leadership has been instrumental in progressing a project that will bring much-needed housing and lasting community benefits to the region. Portico represents an important milestone in realizing the long-term potential of the site, and we remain committed to supporting the creation of a vibrant, mixed-use community that will serve the region for decades to come.”

“Today’s groundbreaking of Portico represents another step forward for Revere and for the future of Suffolk

Downs,” said Senator Lydia Edwards, State Senator for the Third Suffolk District. “This project reflects what is possible when the Commonwealth, the City of Revere, and private partners work together to deliver much-needed housing, create jobs, and build neighborhoods accessible to transportation. I want to thank the Healey-Driscoll Administration, the City of Revere and Mayor Keefe, HYM, Cathexis, and all of the public and private partners whose collaboration made this milestone possible. Portico will not only add hundreds of new homes, but also strengthen Beachmont Square as a community that supports local businesses and expands opportunities for residents across our region.”

Related Fund Management, a vertically integrated real estate private equity and credit firm, provided \$226 million in senior construction financing for Portico through its Related Real Estate Debt Fund IV. The construction loan will support the development of Portico and its robust amenities.

JLL Capital Market’s Debt Advisory team representing HYM and Cathexis was led by Executive Managing Director Riaz Cassum, Managing Director Andrew Gray and Vice President Robyn King.

“Portico showcases the strength of investor appetite for building high-quality housing in the Boston area. The rental market demand has remained steady, as renters seek high-quality, yet affordable homes,” said Riaz Cassum. “This project’s strategic location near rapid transit and high-end amenities make it an attractive investment opportunity in today’s market.”

Suffolk is the general contractor for Portico, leading the ground-up construction of the multifamily building.

“We’re proud to bring Portico to life and support the City of Revere as Beachmont Square continues to take shape, providing residents with a connected, amenity-rich home just steps from the Blue Line and all that Boston has to offer,” said Pat Lucey, General Manager, Suffolk Northeast. “Suffolk has been deeply engaged in this community for years, and projects like Portico give us the chance to deliver high-quality housing and vibrant public spaces that truly serve local residents. It’s exciting to see the neighborhood grow, and we’re honored to help create a place that will benefit Revere for years to come.”

With the official groundbreaking, construction on Portico has begun and delivery is anticipated by February 2028.

For more information on Suffolk Downs, please visit [atsuffolkdowns.com](https://atsuffolkdowns.com).

**COUNCIL WRAPS UP LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR**

WINTHROP - The town council approved the appropriation of \$980,000 for the ongoing lead service water line replacement project at its meeting..

“This is going to be our seventh lead line removal project,” said public works director Steve Calla. “Every year, we strive to remove 100 services, with just under 500 at this time, so we’ve made good progress. It is 10-year, zero-interest loans from the MWRA.”

Calla said the DEP mandates the town to continue removing the existing lead lines in the town.

“It is something that we have to do; it is certainly very important for public health,” said Calla.

In other business during the last meeting of the year, Council President Jim Letterie provided an update on ongoing work at Ingleside Park.

“People are seeing some action at Ingleside Park in terms of the baseball field,” said Letterie. “The baseball field that was there is being converted into basically a softball field. It is going to be a dirt infield and it is going to have the ability to multi-task and also still be used as a baseball field as needed.”

“The maintenance should be a little bit easier and it should be used a lot more,” Letterie continued. “It is going to be the new home of the Winthrop High School girls softball team, and hopefully, we can get a lot more use out of the recreational space that is down there.”

Letterie said residents will also see some work going on at one of the tennis courts at the park.

“The success the town has had with pickleball, it’s been incredible with the support that the leagues have had, it just keeps continuing to grow,” he said.

The town will be adding two additional pickleball courts to the tennis courts, Letterie said.

In other business, the council heard from Aaron Toffler, the executive director of the Massport Community Advisory Committee (MCAC) and MCAC vice chair and Winthrop representative Jerry Falbo.

The MCAC was created by state legislation in 2014, and comprises 35 communities impacted by Logan Airport and other Massport properties.

The MCAC helps provide a voice for those communities and provide oversight to Massport, Toffler said.

Toffler highlighted the noise and air quality testing efforts that are underway in Winthrop and East Boston, as well as the MCAC’s efforts to have Massport increase those efforts.

“We know we can’t do everything, but we want to force Massport’s hand and say, look, this is the data we are seeing, you guys should be collecting a lot more of it, and then we can talk about what the solutions to the problems are,” said Toffler. “It’s a major international airport and it’s not going to go away, but I do think there are some things that we can do once we get that cancer data or the data on heart disease ... and put together some really compelling stories about when the wind blows from the west.”

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TEMPLE EMMANUEL HANUKKAH PARTY

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Temple Emmanuel hosted a Hanukkah Party Dec. 20 in the Elaine and Larry Smith Social Hall.

Temple President Sara Lee Callahan welcomed members and guests to the festive celebration of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights.

Rabbi Oksana Chapman led the group in the blessings for the lighting of the Menorah. Rabbi Chapman and Temple member Carole Turransky also led the gathering in the singing of Hanukkah songs.

The always affable Stephen Vider entertained the group by asking Hanukkah-related questions and presenting prizes (that he donated) to the correct respondents. A raffle drawing for prizes was also held.



Enjoying the Hanukkah party at Temple Emmanuel are Karen Padulsky Poverman, Naomi Zabot, Melissa Morrow, Devra Zabot, and Rabbi Oksana Chapman.



Seated are guests Edythe Shuman, Dotty Novak, and Murray Novak. Standing are Dawna Nogueira, Judith Orlandino, Sue Huberman, and Stephen Vider.



Rabbi Oksana Chapman and Carole Turransky serenade the audience with a Hanukkah song, "Ma'oz Tsur."



The Padulsky family, Sheldon Young, with his nieces, Lynda Padulsky Diamond, Sarah Diamond, and Karen Padulsky Poverman.



Dedicated supporters of Temple Emmanuel Carole Turransky and Ralph Turransky, pictured at the Hanukkah party.



Temple President Sara Lee Callahan and her husband, Attorney Michael Callahan, esteemed graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Boston College Law School.



Lynda Diamond and Maxine Dollie Oborsky enjoying the Hanukkah party.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

It’s hard to believe that another year has passed and that 2026 is here -- and that we now are entering the second quarter of the 21st century.

For those of us who ourselves are close to three-quarters of a century in age, as we look back at the quarter-century markers of our lifetime, we realize that when we were young, everything from the past seemed like it was long, long ago (and in a galaxy far, far away).

For example, when we’d be watching WWII movies such as The Longest Day or The Battle of the Bulge in the 1960s, that war seemed to be entirely of another era. But the historical events depicted in those movies had occurred less than 20 years previously.

That’s about the same length of time, for example, that separates the start of the war in Iraq, which was in 2003, to today. Yet as we look back on that war, it seems like it was only yesterday that we were glued to our TV sets watching the U.S. forces advance to Baghdad.

Thoughts such as these make us realize that the one thing we’ve discovered about aging is that the older we get, the faster that time seems to go by.

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We often quote a verse from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “Ring Out Wild Bells” when we write our annual New Year’s editorial.

But after re-reading the poem in its entirety, we are printing the whole thing, because it sums up -- better than we ever could express -- our feelings about the departing 2025 and our hopes for the coming year 2026.

Although it was published in 1850, the poem’s verses are timeless. Indeed, one could apply every stanza to something going on in the world today.

So we hope you take the time to read it and enjoy it, as we did the other day:

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.  
Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more,  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.  
Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.  
Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.  
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.  
Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Residents invited to conversation about parking and housing

Special to the Record

Chelsea residents are invited to a community conversation about parking—and how updating parking rules could increase housing stock and make housing more affordable in the city—on Tuesday, January 13, at 6 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center, 10 Riley

Way (behind Chelsea Fire Headquarters).

Chelsea’s City Manager Fidel Maltez and Director of Housing & Community Development Ben Cares will host the meeting along with representatives from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and local housing advocates.

The City’s current parking requirements, known as “parking minimums,” influence the cost of building new homes and the types of housing constructed in Chelsea, as well as the City’s ability to plan for its future. By reconsidering these rules, Chelsea can increase housing options and potentially reduce housing costs for residents.

During the meeting, residents will have the chance to ask questions, share their thoughts, and help shape the City’s approach to parking and housing.

The MAPC, a public agency, conducts research and publishes studies widely used by lawmakers and planners across the region.

MASSDOT AND MARKET BASKET HOST PEDESTRIAN SAFETY EVENT

MassDOT and Community Voices for Road Safety held a special pedestrian safety event at Market Basket.



Pictured at the MassDOT pedestrian safety event at Market Basket (from left) are City Councilor Lisa Santagate, Elizabeth Hemenway of Travelers Marketing, MassDOT Highway Specialist Kristen Johnson, Civil Engineer Michelle Deng, Chief Communications Officer Amelia Aubourg, and Jeff Larson of Travelers Marketing.



City Manager Fidel Maltez, Firefighter Juan Alejandro, and City Councilor Lisa Santagate turned out to support MassDOT and Community Voices for Road Safety at the pedestrian safety event held at the Chelsea Market Basket store.



Two of Chelsea’s most superlative athletes, Tony Tiro (left), arguably the greatest running back in Chelsea Pop Warner history, and Richard Maronski, who led Chelsea High to a scintillating 34-26 comeback win over Medford in the 1980 Thanksgiving Game, pictured at Market Basket in Chelsea.

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Specifically, Chelsea and East Boston collaborated on a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek.

The Battle of Chelsea Creek is an often-overlooked chapter in the nation’s history, and in collaboration with East Boston and partner organizations, the city presented an exciting weekend of cultural programming, including the docking of a historic 1894 schooner, the SSV Ernestina-Morrissey, for the general public to board.

The city council and the city’s zoning and planning boards were busy in 2025, with a lot of focus on a proposed food and fish processing facility that was proposed for the former Signature Breads facility on Justin Drive.

Proponents of the facility from Boston Provisions said it would bring jobs to Chelsea, and that it would be a clean, state-of-the-art facility. Many residents from the Admirals Hill neighborhood opposed the project, raising concerns about fish odor, traffic, and safety.

Despite a positive recommendation from the planning board in September, the zoning board of appeals denied issuing the special permits necessary for the project to move forward.

The debate over the facility continued throughout the fall as the city council and zoning and planning boards debated a proposed zoning amendment that would further limit where fish processing facilities could operate in Chelsea.

Phase I of the city’s Downtown Broadway construction project was completed this fall, although the project created hardship for a number of local businesses in the downtown business corridor.

District 7 City Councilor Manuel Teshe was among city leaders who called for additional resources for the businesses impacted by the construction.

In 2027, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will launch Phase II of the Downtown Broadway Project. During this phase, MassDOT will beautify the corridor with a brand new roadway, sidewalks, and public open space, as well as install new traffic signals and pedestrian safety im-

provements, according to Maltez.

“Broadway is the heart of our City, and it has not seen significant investment since 1973,” said Maltez. “We cannot wait to celebrate a ribbon cutting on Broadway with fully replaced sidewalks, traffic signals, and a new roadway.”

While Broadway was under the microscope in 2025, there was also continued work on a longer-term vision for the city with the Chelsea Pa’Lante, Chelsea Onward comprehensive master planning process.

“Earlier this year, we commenced Phase I: Learning and Listening,” said Maltez. “We are now actively transitioning into Phase II: Visioning and Testing.”

Thus far, the plan has identified that the city needs to address crisis response and stabilization, while working on long-term prosperity for everyone, Maltez stated.

“These include ensuring our families can stay by producing and preserving affordable housing; fostering conditions where our business owners prosper; supporting local enterprises and cultivating industry; strengthening our community networks; cultivating safe neighborhoods; and many more,” said Maltez.

The past year also saw the beginning stages of a major project in Prattville with a private developer working with the Chelsea Housing Authority.

In the spring, the Chelsea Housing Authority Board of Commissioners designated the Joseph J. Corcoran and the John M. Corcoran companies as the redevelopment partners with the CHA for the 13 acres of its Fitzpatrick and Prattville site.

The Corcoran companies are the CHA partners for the ongoing Innes/Central Avenue redevelopment.

The project is still in the early stages, but CHA Executive Director Paul Nowicki, Corcoran partners, and City Manager Fidel Maltez said the project will include brand new housing units for all 198 families currently housed on the two sites, as well as a mix of affordable- and market-rate residential units on the parcel.

All the occupants of the current units will be of-

fered temporary housing while the work is ongoing, and will be able to return to the new units once they are completed.

There was also a continued emphasis on the development and improvement of parks and green spaces in Chelsea in 2025.

One of the latest examples of that work was the receipt of a Community Development Block Grant to help fund improvements to Voke Park.

“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 Housing and Community Development Director Ben 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.

It was a fairly quiet election season for the city council in 2025. The majority of incumbents who ran for reelection were victorious.

The lone race that saw a challenger top the incumbent on the ballot was the District 2 city council race, where Deron Hines topped Melinda Vega by a tally of 206-147 votes.

Hines has said his campaign was focused on connecting Chelsea residents with City Hall and informing them of the decision making that impacts their daily lives through government transparency, youth mentorship, and housing protections.

The Class of 2025 held its graduation ceremony in the spring with 436 students from Chelsea High School, the Chelsea Opportunity Academy, and the Virtual Learning Academy.

In other school news, the

school committee extended Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta’s contract for another five years.

“I am deeply honored to continue serving the Chelsea community,” said Dr. Abeyta. “Our students are talented, resilient, and full of potential. I look forward to building on the progress we’ve made together and continuing the work of ensuring we know every student by name, strength and story.”

The school administration and the school committee continued to focus on the positive achievements of its staff and students throughout the year, as evidenced by the school committee’s monthly Name, Strength, and Story awards.

City councilors continued to push for a community center and a new fire station, among other initiatives in 2025.

In response to a large number of fires in 2024, the fire chief introduced Engine 4 into the normal rotation operating out of the Central Fire Station earlier in 2025.

“Having a fourth engine gives the fire department the ability to respond to several incidents, and attack fires from multiple angles,” said Maltez. “Engine 4 has had an immediate impact on our operations by improving our ability to distribute workload, work towards reducing response times, and provide more consistent coverage across the city. By implementing this additional engine, it puts us in a better position to meet the expected increase in call volume as the city continues to grow and develop.”

Maltez stated that the city is also continuing efforts to find a home for an all-ages community center. In addition, he said plans are underway to partner with the Boys and Girls Club of Boston to bring a teen center to Broadway.

Chelsea also signed on to join Winthrop and Revere as the third member of the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC).

The addition of Chelsea helped move forward plans for a new regional dispatch center at the McKinley School in Revere. The McKinley School project is currently in the design phase, with an anticipated completion date of 2027.

## OBITUARIES

### Theresa (Proctor) Grimaldi

March 8, 1935 - December 23, 2025

Theresa Grimaldi, of Chelsea passed away peacefully on December 23rd, at the age of 90. She was the beloved wife for 32 years to the late Gaetano C. “Guy” Grimaldi. Theresa was a loving mother to her daughters, Paula Grimaldi and Carla Higgins, and she cherished the memory of her late son-in-law, Kevin Higgins.

Born to Chester W. and Cecilia (Tomaszewski) Proctor, Theresa was a devoted Catholic and a longstanding parishioner of the former St. Stanislaus Parish in Chelsea. She held special devotions to St. Anthony and St. Jude, which reflected her strong faith throughout her life.

Theresa dedicated 42 years of her life to the Chelsea Public School System, serving as a Teacher’s Assistant until her retirement at age 77.

In addition to her parents, Theresa was also preceded in death by her siblings: Clare Proctor, Marie Costigan and her late husband, Edward, as well as Josephine Krasco and her late husband, George. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Theresa will be honored with a Mass of Christian Burial today, Wednesday, December 31st, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, located at 250 Revere St., Revere, at 10 a.m. Friends and relatives are most kindly invited to meet directly at the church. Interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, friends may wish to make contributions in Theresa’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905, or online at [www.StJude.org/Donate](http://www.StJude.org/Donate).

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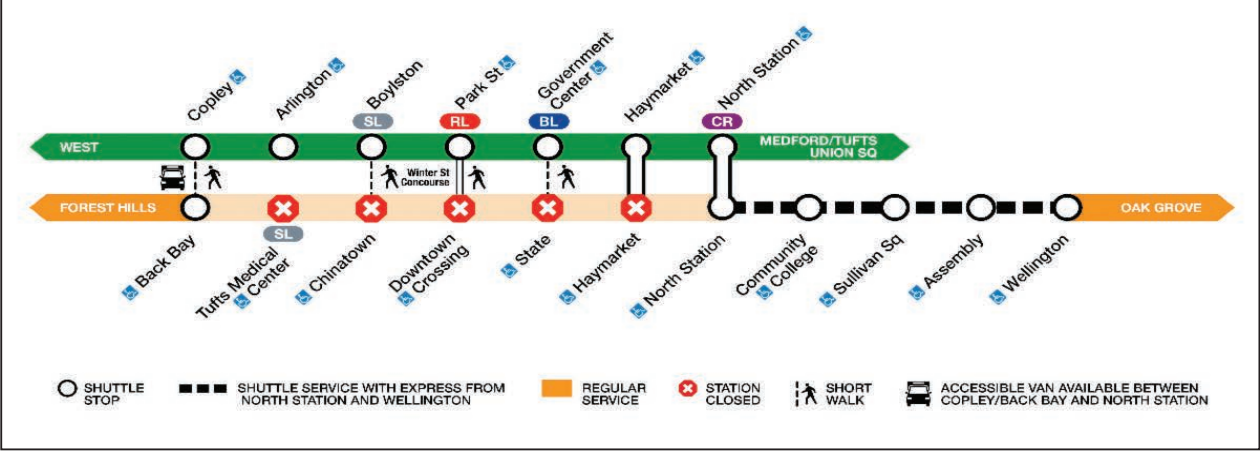
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# MBTA announces January service changes



The Orange Line



The Blue Line

Special to the Record

Service changes are taking place in January to support Orange and Blue line tunnel inspections, Red Line signal work, MassDOT's West Roxbury Parkway Bridge Replacement project, and the North Station Terminal Area Signal System Improvement Project.

The MBTA announced service changes in January on the Orange, Blue, Red, Needham, Fitchburg, Haverhill, Lowell, and Newburyport/Rockport lines.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at [mbta.com/PlannedWork](https://www.mbta.com/PlannedWork). Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @MBTA, @MBTA\_CR, and @MBTA\_CR\_Alerts for up-to-date service information.

### On the Orange Line:

The MBTA will perform tunnel inspections on the Orange Line between Wellington and Back Bay in January. Proactive inspections are a critical and necessary part of maintaining the integrity of the system.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place the weekend of January 10 – 11:

Orange Line service will be suspended between Wellington and Back Bay.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will operate during this service change.

Local shuttle buses will make all stops between Wellington and North Station.

Express shuttle buses will operate directly between

Wellington and North Station.

Riders using the shuttles should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Downtown Crossing from Wellington should budget at least an additional 45 minutes of travel in addition to their regular commute.

For service through the downtown area near Back Bay, riders are encouraged to utilize parallel Green Line service between North Station and Copley (which is less than a quarter-mile or about a four-minute walk from Back Bay). The MBTA will increase Green Line service during this time to accommodate Orange Line riders.

There will be free fares with the fare gates open at Back Bay, Copley, Wellington, and North Station.

Riders are encouraged to consider fare-free Commuter Rail service between Oak Grove and North Station as well as between Forest Hills and South Station.

Accessible vans will be available at downtown Orange Line stations between Back Bay and North Station as well as Copley on the Green Line.

### On the Blue Line:

The MBTA will perform tunnel inspections on the Blue Line between Bowdoin and Airport in January. Proactive inspections are a critical and necessary part of maintaining the integrity of the system.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place the weekend of January 24 – 25:

Blue Line service will be suspended between Bowdoin and Airport.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops at Airport, Maverick, and Hay-

market on the Green and Orange lines.

There will be no direct shuttle bus service to/from Bowdoin, Government Center (for connections to the Green Line), State (for connections to the Orange Line), or Aquarium.

Bowdoin is 0.3 miles (or about a six-minute walk) from Haymarket and Aquarium is 0.4 miles (or about a nine-minute walk) from Haymarket.

Accessible van service will be available for direct service to Government, Haymarket, Aquarium, and State. Accessible vans can be requested by MBTA personnel or by a station call box.

The East Boston Ferry will operate and be free during this service change.

On Saturday, the ferry will operate from 6 AM to 10 PM.

On Sunday, the ferry will operate from 6 AM to 9 PM.

The ferry will depart from each terminus point every 30 minutes.

Schedules will be available soon at [mbta.com/East-BostonFerry](https://www.mbta.com/East-BostonFerry).

Riders using shuttle buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Government Center from Wonderland should budget at least an additional 30 – 40 minutes of travel in addition to their regular commute.

There will be free fares with the fare gates open at Airport, Wood Island, Orient Heights, Suffolk Downs, Beachmont, Revere Beach, and Wonderland.

### On the Red Line:

The MBTA will continue signal upgrade and modernization work in January on the Red Line. By upgrading and modernizing its signals, the MBTA will significantly increase operational efficiency and improve scheduling reliability for riders. The MBTA will also maximize access to closed stations by performing cleaning, signage replacement, plumbing repairs and pump room

work, and window replacements throughout the shutdown area as well as preparations for column work at Massachusetts Avenue Station.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place the weekend of January 31 – February 1:

- Red Line service will be suspended between Broadway and Ashmont on the Ashmont Branch and Broadway and North Quincy on the Braintree Branch.

- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Broadway and Ashmont as well as between Broadway and North Quincy.

- There will be free fares with the fare gates open at Broadway and North Quincy.

- Riders are strongly encouraged to use the Fall River/New Bedford, Kingston, and Greenbush (Old Colony) Commuter Rail lines for fare-free service between Braintree, Quincy Center, JFK/UMass, and South Station. Commuter Rail schedules are available at [mbta.com/CR](https://www.mbta.com/CR).

- Travel time between Braintree and South Station on the Commuter Rail is about 24 minutes.

- Riders should note that regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected for travel beyond Braintree.

- Accessible van service will be available between the Savin Hill headhouse and the shuttle stop. Accessible vans can be requested by MBTA personnel or by a station call box.

- Riders using shuttle buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Downtown Crossing from Ashmont should budget at least an additional 40 minutes of travel in addition to their regular commute.

### On the Needham Line:

MassDOT will perform work in January as part of the West Roxbury Parkway Bridge Replacement project,

which will replace the bridge that carries the West Roxbury Parkway over the Needham Line.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place the weekend of January 31 – February 1:

- Needham Line service will be suspended between Needham Heights and South Station.

- There will be no shuttle bus service alternatives for this service change.

- Passengers may use Bus Routes 35, 36, and 37 between West Roxbury and Forest Hills for connections to Orange Line subway service between Forest Hills and Back Bay.

- Passengers may use Bus Route 59 between Needham Junction and Newton Highlands for connections to Green Line D branch subway service to Copley, which is less than a quarter mile away (or about a four-minute walk) from Back Bay.

- There will be no service at Hersey.

- Riders using Bus Routes 35, 36, 37, or 59 should budget extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to South Station from West Roxbury should budget at least 35 minutes of travel in addition to their regular trip time.

### On the Fitchburg, Haverhill, Lowell, and Newburyport/Rockport lines:

The MBTA will perform work during select weekends in January as part of the North Station Terminal Area Signal System Improvement Project that affects all Northside Commuter Rail lines. This project is replacing the obsolete signal system that controls the movement of MBTA Commuter Rail and Amtrak trains in and out of North Station with a new, state-of-the-art microprocessor system that requires less maintenance and reduces failures and train delays. The area where work is taking place is a complex network of tracks and switches that connect the station tracks at North Station, five major Commuter Rail lines, and the Boston Engine Terminal where trains are stored and maintained.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspensions will take place during the weekends of January 3 – 4, January 17 – 19, and January 31 – February 1:

- Fitchburg Line service will be suspended between North Station and Porter.
- Passengers can instead utilize the Red Line subway service to and from Porter for alternate connections.
- Riders traveling to/from North Station should budget

extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to North Station from Porter should budget at least 20 minutes of travel in addition to their regular trip time.

- Haverhill Line service will be suspended between North Station and Oak Grove.

- Passengers can instead utilize Orange Line subway service as an alternative between each station.

- Riders using the Orange Line should budget extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to North Station from Oak Grove should budget at least 10 minutes of travel in addition to their regular trip time.

- Lowell Line service will be suspended between North Station and Anderson/Woburn.

- Free and accessible local shuttle buses will operate between each station.

- Free and accessible express shuttle buses will operate directly between North Station and Anderson/Woburn.

- Regular Commuter Rail fares should be purchased for service beyond Anderson/Woburn.

- Riders using the shuttle buses should budget extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to North Station from Anderson/Woburn should budget up to 15 minutes additional travel on the express shuttle and up to 40 minutes additional travel on the local shuttle.

- Newburyport/Rockport Line service will be suspended between North Station and Swampscott.

- Free and accessible local shuttle buses will operate between each station.

- Free and accessible express shuttle buses will operate directly between North Station and Swampscott.

- Regular Commuter Rail fares should be purchased for service beyond Swampscott.

- Riders using shuttle buses should budget extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to North Station from Swampscott should budget up to 40 minutes additional travel on the express shuttle and up to 70 minutes additional travel on the local shuttle.

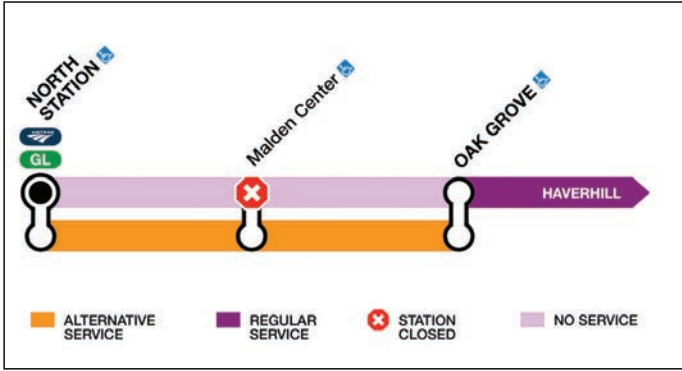
- Note: The last outbound trip of the night will also serve Salem and Beverly Depot. There will be no train connections at Beverly Depot.

A dedicated diversion schedule will be available soon on [MBTA.com/CR](https://www.mbta.com/CR).

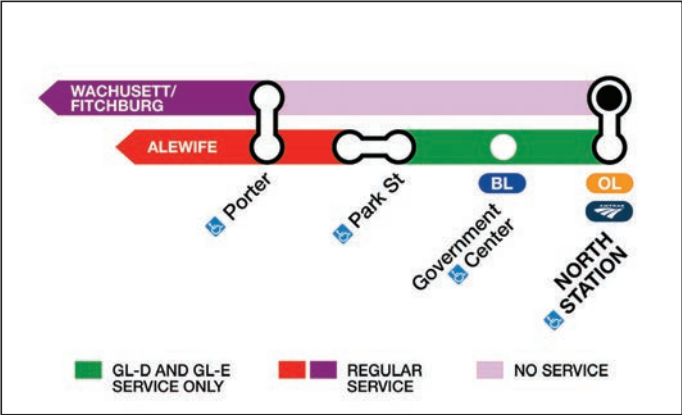
The MBTA previously announced service changes in December. More information is available [here](https://www.mbta.com/PlannedWork).

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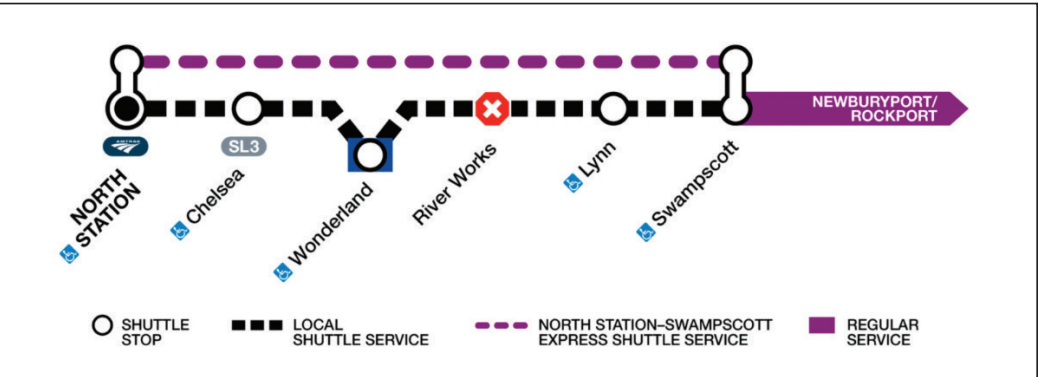
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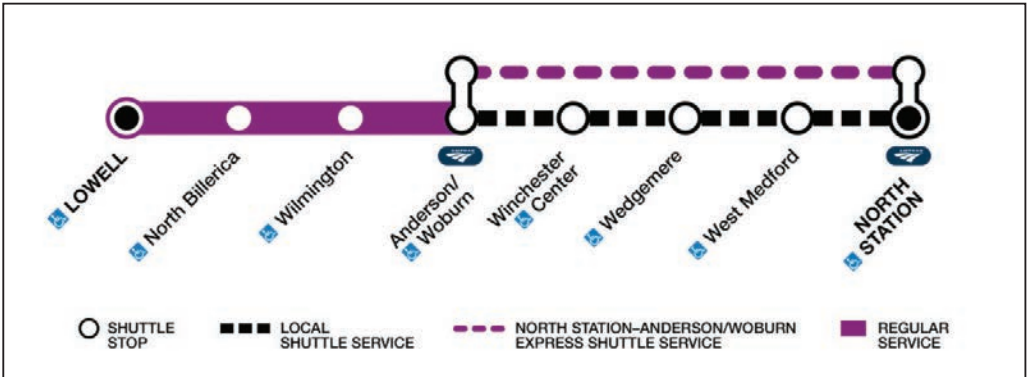
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Fitchburg, Haverhill, Lowell, and Newburyport/Rockport lines



Newburyport/Rockport Line



Lowell Line



# Rep. Garcia tours Northeast Metro Tech and visits new school construction site to view significant progress

Special to the Record

Superintendent David DiBarri and Northeast Metro Tech were excited to welcome state Rep. Judith Garcia to a tour of the school and the bustling construction site where a new school is taking shape.

On Monday, Nov. 8, Rep. Garcia, along with Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and Inaugural Director of Athletic Infrastructure and Sports Tourism Charles Giuffrida, visited Northeast Metro Tech. They were given a tour by students from Chelsea. Students were able to get to know Rep. Garcia and the City Manager as they showed them around the school store, bank, a business classroom and the automotive shop.

Students and staff then led Rep. Garcia and her guests on a tour of the bustling construction site. On average more than 200 contractors per day are working on schedule and under budget to create the new Northeast Metro Tech.

Recent major updates to the building include enclosing the building, completing the Farm Street driveway, and starting work on interior mechanical and heating systems to allow interior finish work to continue.

Elevators, flooring, lighting, ceilings, and painting will be installed and completed in the coming months, with the building on schedule to receive its occupancy permit in August 2026.

“It was a pleasure to host

Chelsea officials so they can see the progress we have made,” said Superintendent David DiBarri. “Our students are our best ambassadors and were able to share their excitement about the future. The new school means that students from Chelsea and across the district will have a modern pathway to employment in high-paying, high-demand jobs.”

“It was exciting to show some of our Chelsea city leaders all of the progress that is being made here at Northeast Metro Tech,” said Northeast Metro Tech School Committee Member Blanca Gacharna, of Chelsea. “We are extremely proud of our school, and of the incredible new building that is rising as we watch.”

“My visit to the Northeast Metropolitan Vocational School District was truly memorable. The Chelsea students who guided our tour brought such pride and excitement as they showed us the school store, bank, business classroom, and automotive shop. Hearing them describe their work and seeing their confidence in these hands-on learning spaces was incredibly inspiring,” said Rep. Garcia. “I also loved seeing the plans for their beautiful new building opening next year, which will only expand these opportunities for our students. Thank you to Superintendent DiBarri and his team for welcoming us and for their commitment to creating an environment where students can excel.”



Chelsea students gave state Rep. Garcia and City Manager Maltez a tour of the Northeast Metro Tech store and other locations. (Photo Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)



State Rep. Judith Garcia and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez stand with Northeast Metro Tech students and staff in the school's automotive shop. Students from Chelsea led Rep. Garcia and City Manager Maltez on a tour of the school Monday. (Photo Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)



After touring the current Northeast Metro Tech, state Rep. Garcia and City Manager Maltez got a tour of the new Northeast Metro Tech, which is taking shape on time and under budget. (Photo Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

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transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region's economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, Bus

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# CHS Roundup

## UNDEFEATED CHS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM HOSTS BOSTON ENGLISH FRIDAY

The 3-0 Chelsea High boys basketball team will return to action from its holiday break when coach Cesar Castro and his Red Devils host non-league opponent Boston English this Friday afternoon (January 2). The opening tip is set for 2:30.

The Red Devils’ fast start has seen them defeat three Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals, Somerville, Everett, and Malden.

In the 67-56 triumph over Somerville, Geo Brito (18 points) and Moe Osman (16 points) led the way in the scoring department. Point guard JJ Williams also reached double figures with 15 points and dished seven assists. Brouk Ephrem turned in a key performance, dominating the boards in the second half.

The 44-43 triumph over Everett was a thriller that saw Chelsea overcome a six-point deficit with 1:30 to play. “Our relentless defense set us up to win, holding Everett to only 13 points in the second half, 10 in the third and just three in the fourth quarter,” said Castro. “The fact that Everett only scored three free throws and no field goals in the fourth speaks volumes about our defense.”

The outcome of the contest came down to the final 20 seconds with the Devils trailing, 43-41 and Everett in possession of the ball. However, Chelsea stole the ball and Castro called a timeout. The Red Devils worked the ball around the perimeter of the Crimson Tide defense until Hus Mohammed drove toward the basket from the right wing with about eight seconds on the clock, drawing two de-

fenders.

Mohammed then kicked the ball back to the left wing where Roify Otanez was open just beyond the arc. Roify calmly stepped into his shot and swished the trey, with the ball falling through the hoop with less than five seconds to go.

“It was a great win for both the city and our players,” said Castro of the dramatic victory, which reportedly was the first triumph by a CHS boys basketball team over Everett since 1988 (though it should be noted that the schools did not play each other for almost all of that time frame because Chelsea joined the Commonwealth Athletic Conference in the 1990s).

“Brouk Ephrem hit some clutch free throws and once again controlled the boards,” Castro added.

The 60-49 win over Malden on the Tuesday before Christmas provided Chelsea with its best start in many years.

“I think we played a bit sluggishly vs. Malden, but good teams find ways to win,” said Castro, who is in his third season at the helm of the CHS boys program. “This is our best start since I got the job. We had a good off-season and pre-season in which the kids worked really hard. Now, we’re going to get back to work and improve as we prepare to play Boston English.”

Castro and his crew will make the short trek to GBL archrival Revere High next Tuesday evening (January 6) for a renewal of the Battle of Broadway and then will host GBL foe Medford next Thursday at 6:00.

## CHS GIRLS HOOP TO HOST REVERE

The Chelsea High girls basketball team will return from its long holiday break when coach Bruce Harrison and his Lady Red Devils

host Revere next Tuesday evening (January 6). The opening tip is set for 5:30.

The Lady Devils, who stand at 1-3 on the season, came up short by a score of 61-46 to Malden in their last contest before the vacation break. “We need to rebound better and stop turning the ball over,” noted Harrison, whose crew will trek to Medford next Thursday (January 8).

## CHS GIRLS TRACK DEFEATS LYNN ENGLISH

The Chelsea High girls indoor track and field team earned its first victory of the season with a triumph over Lynn English in a tri-meet with Revere on the Friday before the vacation break at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Junior Lilly Serrano led the way for the Lady Red Devils, who defeated English 54-29 and fell to Revere, 52-36. 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”.

Taken all together, Lilly accounted for 28 points vs. both opponents.

In addition, all three of Lilly’s performances ranked among the top three of all of the GBL girls who were competing that night. (All eight of the GBL teams compete among each other on Friday evenings at the Reggie in either dual or tri-meets.)

Lilly was tied for the second-fastest time of the night in the 55 dash; her 300 clocking was the second-fastest overall; and her high jump was third overall.

Fellow junior Thania Simon also shone at the Reggie. Thania 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, to earn a second vs. English and a third vs. Revere.

Senior Dieunie Cade-mus also was a standout for the Lady Red Devils, taking first-place honors vs. both English and Revere in the shot-put with a toss of 25’-11.25”, which was the fifth-longest toss of the night among the GBL schools.

Senior Hazel Hatleberg turned in a superlative effort in two events. In the 1000, Hazel took first vs. English and second vs. Revere with a time of 6:37.39, which ranked as the fourth-fastest of the night. In the mile, Hazel also turned in the fourth-fastest time of the night in 6:37.39, once again taking first vs. English and second vs. Revere.

Additional point-scorers for the Lady Red Devils were:

- Ashly Damas Ruiz scored a third-place point vs. English in the 55 dash;
- Kimberly Fuentes

Chavez took first vs. English and second vs. Revere in the 600;

-- Katherine Benitez finished second vs. English and third vs. Revere in the 1000;

-- Aly Perez took first-place honors vs. English and second place vs. Revere in the two-mile;

-- Kimberly Ardon Romero finished first vs. English and third vs. Revere in the 55 hurdles and finished third vs. both opponents in the long jump; and

-- Harmony Rogers added a third-place point vs. English in the shot-put.

The Lady Red Devils’ next meet vs. their GBL opponents is set for January 23 at the Reggie with a tri-meet vs. Everett and Lynn Classical.

## CHS BOYS TRACK TOPPLES ENGLISH

The Chelsea High indoor track and field recorded its first “W” of the season with a 44-32 victory over Lynn English in a tri-meet with Revere on the Friday before the vacation break at the Reggie Lewis Center in roxbury. The Red Devils fell to Revere, 71-20.

Xavier Guzman was the top performer for the Red Devil boys. He won the 600 dash with a clocking

of 1:34.02, which was the second fastest of the night at the Reggie, earning him first-place vs. both Revere and English. Steven Artica took third place vs. English in the 600.

Greg Ulloa took first place vs. English in the 300 dash with a time of 43.52 and David Ponce grabbed third place vs.English.

In the 1000, Bryan Amaya-Yanes took first vs. English and second vs. Revere in a time of 3:15.48.

Carlos Perez-Acosta took first place vs. Revere and second vs. English in the mile with a clocking of 5:31.07.

Zakaria Moubtassim finished in first place vs. English and second vs. Revere in the 2-mile in a time of 13:17.37. Zakaria also grabbed first vs. English and third vs. Revere in the long jump. Aiden Rivas-Ortega finished second and Greg Ulloa took third vs. English in the LJ.

Kevin Romero-Molina took first vs. English and second vs. Revere in the shot-put with a throw of 37’-9.25”. Ugali Thomas took second and Philip Robles took third vs. English.

The Red Devils will engage ina. tri-meet vs. GBL foes Revere and Lynn Classical on Friday, January 23.

## BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

### BRUINS LOOKING FOR ANSWERS

Looking back on Saturday night’s 4-1 loss to the Buffalo Sabres, at the time, it caused an immediate swap of positions in the Atlantic Division, as the Bruins dropped into seventh place, and the Sabres moved up to the fifth spot. The extenuating result at the time, was the Sabres stretched their winning streak to eight games, while the Bruins stretched their losing streak to five. It was a night during which David Pastrnak would notch the lone Bruins goal, while Boston goalie Joonas Korpisalo was on the losing end. Once again it was the second period, which led to the locals’ demise, as their loose play resulted in three quick goals, and a hole they could not come back from. Among the things continuing to plague the Bruins: often weak defensive play, stalled offense, and more



often than not, a lack of discipline – resulting in far too many penalties to kill. Head coach Marco Sturm continues to look into the crystal ball, as he has moved players around, in an attempt to spread out the team’s strength, and even relocating Pastrnak to the third line. All the while, general manager Don Sweeney should maybe continue to look for the missing piece...a true number one center. In Boston’s division (Atlantic), the

margin between first place and last place continues to fluctuate between eight and ten points, magnifying the importance and value of each and every point. Perhaps shoring up the blue line with the recent return of two six-footers, namely Jonathan Aspirot and Henri Jokiharju will help, only time will tell.

Saturday night (10:00pm) Boston will play game number four of their five game road trip, taking on the Vancouver Canucks. The Seattle Kraken will provide the opposition on Tuesday (10:00pm), before the Bruins return to TD Garden ice on Thursday (7:00pm) to host the Calgary Flames, and the start of a welcome five-game homestand... which will also include visits from the New York Rangers, Pittsburgh, Detroit and Seattle.

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# Fifth Annual Rally 4 Nally Polar Plunge set for Jan. 3 at Carson Beach

Milestone event aims to surpass \$500,000 raised for ALS care and family support

Special to the Record

To honor the life and legacy of Cathy Nally and support families impacted by ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), siblings Dan and Betsy Nally will host the 5th Annual Rally 4 Nally Polar Plunge on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Carson Beach. Proceeds from the event will benefit Compassionate Care ALS (CCALS) and The Peter Frates Family Foundation, continuing Cathy’s mission to ensure families facing ALS receive compassionate care, critical resources, and hope.

Cathy Nally, of Westwood and Boston, passed away in August 2022 after a courageous two-year battle with ALS. Since its inception, Rally 4 Nally has raised more than \$430,000 to support individuals and families living with the disease and to advance critical care and research initiatives. Organizers expect the 2026 event to push total fundraising past \$500,000, marking



Supporters pictured at a previous Rally 4 Nally Polar Plunge.

a significant milestone in the fight against the disease.

**Event Details**  
Event: Rally 4 Nally Polar Plunge & Reception  
Date: Saturday, January 3, 2026  
Time: Registration opens at 10:00 a.m.; plunge at approximately 11:00 a.m.  
Location: Carson Beach Boathouse, William J. Day Blvd., Boston, MA  
Post-Plunge Reception: 12:00 p.m. at Loco Taqueria, 412 West Broadway, Boston, MA

To register or donate, visit <https://givebutter.com/rally4nally>. “It’s hard to believe that January 3, 2026 will mark our fifth Annual Rally 4 Nally,” said Dan Nally. “This event has grown into something far bigger than we ever imagined. With the continued generosity of our community, we’re hopeful that this year will bring us past \$500,000 raised for

Compassionate Care ALS and The Peter Frates Family Foundation.” Nally added that the milestone carries special meaning given the realities of ALS. “Every year, approximately 5,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with ALS, and the average life expectancy is less than five years. With no cure and limited options to slow progression, families need immediate support. These two organizations

are dedicated to providing grants, equipment, education, and peace of mind so families can focus on cherishing time together.” Compassionate Care ALS (CCALS) is a nonprofit organization that supports individuals living with ALS, along with their families, caregivers, and healthcare providers, through comprehensive services addressing both physical and emotional needs. The organization became a lifeline for the Nally

family early in Cathy’s diagnosis, providing hands-on guidance and support throughout her journey. The Peter Frates Family Foundation is a grant-based organization that assists families with the overwhelming cost of in-home care as ALS progresses. Founded in honor of Pete Frates—diagnosed with ALS at age 27—the foundation continues his legacy of advocacy and action. A former Boston College baseball captain, Frates helped launch the viral Ice Bucket Challenge in 2014, which raised more than \$225 million worldwide for ALS research and family support. Funding from that effort contributed to new treatment development, including Relyvrio, approved by the FDA in September 2022. To mark the fifth anniversary, the Nally family has set an online fundraising goal of \$55,000, with additional proceeds raised through a silent auction, raffle prizes, and a post-plunge celebration. Community members are invited to take the plunge, donate online, or support the effort from afar in Cathy Nally’s memory by visiting <https://givebutter.com/rally4nally>.

# Public health officials alert residents about potential exposure to measles in multiple locations

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed today that an out-of-state adult visitor who spent time in Boston and Westborough earlier this month was diagnosed with measles and was present in a number of locations. This could have resulted in other people being exposed to measles virus.

On December 11 at 2:39 p.m., the visitor arrived at Boston Logan Airport on American Airlines flight 2384 from Dallas-Fort Worth, TX. The visitor stayed at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston-Westborough in Westborough and departed the state on December 12 via Logan Airport at 9:19 p.m. on Jet-Blue flight 117 to Las Vegas, NV.

DPH is working with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local partners to identify and notify those who may have been exposed to measles from this individual.

“Measles is a highly contagious, airborne disease, which has increased significantly in the United States because of the un-

fortunate decrease in vaccination rates. It is also a preventable disease,” said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. “This current situation serves as an important reminder of the critical role vaccination plays in protecting our communities. While Massachusetts has not had a measles case this year, 2025 saw the highest number of nationwide cases in more than a decade – nearly 2,000 in 44 jurisdictions, and sadly, three deaths. Fifteen years ago, measles had been considered eliminated in the United States, but that tremendous progress is at risk. Vaccines are one of the most important public health interventions ever – they are safe, effective, and lifesaving.”

Measles is very contagious. However, the risk to most people in Massachusetts is low because the vaccination rate in the state is high. People who are not immune and visited any of the locations on the following dates and times may be at risk for developing measles.

Exposures to this individual may have occurred at the following locations and times:

- Logan Airport Terminal B, Boston, MA, 2:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Thursday 12/11
  - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston-Westborough, Westborough, MA, between 3:30 p.m., Thursday 12/11 and 9 p.m., Friday 12/12
  - Logan Airport Terminal C, Boston, MA, 6 p.m.-11:30 p.m., Friday 12/12
- Those who could have been exposed and begin to develop symptoms of measles should call their healthcare provider before visiting an office, clinic, or emergency department. Visiting a healthcare facility may put others at risk and should be avoided if possible. Anyone who has had measles in the past or has received two doses of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is unlikely to develop measles even if exposed.

Early symptoms of measles occur 7 to 21 days after exposure and may resemble a cold (with fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes). A rash occurs on the skin 2 to 4 days after the initial symptoms develop. The rash usually appears first on the head and then moves downward. The rash typically lasts a few days and then disappears in the same order.

People with measles may be contagious up to four days before the rash appears and for four days after the rash appears.

“This case is a reminder that everyone should be vaccinated against measles to protect themselves and others from this highly infectious disease. With multiple measles outbreaks across the country and increased travel around the holidays, now is an important time to ensure that you and your family are protected. Two doses of MMR vaccine are 97% effective at preventing measles and provides protection against mumps and rubella infection,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, MD, MPH, FIDSA, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. “Children should receive the vaccine at 12-15 months of age and again before kindergarten to ensure strong immunity. Children who are at least 6 months old who are traveling internationally or to areas of the US with active outbreaks should receive an early dose of vaccine before traveling. It is never too late for children or adults to get the measles vaccine even if they are past the recommended age.”

According to the CDC, as of December 23, a total of 1,988 measles cases have been reported in 44 jurisdictions across the United States in 2025. The majority were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status (93 percent), 3 percent had one dose of the MMR vaccine, and 4 percent had two doses. There have been three confirmed deaths in the US from measles this year.

Due to the increase in measles cases nationally, DPH urges anyone who has not been vaccinated or does not know their measles immunization status to contact their healthcare provider to

get vaccinated with at least one dose of the MMR vaccine. Measles vaccine given within 72 hours of exposure may prevent measles disease. Vaccination beyond this window will provide protection from subsequent exposures. Health care providers who suspect measles should call DPH at 617-983-6800 immediately for recommendations and testing guidance. Providers in Boston should call the Boston Public Health Commission at 617-534-5611. Learn more about measles on DPH’s website.

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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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Jacket Potatoes

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In this country, we call them baked potatoes, while in the UK they’re called jacket potatoes. We can learn a lot from our friends across the water when it comes to cooking and topping these easy and tempting additions to our menus. Some of the best-known food trucks in the UK are “Spud Bros” and “Spud Man.” They both serve humongous portions of personalized jacket potatoes to lines of happy customers. When it’s your turn, the vendor will dish up a steaming-hot, well-baked potato from the oven, pop it open, and begin cutting into the fluffy interior. Then, the rapid-fire questions begin: what kind of butter, what type of sauce, what fillings, what toppings. Popular choices include garlic butter, beans and cheese, chile con carne, cole slaw, tuna salad, chicken curry, and bolognese. The cost for a loaded spud ranges from

\$4.50 to \$7 USD, making these a fast, filling, and relatively inexpensive meal option. **Home Made** We have yet to see a spud truck in our area, and listings of potato options with toppings are not on cafe menus here yet. However, with a few tips and some pantry or freezer items, you can explore the world of jacket potatoes at home. And one of the best parts is that you can make Jacket potatoes for one person or a crowd. First, you need the right potato variety. Russets are the closest thing we have to the Maris Piper or King Edward potatoes used in the UK. Next, you have to re-learn how to bake potatoes. Set your oven or air fryer to 400 degrees. Scrub the potato, either poke holes in it with a fork or cut a seam down the middle to prevent it from bursting, oil and salt it, and roast it for 45 minutes to an hour until the skin is

crunchy and a fork will go through the thickest part with no resistance. Do not wrap it in foil, which will destroy the crispy skin. We often change things up by using sweet potatoes for our jacket potato meals. While the potatoes bake, you can have fun deciding on toppings. We made one of our recent favorites from frozen Thanksgiving leftovers. We topped sweet potatoes with a base of sausage stuffing, a layer of frozen peas, and shredded turkey. We served turkey gravy on the side. It was delicious and a nice change from our usual leftover options.

**Stock Your Pantry and Freezer** Jacket potatoes can help you avoid food waste. Thanksgiving leftovers aren’t the only thing you can use as potato toppings. The next time you make chili, curry, or another family favorite, create some one-potato-sized portions to freeze. Then, when you need an



Here’s a jacket sweet potato created from Thanksgiving leftovers of sausage stuffing, frozen peas, and shredded turkey with gravy on the side.

easy meal, roast your spud and thaw the topping. Look around your canned goods, and see what you have that would tempt you on a jacket potato. We would include cans of flavored tuna or salmon to add protein, beans are a popular UK option, and you can also add seasoning to the beans and

change up the cheese to create new flavors. Do you have leftover Indian or Chinese takeout on hand? Turn it into a fresh meal by serving it as a potato topping. For more guidance on this topic, we suggest visiting Poppy O’Toole’s (aka Poppy Cooks) YouTube channel and website. She is

a Michelin-trained chef who has taken on the self-titled “Potato Queen” of the internet. She is fun, funny, and stuffed full of great potato ideas. *Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

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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 Sandovalnja 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 abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

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Licensing Administrator  
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add an additional activity of housing rehabilitation with 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 Development 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](mailto:hsavino@chelseama.gov)

Benjamin Cares  
Director, Housing and Community Development  
City of Chelsea  
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actividades elegibles en las categorías - incluidas pero no limitadas - rehabilitación de viviendas, desarrollo económico comunitario, instalaciones / infraestructura públicas, planificación y/o servicios públicos/sociales. La enmienda propuesta planea añadir una actividad adicional de rehabilitación de viviendas con énfasis en las viviendas que necesitan remediación de plomo. La ciudad de Chelsea es una comunidad con mini-beneficios que recibe fondos CDBG de forma no competitiva para actividades elegibles. El personal del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Chelsea va a implementar el programa CDBG. Personal del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario va a estar presente para recibir cualquier y todas las recomendaciones. Todas las personas u organizaciones que deseen comentar tendrán la posibilidad de ser escuchadas. También puede enviar comentarios por escrito antes del 8 de enero de 2026 al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario, 500 Broadway, Oficina 101, Chelsea, MA 02150, Attn: CDBG Programa, o por email a [hsavino@chelseama.gov](mailto:hsavino@chelseama.gov). Ben Cares  
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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

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Ciudad de Chelsea  
Audiciencia 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/

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The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking bids for the purchase of “Substitute Staffing and Management Services”. Bids will be available on or after January 05, 2026 by visiting the City’s website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_\\_\\_solicitations.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids___solicitations.php). Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Substitute Staffing and Management Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30AM on Thursday, January 22, 2026. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Ledia Koco  
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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 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,

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# Animal Rescue League of Boston offers tips and resources for families

Special to the Record

At a time when many families are welcoming new pets into their homes, Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) shares expert resources and advice about settling furry family members into a new environment. Resources include ARL's Pet Behavior Helpline – a free service that can answer basic pet behavioral questions. Whether it's excessive barking, crate training, house soiling, or another issue, pet families with questions can call the Pet Behavior Helpline at (617) 226-5666 or via email behaviorhelpline@arlboston.org.

"It's very special to welcome a new family member to the household, especially during the holiday season. These first few weeks as a family are very important and ARL is here with the resources and guidance to make the experience posi-

tive and joyful for pets and their new families," says ARL Animal Behavior Manager, Laney Nee.

**Tips for early days with dogs and cats**

- Have a 'safe space' for your new pet set up and ready for them – somewhere they can call their own that may contain their special toys, bedding, scratching trees for cats or a crate for dogs – this space helps them get comfortable
- Less is more when introducing your pet to their new life, so be aware of all the new things your pet is experiencing and recognize when they might be overwhelmed and need a break
- Go back to basics with house training for dogs and provide easy access to food, water and litterboxes for cats until they get used to their new spaces

**Tips for daily routines**

- Create a routine for you and your new pet right from

the beginning

- Change can be overwhelming so creating a routine for your new dog is a key to success. The routine should have set times for potty breaks, meals, walks, playtime, and independent time in their own space with special toys and treats which get put away till the next time they are back in their safe space.
- A routine can help ensure your new cat has the opportunity to follow their instincts which includes their need to hunt, catch, eat, groom, and sleep. There are many ways to accomplish this with many homemade items such as boxes, egg cartons, paper bags, toilet paper and paper towel rolls for treat puzzles.

**Tips for relationship building**

- Get active
- Sniffari walks– let your dog stop and sniff!
- Explore a new neighbor-

hood – the usual neighborhood walks can get boring and routine – consider walking or driving to a different neighborhood to explore

Two toy fetch – alternate tossing two toys to your dog while walking

- Keep them engaged

Use a snuffle mat or wrap some treats up in a towel and let dogs use their nose to snuffle around and find all the food, or make a "licky mat" with canned food, peanut butter or cream cheese – smear it on a lick mat and they can spend time licking it until it's all gone

Enroll in dog training classes and teach your dog new skills, ARL has a variety of offerings at our Dedham Campus, visit arl.boston/dog-training to learn more

Interactive play for cats can be done with wand teaser cat toys, chasing little play mice or balls with bells or make a small investment for automated toys that

move if the cat walks past them or interacts with them

**Helpful Videos**

- "Name Game for Dogs" – incorporate this game into your routine to create a bond and help your new dog respond quickly when you say their name. Visit arl.boston/dog-name-game to watch a demonstration
- "Greeting Exercise" – practice this with family and friends so your dog can learn to greet people and other dogs politely. Visit arl.boston/dog-greeting-exercise to learn more

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# Washington Avenue residential project to come before zoning board

By Adam Swift

A revised plan for a residential development with one commercial space at 123 Washington Ave. will go before the zoning board of appeals for special permit approvals at its next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

At its December meeting, the planning board approved the major site plan review for the project, as well as recommended approval of the special permits to the ZBA.

The original proposal for the project was to convert

the funeral home to nine residential units with two commercial units, according to project attorney David Rossi. The revised plan calls for only one commercial space, thus giving the developer the opportunity to increase the size of the residential units.

“A little bit over a month ago, we originally had two retail spots on the first floor and we had a design that was more contemporary on the retail portion of it, and the units were smaller units,” said Rossi. “After speaking to the board, listening to

their recommendations, we actually made larger units.”

The revised plan has one four-bedroom unit, six three-bedrooms that average between 850 and 1,000 square feet, and one two-bedroom that is 700 square feet.

“We removed one retail space on the right-hand side, and now have one retail space on the left-hand side,” said Rossi. “Originally, it was two retail spots; by removing one of the retail spots we made larger units throughout the building, we shifted them. We brought

the look of the first two floors, we dropped that all the way down to the ground level ... to give it more of a residential design, and we also stepped back the building so it’s not as close to the street as it was before.”

With the stepped back area, Rossi said there will be room for additional landscaping such as grass or shrubs.

Planning Board member Regina Taylor thanked the applicants for the revised design, stating that it was more visually attractive.

Rossi noted that there

are no solid plans yet for what will occupy the retail space, but said it could be something like a real estate or property management office.

“We don’t expect anything with heavy traffic now, especially since we shifted it over to the left-hand side, so it’s not as visible a retail component,” said Rossi.

In other business at its December meeting, the planning board continued its hearing on a proposal to add nine residential units over a garage space at 46-48 Library St. to its Janu-

ary meeting. Several board members asked for revised plans for the project, which would connect to an existing three-unit structure on the property.

There were concerns raised about the number of units proposed, as well as the lack of windows at the rear of the building in some of the units.

The next planning board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 27.

## SCENES FROM THE PINE STREET INN CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

Local officials and volunteers prepared over 1,000 meals for area homeless on Christmas Eve at Pine Street Inn. Generous donation allowed the Pine Street Inn to provide steak and chocolate cake for this year’s dinner.



Shown (left to right) are Rabbi Dan Slipakoff, Lyndia Downie, Pastor Solomon Alipoh, Delphia Bizzell, and Fr. Jon Unni.



The Ripples of Hope choir performed for the event.



Lyndia Downie, President and Executive Director of Pine Street Inn mentions that, “There’s no good time to be homeless, The holidays are the toughest time... people feel it, I think, a lot more than they do the rest of the year.”

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