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Shown above is the Middle School Beginner Band.

Shown right is the District Middle School Chorus. See page 6 for more photos.



COURTESY PHOTO

## Over 350 students perform at the Chelsea Public Schools District Concert

Special to the Record

On Thursday, April 16, hundreds of Chelsea Public Schools students in elementary, middle and high school played in CPS' District Concert in front of hundreds of family and friends inside a near-capacity Williams School Gymnasium.

Over 350 students representing the school district's

four elementary schools, three middle schools and Chelsea High School played a selection of songs for the hundreds in attendance that filled every seat in the Williams School. The following student performance groups played at the concert: CHS Percussion Ensemble; District Beginning Band; Sokolowski Violin Ensem-

ble; CHS Orchestra; District Middle School Chorus; District Middle School Advanced Band; District Elementary Chorus; CHS Jazz Band; CHS Cantare; and CHS Concert Band.

Special performances included ensembles of the elementary chorus, middle school chorus and CHS Cantare singing together.

The finale of the concert featured both the Middle School Advanced Band and the CHS Concert Band.

The District Concert was organized by the Performing Arts Department and music educators from across the district. The concert schedule continues with school-based spring concerts later in the school year.

## Chelsea's shining celebrity

### Vlad Link heralded for his role in historic Artemis II space mission

By Cary Shuman

It is 8 o'clock on a Thursday morning and television and print reporters are ready to participate in a media roundtable with Vlad Link, of Chelsea, Massachusetts, the U.S. Navy sailor who supported the Artemis II crew upon its return to Earth.

Link is a U.S. Chief Medical Corpsman who has been in the national spotlight for his key role as a member of the dive medical team that was first to meet the astronauts in the space capsule after it touched down in the Pacific Ocean on April 10, 2026 and to assist the crew safely out of the space capsule. The event was watched live by tens of millions of people worldwide.

Link, a 2007 graduate of Chelsea High School, will



Vlad Link

join his fellow members of the dive team – Lt. Commander Jesse Wang, Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Laddy Aldridge, and Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Steve Kapala – forever in the annals of American history as the nation reestablishes itself as the leader in space exploration.

Link is now a Chelsea

celebrity of the highest order. The city's chief executive and state legislators, City Manager Fidel Castro, Rep. Judith Garcia, and State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, intend to give Link "a hero's welcome," upon his return to the city. He will be in demand as a speaker in the Chelsea school district, representing a positive role model for all students, especially for those pursuing a career in the sciences.

During the telephone interview, which was so professionally and precisely executed by Lt. Commander Katherine Diener, Force Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Navy – who graciously allowed for a second round of questions by reporters – Link was respectful, courteous, eloquent, and personable – all qualities his former classmates and teachers at Chelsea High knew so well.

Diener began the conference, stating, "I want to send my sincerest thanks for all of you dialing in this morn-

ing and highlighting the incredible professionalism, skill, and teamwork of our Navy divers and medical team."

In his opening remarks, Link noted how proud he was of his Chelsea roots, a theme of hometown pride he carried throughout the media session.

"I wanted to start this off to let you know that I am a native of Chelsea, Massachusetts and it's been such a humbling experience to be here with you today following our Artemis II recovery effort," said Link. "My small and hard-working community helped me shape my commitment to service that led me to the United States Navy nearly 20 years ago. I started in Chelsea, unsure how all these events transpired over the past few days, but even now, I can still say that I'm serving in my dream job as Navy sailor. Participating in the recovery of Artemis II

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## Development

### Planning board recommends approval of West Chelsea overlay district

By Adam Swift

Following a public hearing last week, the planning board recommended approval of the West Chelsea Mixed-Use Overlay District to the city council.

In addition to recommending the overlay district, which aims to spur development to the area near the Market Basket plaza and better connect the area to the downtown – the board also recommended that the council take input from the city and residents for a more historically appropriate name for the district.

The overlay district area is generally bounded by the Chelsea-Everett border, Second Street, and the Route 1 Memorial Highway. It would allow for dense mixed-use development by-right, emphasizing an engaging pedestrian experience, active ground-floor uses, and walkability, especially along "primary pedestrian streets," according to city officials.

"One of the major pillars

coming out of the master plan is creating a framework for growth, and this framework for growth would be oriented around attracting and managing new growth that really brings benefits and serves the interest of our community," said Will Cecio of the city's permitting and land use planning department. "Most of the goals coming out of the master plan require either building and attracting new development – whether that is new housing, new businesses, new job sources – or investing in programs and services which increases the demand and pressure on the city budget. That means growth is not the end, but it can become a means to generate the resources that we need to invest in the vision and the goals that our community has identified."

The overlay district plan is about cultivating a healthy mix of commercial development, market rate housing, and deed-restricted

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## Inclusionary zoning policy referred to full council

By Adam Swift

The city council is moving along efforts to revise Chelsea's Inclusionary Zoning bylaw, although there is still room and time for more discussion from the council, city officials, residents, and other community stakeholders.

At a special meeting of the council's subcommittee on conference last week, the subcommittee voted to recommend approval of the inclusionary zoning by-

law changes and move it to the next meeting of the full council on Monday, April 27.

Several councilors noted that they are still undecided on how they will actually vote on the new inclusionary zoning bylaw, but by moving the bylaw to the full council, it allows the council to then pass it on to the planning board for a public hearing and recommendation. Following that

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## CHELSEA RESIDENTS PLACE TOP 4 IN STATE FINALS

Pioneer Charter School of Science II students Yurie Lee and Nina Lee, of Chelsea, created a Chelsea-focused history project that has recently gained statewide recognition. The sisters represented Chelsea at the Massachusetts History Day State Finals recently, where their research on the 1908 and 1973 Chelsea fires earned an Honorable Mention. This award distin-

guishes their project as one of the top four group exhibits in the Commonwealth.

The sisters spent months synthesizing archival data from the Chelsea Public Library with primary source interviews we conducted with local residents and historians to document how Chelsea has rebuilt itself after the disaster and on our community's resilience.



Pioneer Charter School of Science II students Yurie Lee and Nina Lee standing in front of their history project.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## LOCAL LEGISLATORS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HOST FREE 'CENA AND SEALING' EVENT

State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Adrian Madaro and Boston City Councilor Gabriela Colletta-Zapata have partnered with Big Hope, North Suffolk Community Services, Greater Boston Legal Services, Mainiero Law, Maverick Landing Community Services, and more community partners in hosting a cost-free and judgement-free space for those who wish to seal their eviction records.

Cena & Sealing, of 4-6 Eagle Square, East Boston, will provide Massachusetts residents with free legal resources and community support to seal their eviction and CORI records on April 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This event comes after passage of the Affordable Homes Act (May 2025), which included Senator Edwards' bill to let tenants petition to seal certain eviction records. The new law aims to break down housing barriers for families who have faced eviction. This event will act as a free hub for the com-

munity to connect with local resources to get their eviction records and CORI sealed.

This event is free and the public. To RSVP for the event, fill out this form.

## MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS HOME AT CHELSEA REDEVELOPMENT HAS STARTED

On April 22, the Veterans Home at Chelsea began demolition of the vacant Quigley building as part of the final phase of campus redevelopment. The demolition is projected to take six to 10 weeks, depending on weather and construction conditions. Residents and their families, neighbors, staff and Board of Trustees, have been made aware about the activity and any temporary disruptions they can expect during this time.

Once completed, the site will be redeveloped into a new staff and visitor parking lot, along with a welcoming green space and park area for veteran residents, visitors, and neighbors. It'll improve accessibility, campus flow, and quality-of-life amenities for both the Veterans Home community and nearby residents.

## Peaceful resolution to incident at 90 Chestnut Street

A man police said was armed with two knives made threats toward a school bus on Tuesday morning, according to police.

At approximately 8 a.m. Tuesday, Chelsea Police officers responded to 90 Chestnut Street following a report that a resident had made threats toward a school bus dropping off children at a nearby daycare.

Upon arrival, officers encountered a man armed with two knives. As officers approached, the individual retreated back into his residence.

Out of an abundance of caution, a shelter-in-place order was issued for surrounding homes, and the adjacent daycare was safely evacuated, according to police.

A trained police negotiator responded to the scene and established communication with the individual. Additional resources were deployed, including the re-

gional Metro SWAT team, which stood by, as well as a contracted social worker to assist in the response.

Through the coordinated efforts of all personnel on scene, the situation was resolved peacefully, police stated, adding that negotiators successfully persuaded the man to exit the apartment without further incident. He was taken into custody and transported to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for evaluation. Criminal charges are forthcoming, police stated.

Chelsea Police thanked its public safety partners for their professionalism and collaboration, including Chelsea Fire Department, Emergency Management, Metro SWAT, and the FBI Boston Division.

The shelter-in-place order was lifted later on Tuesday morning, and all roadways were reopened.

This incident remains under investigation.

## Council okays school bus monitoring measure

By Adam Swift

The city council accepted a state law which will allow the school department to install and operate a school bus violation detection monitoring system and enforce violations by motorists.

There were some questions about the cost and operation of the program at last week's council meeting.

However, Council President Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, who introduced the motion alongside Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia, said the vote merely allows the schools to operate a violation monitoring system and does not call for any city expenditures at this time.

"I think we can all agree on this board how important it is to keep our students and our children safe," said Garcia.

Students are at risk every time the school bus stops with the stop sign because people continue to drive by, Garcia said.

"Reckless motorists illegally pass stopped school buses more than 45 million times each year in the United States," said Garcia. "Massachusetts, four years in a row, had the worst driving habits in the nation and in conclusion, people who get a citation become less likely to ever break this law again. Repeat offenders dwindle to under 10 percent."

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor moved that the motion be taken up in a subcommittee in conference for further discussion on the particulars and cost of the program. While the motion had been discussed in the past, it was during a prior session of the city council.

"I'm all for kids' safety,

but I want to know how this is going to do that or how much it is actually going to cost and all the particulars before we actually vote," said Taylor.

Jimenez-Rivera noted that the last time the motion came up for a vote, there was a divided vote, along with several councilors who were not present, so it did not pass.

"This gives Chelsea Public Schools the option of using traffic enforcement cameras to hold people accountable for blowing by school buses and potentially hitting a child," said Jimenez-Rivera. "I remember having this conversation, because this does not appropriate any money; there is nothing financial to this. This simply allows the school department to then be able to spend their money; we don't spend money now, we don't spend mon-

ey later, this is simply the school department, as they are putting their proposal they will spend school money."

Taylor noted that while the school department can ultimately decide to use its own money to fund the program, the city just gave the schools an additional \$2 million to help shrink a budget shortfall for the coming school year.

"I think it deserves at least a conversation about it before we do that," said Taylor.

Jimenez-Rivera said he didn't believe the council needed a subcommittee for the motion, since it is up to the school department to decide how it allocates its funds.

The council voted to approve the motion, with Taylor voting present and the other councilors in attendance voting in favor.

## Metro Credit Union and Members Plus Credit Union announce intent to Mmerge, powered by partnership

Special to the Record

Metro Credit Union and Members Plus Credit Union have announced their intent to merge, bringing together two local, member-focused institutions in a strategic partnership designed to expand opportunity, strengthen communities, and enhance long-term value for members. Metro Credit Union will be the continuing credit union.

This proposed merger is powered by partnership, a shared belief that now, more than ever, collaboration enables credit unions to better serve members, invest in innovation, and deepen their impact across the communities they serve. Both organizations are grounded in a commitment to people-first service, financial empowerment, and local engagement.

Through this partnership, Metro Credit Union would expand its retail branch network to include Norfolk County, extending Metro's community-based model while maintaining Members Plus Credit Union's trusted local presence.

Pending approval by members of both credit unions and regulatory authorities, the combined organization will operate 25 retail branches. Together, the credit unions will serve approximately 214,000 members and manage over \$3.5 billion in combined assets.

"This is a partnership

grounded in shared purpose and a belief that credit unions exist to help people and communities thrive," said Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union. "Members Plus Credit Union has built a strong legacy of trust and service. By coming together, we are strengthening our collective ability to deliver value, expand access, and meet our members' evolving financial needs."

"We believe this partnership will be beneficial to our members, our employees, and our community," said Michael Wilberton, President and CEO/CFO of Members Plus Credit Union. "Metro Credit Union shares our values and commitment to member and community service. Together, we will be stronger and better positioned to support our members today and into the future."

Throughout the merger process, both organizations are committed to transparency and open communication. Members will receive regular updates and detailed information as the proposed merger advances through the approval process. An anticipated effective date is the end of 2026. All employees of Members Plus will be offered positions, joining the Metro Credit Union team. Until the completion date, both organizations will continue with no change to how they serve their membership.

Metro Credit Union is

the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$3.2 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to more than 200,000 members in Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, and Stafford counties in New Hampshire. Metro is the credit union of choice for employees at over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program.

Founded in 1926, Metro currently operates branch offices in Boston, Burlington, Chelsea, Dorchester, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Medford, Melrose, Newton, Peabody, Reading, Salem, Tewksbury, and West Roxbury. Metro is also a Juntos Avanzamos ("Together We Advance") designated credit union, an honor given to financial institutions for their commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic and immigrant consumers. Metro was recently named among the most charitable companies in Massachusetts by the Boston Business Journal; voted Top Credit Union in Banker & Tradesman's Best of 2025 awards; and recognized as one of America's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions in 2026 by Newsweek. In 2026, Metro proudly celebrates its 100th anniversary, mark-

ing a century of service and commitment to the communities it serves. Learn more at MetroCU.org.

About Members Plus Credit Union

Members Plus Credit Union, headquartered in Medford, MA, has proudly served its members for over 80 years. Founded in 1940 as the Boston Edison Employees Credit Union, the organization was created to meet the financial needs of utility workers who wanted a safe place to save and borrow. What began as a small credit union for employees of Boston Edison Company has grown into a full-service financial institution with thousands of members across the Commonwealth. Members Plus Credit Union has branches in Medford, Everett, Dorchester, Norwood, Plymouth and Winchester.

As a nonprofit, member-owned cooperative, Members Plus Credit Union is committed to providing innovative, competitive, and secure financial services that support members' financial success. Beyond financial services, Members Plus maintains a strong commitment to community involvement. Through volunteerism, sponsorships, and community outreach, Members Plus continues to honor its founding purpose — helping neighbors support one another and build stronger, more connected communities.

## Chelsea Army Veteran Ron Robinson and City invite artists to submit work for Memorial Day exhibition

Special to the Record

Chelsea-based United States Army Veteran Ron Robinson and the City of Chelsea invite artists to submit work for a group art exhibition in recognition of Memorial Day. The exhibit, which will be on view in Chelsea City Hall's East Wing Gallery May 18 through June 19, 2026, will honor fallen veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. The exhibition will reflect on themes of service, sacrifice, and collective remembrance, with a special emphasis on local veterans.

The submission deadline is Friday, April 24, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. ET. To apply, or for more information, visit [www.chelseama.gov/callforartists](http://www.chelseama.gov/callforartists) or email Delia Harrington, Manager of Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy for the City of Chelsea, at [dharrington@chelseama.gov](mailto:dharrington@chelseama.gov).

Work can be in any wall-displayable medium, including painting, photography, textiles, collage, and mixed media. No formal artistic training is required, and emerging artists, including complete beginners, and veterans and their loved ones, are strongly en-

couraged to submit.

Artists are strongly encouraged to incorporate materials from the local archive at the Chelsea Public Library into their work. They are also encouraged to engage with the living history embodied in the memories of veterans who bear witness to their fallen comrades.

The exhibition was initiated by Robinson, who served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and is supported by the City Manager's Office and Veteran Services Department, a division under Health & Human Services

(HHS). Robinson is a social worker, community activist, and co-founder of the Lewis H. Latimer Society & Museum.

The exhibition is open to Massachusetts artists of any age, with priority given to those based in or connected to Chelsea and the Greater Boston area as well as those with a personal connection to Memorial Day and its themes, such as veterans and gold star families.

An opening reception will be held Wednesday, May 20, from 5-7 p.m. at Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway.

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# Lawmakers urge support for older adults at Mystic Valley Elder Services

Special to the Record

Mystic Valley Elder Services (Mystic Valley) convened state legislators and community leaders on March 31 for a powerful Legislative Breakfast highlighting the importance of programs for older adults and people with disabilities.

CEO Lisa Gurgone underscored Mystic Valley's legislative priorities, including key bills supporting in-home assistance, caregiver support and the Hospital to Home program, which helps patients transition from nursing facilities back to the community.

Legislative Co-Hosts this year were MA Representative Jeffrey Turco and Mary Ann Nay, District Director for MA Senator Bruce Tarr. Representative Turco delivered a moving reflection on his family's own caregiving journey, describing how Mystic Valley supported his mother-in-law in remaining at home. He urged attendees to "be fierce advocates" for families who depend on strong community-based programs.

Nay cited the importance of leadership working with organizations like Mystic Valley Elder Services to empower people to live safely and independently in their communities.

Attendees also heard a compelling story of love and resilience from Colleen Molloy and her husband Frank Ouellette, who contacted Mystic Valley after Colleen had a major stroke at age 51. The Winthrop couple described Colleen's extended stay in a nursing facility, her struggle to recover, and the vital role Mystic Valley played in helping them transition to a safer home with support for both.

"Mystic Valley came along and helped us with whatever we needed," Frank recalled.

Mystic Valley extends its thanks to the leaders who shared their perspectives and



Senator Sal DiDomenico shared his family's experience with caregiving for older loved ones and how it informed his legislative support for aging services.



Representative Joe McGonagle discussed volunteering with Mystic Valley Elder Services during the Covid pandemic, and urged support for older adults and people with disabilities.

reinforced the urgent need for investment in services that support aging adults and people with disabilities, including: MA Senator Sal DiDomenico, MA Senator Pat Jehlen, Em Sheeran from the Office of MA Senator Jason Lewis, MA Representative Christine Barber, MA Representative Paul Donato, MA Representative Richard Haggerty, MA Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian, staff for MA Representative Brad Jones, MA Representative Joe McGonagle, MA Representative Steve Ultrino, Everett Mayor Robert Van Campen, Malden Mayor



Em Sheeran from the Office of Senator Jason Lewis, MA Representative Richard Haggerty, MA Representative Kate Lipper Garabedian, MA Representative Steve Ultrino, Malden Mayor Gary Christenson, Melrose Mayor Jennifer Grigoraitis, MA Representative Jeffrey Turco, MA Representative Paul Donato, Everett Mayor Robert Van Campen, Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo Koehn, Mary Ann Nay, District Director for MA Senator Bruce Tarr, MA Representative Christine Barber, North Reading Town Administrator Michael Gilleberto, and Mystic Valley Elder Services CEO Lisa Gurgone.



MA Representative Jeffrey Turco urged leaders and community members to "be fierce advocates" for legislation that preserves programs that support older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers.

Gary Christenson, Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn, Melrose Mayor Jennifer Grigoraitis, and North Reading Town Administrator Michael Gilleberto.

Established in 1975, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides a wide range of resources and care for older adults and adults with disabilities. It serves 11 communities in Greater Boston. For more information, please call 781-324-7705 or visit [www.mves.org](http://www.mves.org).



Frank Ouellette and Colleen Molloy, center, with Mystic Valley Elder Services Board VP Edward Rocha, MVES Director of Clinical Services Lisa Jimenez, and MVES Caregiver Coordinators Kathy Learned and Paula Buccilli.

## DiDomenico hosts community safety grants event

Last week, Senator DiDomenico hosted an event with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to highlight his work to increase funding for the Shannon Community Safety Initiative and the support it provides to our communities. This critical grant program provides funds for a

multi-pronged approach to prevent and address a community's gang and youth violence. Through these grants, communities can provide youth programming and help build and strengthen relationships between law enforcement and our young people.

Senator DiDomenico re-

marked to the group of advocates and staff, "I have supported this program since I started in the Senate and will continue to so we can keep reducing violence and protecting young people in my district and across Massachusetts."



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at the community safety grants event in the State House.

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# Forum

## EARTH DAY: MANY BATTLES WON, BUT HAS THE WAR BEEN LOST?

This week marks 56 years since the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970. The genesis of the first Earth Day had begun a few months earlier when the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland caught fire because of the flammable chemicals that had been dumped into the river by nearby industrial plants. The blaze was broadcast on national TV newscasts, sparking (no pun intended) the modern-day environmental movement.

The first nationwide Earth Day led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency by President Richard Nixon and the landmark legislation of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.

For those of us who were around at that time, Earth Day gave us hope that we had reached a turning point in the effort to eliminate the air and water pollution that threatened the health of every American, not to mention the impacts upon sensitive environmental areas and wildlife.

There have been many victories for the environment since that first Earth Day, many of which we have seen first-hand in our own neighborhoods. We recall that in our youth growing up on Pt. Shirley in Winthrop, swimming was forbidden on the Boston Harbor side because of the high levels of pollution emanating from the untreated waste from the MDC's sewer plant on Deer Island, not to mention the effluents spilling out of the sewer pipes of homes and factories sewer throughout the Metro Boston area. Paint peeled from homes and cars in Winthrop, Chelsea, and Revere because of the fumes emanating from adjacent waterways in the 1950s and '60s.

The Standells' song Dirty Water, which is played after Red Sox victories (which unfortunately have been few and far between this year), is an homage (of sorts) to the high level of pollution in the Charles River and serves as a cultural reminder of an era when Boston Harbor had the "distinction" of being known as the dirtiest in the country.

We rowed on the Charles River in college and sailed in Boston Harbor, so we had an up-close view of how foul the river and harbor were on a daily basis.

The creation of the Mass. Water Resources Authority in the mid-1980s eventually resulted in the beautiful and clean Boston Harbor and Charles River environment that we enjoy today, both improving the quality of life for all of us who live in the Metro Boston area and generating an economic boon along our waterfront area.

On the other side of the country, smog enveloped Los Angeles with dangerous levels of air pollution on a daily basis in the period from 1950-80. Although California still has the overall worst air quality in the U.S., the air quality in its major cities, especially LA, is far better today than it was before clean air standards were implemented.

When the first Earth Day was observed in 1970, the term "climate change" did not even exist. But it was just a few years later in that decade that scientists at major oil companies predicted -- with great accuracy (as things turned out) -- that the carbon emissions from their products would cause the climate to warm.

However, the oil companies hid that information from the public, similar to how the tobacco companies had kept secret their research establishing the link between smoking and lung cancer.

Today we know that climate change is both real and is accelerating -- the United States just had its warmest March on record. It also is generally acknowledged that there is nothing we can do to reverse it. In 1975, the world's total carbon emissions were 17 billion tons, of which the U.S. was responsible for a bit more than 25% with 4.4 billion tons. Today, the U.S. essentially is at that same level with 4.8 billion tons of carbon emission. On a per capita basis, we emit about 35 percent less carbon today than we did in 1975.

However, the rest of the world's output has increased from 12.6 billion tons in 1975 to 33.8 billions tons today. The U.S. could become carbon-neutral tomorrow, yet the amount of emissions by other countries has almost tripled from what they were in 1975 and is continuing to accelerate.

In addition to the well-known effects of climate change -- powerful storms, heat waves, droughts, massive wildfires, and rising sea levels -- a new threat to the environment and to the well-being of every living thing on earth has emerged.

Ironically, another cultural touchstone from the 1960s, the 1967 movie The Graduate, highlighted a product that has become ubiquitous in the world today. The most famous line in the movie was one word: "Plastics," which was the career advice given to Dustin Hoffmann's character, Benjamin, by a neighbor who told him that the future lay in the plastics industry.

Little did we know then that by the first part of the 21st century, microscopic nanoplastics would be detectable in every organ (including our brains) and tissue of every human, animal, and plant on the planet, even in the most remote corners of the earth. Plastics are in the air we breathe (especially in our homes), the food we eat, and the water we drink.

So yes, it's nice that we can swim in Boston Harbor today. But that small pleasure for two months each year provides little comfort given the inevitability of the dire consequences of climate change and the conversion of our bodies essentially into toxic waste sites since that first Earth Day in 1970.

Fifty six years after the first Earth Day, the state of the planet and our environment is this: The past was bad, the present is worse -- and the worst is yet to come.

## Sen. Edwards delivers major environmental and resiliency investments in \$3.64B bond bill

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Senate passed the Mass Ready Act, a \$3.64 billion environmental bond bill that targets key initiatives in climate resiliency and environmental protection across the Commonwealth. Included in the Act is millions in targeted investments aimed at climate and community initiatives for the Third Suffolk District secured by Senator Lydia Edwards. The investments and policy initiatives seek to address flooding, increasing tree canopy, clean energy, and stronger building reinforcements.

"Climate change isn't just an environmental challenge—it's a question of equity and justice," said Senator Lydia Edwards, State Senator for the Third Suffolk District. "Meeting it requires bold investments in both our people and our infrastructure. The Mass Ready Act delivers necessary resources to the communities most impacted by climate change, while expanding access to affordable housing, resilient infrastructure, and clean energy."

### Boston

Senator Edwards has secured \$250,000 to purchase two new Sonar sailboats for Piers Park Sailing Center's programming and \$1,000,000 for Boston Housing Authority to support climate mitigation and adaptation investments, including energy efficiency, insulation, electrical upgrades, HVAC modernization, window air-source heat pumps, flood prevention and other updates to Boston Housing Authority properties in the district.

\$1,250,000 will support the maintenance of economic prosperity at the waterfront, setting aside funding to help the city and stakeholders advance resiliency planning and development in the North End and Wharf District—areas that feature vibrant, high-use, historic urban waterfronts and serve as economic drivers for the Commonwealth.

"Piers Park is preparing the workforce that will put these critical investments into action," said Alex DeFronzo, Executive Director of Piers Park Sailing Center. "Senator Edwards' support means that we are ready to provide safe and high qual-

ity programs for years to come. These programs prepare young people for success in their future careers in climate resiliency, infrastructure design and construction, marine tech, and more. Our fleet of boats is more than 30 years old and this funding will allow us to update and invest for the next generation. Senator Edwards has helped us ensure success in these programs that get young people ready to work on the waterfront. We are incredibly grateful for her support and proud to continue to grow and protect our waterfront facility and equipment."

### Winthrop

To protect residential homes in Winthrop from coastal erosion and flooding, the Senator has allocated \$1,000,000 to the design, permit, and construct a new concrete seawall at Pico Ave, a site that has endured constant and harmful flooding. The Town of Winthrop Tree Committee will receive \$250,000 to plant trees to combat heat island, climate change, and soil erosion.

"Special thanks to Senator Edwards for securing these bonds," said Tony Marino, Winthrop Town Manager. "This potential \$1 million investment through the Massachusetts Ready Act is a critical step toward protecting our most vulnerable coastal areas. These funds are a great first step to extending the seawall near Pico Avenue, which will help reduce the impacts of tidal flooding and strengthen long-term resilience for the residents of Winthrop."

"As tree warden in Winthrop my mission is twofold: public safety, identifying risk and lessening it or removing it," added Tom Derderian, Winthrop Tree Warden. "The second is to enhance the tree canopy of Winthrop for the next 100 years. This week we planted 24 trees with money from donations and with volunteer workers. These trees were an inch and a half in diameter. During the last year we have had to remove as many big, old trees. We have lost far more tree cover than we gained. To catch up we need far more than the 50 trees we now plant. This bond funding will be vital to helping Winthrop meet its goals."

### Revere

In Revere, \$250,000 will be used to implement the Shirley Avenue Tree Master Plan to foster green spaces. An additional \$500,000 will be expended for the purpose of solar panel purchase and installation at Revere High School and \$250,000 will go to HVAC upgrades to fully electrify the McKinley School. Revere will also receive \$250,000 for the soil remediation at Gibson Park Boathouse.

In addition to securing key funding, Senator Edwards advanced two policy priorities through targeted amendments:

Expanding Port Area Planning to Include Housing

Included in the bill is an expansion of the Designated Port Area (DPA) Commission's review. For the first time, this process will explicitly consider housing and community access in and around port areas. The measure directs the Commission to evaluate opportunities for affordable and workforce housing, artist live-work spaces, and improved waterfront access for low-income communities—while also assessing how mixed-use development can coexist with active port operations. It further emphasizes coastal resilience and requires the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to be a formal partner in the review.

"It's time for low income communities [such as East Boston] - where DPAs have historically been most prevalent - to regain meaningful access to their waterfronts," said Tanya Hahnel, Co-Executive Director of East Boston Community Development Corporation. "When local neighborhoods are given a voice, we can work together with the State to find creative ways for DPA's to be productive spaces for the Commonwealth's economy while also promoting waterfront programming and workforce housing that serves our low income families, who for too long have been cut off from their own waterfront."

### Setting a Statewide Carbon Sequestration Goal

Senator Edwards has also secured a climate-focused initiative establishing a statewide, net-positive carbon sequestration and storage goal for natural and

working lands. This framework will help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by accounting for the carbon-capturing potential of coastal environments -- such as salt marshes, seagrasses, and waterways -- while aligning with Massachusetts' existing emissions reduction requirements.

"Natural and working lands are some of our most powerful tools in the fight against climate change, and this language takes an important step toward fully understanding and maximizing that potential here in Massachusetts," said Representative Jessica Giannino, State Representative for the 16th Suffolk District. "By establishing a clear, science-based sequestration goal—and recognizing the unique role of our coastal resources like salt marshes and seagrasses—we are better positioning the Commonwealth to meet our long-term emissions reduction targets. I look forward to working closely with Senator Edwards and our colleagues to build on this momentum and ensure this effort translates into meaningful, lasting climate solutions for our communities."

The effort is especially meaningful locally, with Belle Isle Marsh and Rumney Marsh located within the Third Suffolk District. A companion measure has been filed in the House by Representative Giannino (H.958).

"By prioritizing working families, waterfront neighborhoods, and historically underserved communities, we are building a stronger, more equitable, and climate-ready Massachusetts," Senator Edwards added. "I want to thank Senate President Karen Spilka, Chairwoman Rebecca Rausch, and Chairman Michael Rodrigues for their leadership on the Mass Ready Act, and to my Senate colleagues for their shared commitment in protecting our Commonwealth."

The Mass Ready Act is part of the Commonwealth's commitment to climate resiliency and environmental protection. The Act will now move to the House of Representatives for further consideration. To read the full legislation, visit [malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S3050](http://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S3050).

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Students in the Chelsea High School Jazz Band and Cantare pictured with Senator Sal DiDomenico and CPS Educators in the Senate Reading Room at the Massachusetts State House.

## CHS Jazz Band, Cantare receive official Senate Citation at State House performance

The harmonious tones of the Chelsea High School Cantare and the energetic and refined sound of the Chelsea High School Jazz Band filled the Massachusetts State House on Wednesday, April 15, when the two student groups representing Chelsea Public Schools performed in the Senate Reading Room.

These CHS students were invited to the State House last week by State Senator Sal DiDomenico to perform a special setlist. They gathered to play the songs that were part of their Disney World performance in March, signifying an opportunity to showcase their talents in front of state dignitaries and representatives.

The performance occurred in the Senate Reading Room. Senator DiDomenico addressed the students and crowd in attendance, sharing that he believed this was the first-ever band to perform in the reading room itself. As part of the gathering, Senator DiDomenico presented the students with an Official Citation from the Massachusetts State Senate that recognizes the Jazz Band and Cantare for, "Your selection among a competitive group of high schools around the country to perform at Disney, the most magical place on Earth."

"I am so proud of our students in Jazz Band and Cantare for continuing to showcase their immense talents and making us so proud in Chelsea. From Disney World to the State House, they are remarkable representatives of our schools" said CPS Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta. "I especially want to thank Senator Sal DiDomenico for welcoming our students to



Students in the Chelsea High School Cantare singing in the Senate Reading Room.



Students in the CHS Jazz Band performed in the Senate Reading Room in the State House.

the State House, organizing the visit for them, and his continuous support of our music programs and entire school district."

"It was my privilege to welcome students in the Chelsea High School Jazz Band and Cantare in the State House to play their Disney World performance," said Senator DiDomenico. "I am always blown away by the talent and

professionalism of these students and staff, and I am so glad I can support them with funding in the state budget."

The students traveled to Disney World to perform in March as part of the Disney Imagination Campus program. Chelsea High School was selected through a competitive audition process and learned that they were selected to perform this past winter. The trip also includ-

ed educational workshops for the students as part of the Imagination Campus programming.

Recently, Senator DiDomenico secured funding to support future trips and travel for the CHS music programs, ensuring they will continue to represent Chelsea and perform on the national stage.

## Development // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

affordable rate housing that builds a healthy tax base that helps fund all the services and programs the city needs, according to Cecio.

The overlay district would allow for dense mixed-use development by right, emphasizing an engaging pedestrian experience, active ground-floor uses, and walkability, especially along "primary pedestrian streets," according to city officials.

Housing density is regulated through dimensional controls, including floor area ratio (FAR), building height, and maximum lot coverage. All developments will be required to provide usable open space, with larger developments required to provide publicly accessible open space. An inclusionary zoning requirement will ensure a portion of housing units will be

affordable.

The ordinance will eliminate minimum parking requirements and instead implement a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips and encourage alternative forms of mobility. Additional site and design standards will require buildings to be oriented close to the sidewalk, incorporate transparent facades with frequent entrances, and utilize a varied building massing so that larger structures read as multiple buildings. This amendment promotes transit-oriented development, multi-family housing, and expanded employment opportunities.

Cecio noted that while the zoning would eliminate minimum parking requirements, that does not necessarily mean there would be

developments totally void of parking, rather it would encourage sensible parking for the designated use. He added that parking would likely be required for loans when developers try to get projects financed.

Several planning board members said they would like to see the parking requirements in the district tied into a larger conversation and reworking of parking requirements throughout the city.

Grove Street resident Stacy Smith said she appreciated the level of development and new urban environment that the overlay district will bring into Chelsea. She also urged city officials not to look past the history of the area, which was largely decimated by the Great Fire of 1973.

"The one thing that stuck out to me tonight is the

verbiage when we say we have a missing city or the space was underused," said Smith. "Prior to the 1973 fire, that district was highly populated with my family and many other families that were burned out of the area. There were funds that were promised specifically for more housing in the district."


Smith said it was disheartening to her and many others to hear the area referred to as West Chelsea without a sense of its past history.

Commandants Way resident Eddie Gaffney said he would like to see the district take in more of the area close to where a new professional soccer stadium is planned to be built in Everett. He also said he had concerns about pedestrian safety in the area.

## OBITUARIES

### John Olson

Loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather

 John E. Olson, 88, of Deertrail Lane, Berwick, Maine, a loving husband of 50 years, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, died at Wentworth Douglas Hospital, Dover, NH on April 13, 2026.

Born in Chelsea on April 18, 1937, he was the son of Alfred B. Ason and Agnes (Everson) Olson. A graduate of Everett High School, he joined the Marines after graduation, then entered the food service industry as a chef at Chateau DeVille in Framingham, MA.

He is survived by his loving children: Mike (Dewey) Olson of Methuen MA.; Paul Olson and his wife, Guine of Sparks, N.V. Robert Olson and his wife, Chris, of Kittery ME.; and his daughters, Sharon Orchard and her husband, Robbie of Garner, N.C., Marie Helka and her husband, Ed of Dearborn MI. and Susan



Aversa and her husband, Sal of Everett.; 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his oldest son, Gerard Olson and John Olson, and his grandson, John Olson. A memorial service will be held on April 30 at House of Hope in Berwick, Maine. Online condolences may be offered at [www.jspelkeyfuneralhome.com](http://www.jspelkeyfuneralhome.com). Donations may be made in his memory to the House of Hope in Berwick, ME, which is where he loved to spend time volunteering.

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Dr. Bruno lives with her husband and 3 children as well as her 2 Australian Shepherds. She enjoys sports, live music, and spending time with her family. She takes great pleasure in seeing the positive impact orthodontics can have on patients' lives and the confidence a healthy, beautiful smile can bring.



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# Regional partnership leads to successful warming center

Special to the Record

A regional partnership culminated in a remarkably successful inaugural season for the first ever Chelsea Regional Emergency Warming Center.

Through a strong regional partnership between the City of Chelsea and the City of Revere, more than \$300,000 was secured to build the infrastructure needed to make the program a reality. Following an open RFP process, Selah Day Resource Center was selected as the Host Agency and Housing Families (HF) was chosen to manage nightly operations; a pairing that proved to be a natural and prevailing match.

At the heart of the program's success was Roy Valentin, who served as the Host Agency Manager. Valentin brought an extraordinary combination of experience and heart to the role. A volunteer at Selah Day Resource Center, a former city manager executive, and a current Community Health Worker at Beth Israel, Val-



Chelsea Regional Emergency Warming Center Host Agency Manager Roy Valentin, Director of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki, and City Manager Roy Valentin, pictured in a photo following a successful inaugural season for the center.

entin understood deeply the urgency of the work and showed up every day with purpose.

"My goal was to keep people off the streets and alive during the coldest months of the year," said Valentin. "Most important-

ly, we provided guests with a sense of dignity and self-worth."

The center operated from January through March, recording more than 3,000 visits and serving over 200 individuals. Guests received meals, snacks, beverages,



The success of the Chelsea Regional Emergency Warming Center came as a result of a strong regional partnership among Chelsea and Revere community leaders. Pictured in a photo at Chelsea City Hall are (from left) the Rev. Ricardo Valle, founder of the Selah Day Resource Center, Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, Chelsea Director of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki, Chelsea Director of Public Health Flor Amaya, Revere Chief of Health and Human Services Lauren Buck, Housing Families Senior Director of Advocacy and Partnerships Renee Cammarata Hamilton, Housing Families Housing Specialist Aida Ali, Ja'Von Brown, and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

beds, blankets, and access to showers, all in a safe, welcoming environment.

Pastor Ricardo Valle, owner of Selah Day Resource Center deserves tremendous credit for opening its doors and creating a space where some of the most vulnerable residents could find refuge, warmth, and respect. Pastor Valle's daughter and Executive Director at Selah, Yamilett Tejada noted that the collaboration came together naturally; a testament to Selah's longstanding commitment to serving those in need.

Housing Families (HF) was equally vital, bringing operational experience and a genuine dedication to the unhoused community. "Housing Families is grateful to have supported

the unhoused community during a particularly harsh winter," said Renee Cammarata Hamilton, senior director of advocacy and partnerships. HF's professionalism and expertise in this area, helped set the tone for everything the warming center accomplished.

Health & Human Services Director Tracy Nowicki and Revere HHS Director Lauren Buck credited the early and unwavering support of City Manager Fidel Maltez and Mayor Patrick Keefe as the foundation that made everything possible. "That gave us the green light to write the grant together," said Nowicki. Adding, "Our regional approach not only secured the funding we needed, but laid the groundwork for an even

stronger partnership next season."

The program also welcomed CAPIC's S.U.D.S. program, led by Director Gladys Agneta and her dedicated staff, who were able to reach more individuals through their day programming at Selah generating nearly 70 referrals and connecting guests with housing resources, basic services, and clothing.

The broader community showed up as well. The Omni Seaport Hotel donated towels and toiletries, coordinated by Chelsea resident Marnie MacAlpine and Mike Matrinko, owner of the Brown Jug, gave several clients part-time work on Saturdays, offering not just a paycheck, but a sense of purpose.



Yamilett Tejada, Isabel Montenegro, Pastor Yvonne Valle, Cesar Bachales, Manuel Barbas, Joao DePina, and Roy Valentin.

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and the crew in the spacecraft was the opportunity of a lifetime. When I started in Chelsea, I didn't imagine myself here today. It was one of my dreams, but all the hard work paid off. It has brought together the very best of what our nation represents."

Link said he still has fond memories of his years growing up in the city and being a student in the Chelsea school district.

"It was humbling being around a community from all backgrounds, coming from such a beautiful place," said Link. "Being away all these years, it has

shown me how Chelsea has gotten better and better, and there was no better way to represent - being a part of the sports and school system there set me up for success. I can recall that some of the teachers there, they gave their best. Chelsea, back then, had its issues, but a lot of the teachers there in the school system gave their best for hope. I can name a couple of my teachers, Miss Carol Resnek and Mr. Steven Treadway - they believed in my dream. They told me to never give up and continue working toward these goals. The school system really pushed peo-

ple that wanted to achieve a bigger goal, and it clearly shows."

Link told reporters, "Right now, the support coming from Chelsea High, from City Hall, from the entire city, from every person there I'm getting messages, phone calls that they are thankful, and they are proud that we're representing Chelsea across the entire nation."

Link was asked by Monica Madeja of NBC10 Boston, "What would you say to kids in Chelsea who see where you're from and maybe dream of a career in the military, or maybe

they just have a dream that they think might be hard to achieve - what would you say to them?"

Replied Link, "I would say, never stop dreaming. Coming from a 1.5-square mile city, and being here where I am today, I'm honored to represent the City of Chelsea. Don't stop dreaming, but dreams come with hard work, so you need to work. You need to be committed. You need to stay focused. People say today you gotta lock in, that way, you can achieve these goals, because when opportunity comes, you need to be prepared. So, that's what I have to pass on to this generation. The opportunity will come, you just need to be prepared. And never stop working hard, and stay humble."

Link was asked by Boston Globe reporter Hannah Goeke about the moment he found out that he was selected for this mission.

"The moment I found out that I was selected for this mission, I was a little nervous because I knew that Artemis II needed to launch," responded Link. "Artemis had been delayed already, and I did not want to miss out on this job. I wanted to do it, a childhood dream you know. So, the moment I was selected, I continued my preparation, making sure that all my medical training with diving, hyperbarics, and my knowledge of space medicine and trauma was what this crew would need if they needed my help. So, I was in awe. I was excited and even until I opened that capsule, I could not believe it. Until the next day, I came home, I sat down and I was with family, it hit me. The

time came."

The Chelsea Record reporter read a statement from City Manager Fidel Maltez that had appeared in Thursday's edition, his quotes expressing the city's pride for Link's "integral role in the historic Artemis II splashdown."

"We're overjoyed that he represents our city, our state, and as someone of Russian and Latino heritage, that he represents Chelsea's diverse community inspiring people of all backgrounds," added Maltez in the front-page story.

"I'm humbled," said Link about Maltez's thoughtful remarks. "To be honest, those words really get to me. The pride of Chelsea lives on. This is a reminder that I will share with everyone. This is special and dear to me because I come from Chelsea. A couple of years ago, I was on the U.S.S.

Missouri in Hawaii, and I should have known this in my career, but I did not. I looked at a clock, and it said, "Chelsea Clock." And I stopped and I asked someone, and they said, 'yes, Chelsea Clocks were built in Chelsea.' It was full circle. Being able to be here, representing the community, and having the recognition from our city, it means the world to me. There's not enough words for me to describe how I'm feeling about all the support I'm receiving from every person there."

Chelsea residents are excitedly waiting for the opportunity to greet Vlad Link and congratulate the man who has brought so much credit, honor, and distinction to the U.S. Navy, himself, his family, and the city he calls home.

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## GRONK FITNESS, TODAY'S AUTO BODY DONATE EQUIPMENT FOR MILL HILL FIRE STATION WEIGHT ROOM

Gordon Gronkowski of Gronk Fitness, along with Today's Auto Body Collision owner Bobby Cobb visited the Mill Hill Fire Station where they donated

all new equipment for the weight room. The department presented Gronkowski and Cobb engraved axes in appreciation of their generous donation of equipment

and flooring for the facility. Gordon is the brother of former New England Patriots star Rob Gronkowski.



Pictured, from left, outside the Mill Hill Fire Station are Lt. Carter Glass, Firefighter Antonio Nieves, Firefighter Nick Bridge, Capt. Mike Gurska, Today's Collision Auto Body owner Bobby Cobb, Gordon Gronkowski of Gronk Fitness, Chief John Quatieri, Firefighter Irv Cyprien, Firefighter Tony Martins, and Firefighter Rony Gomez.



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**BRUINS Beat** by Bob Morello**BRUINS WELCOME HOME COOKING**

Tonight (Thursday) the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs will move onto TD Garden for games three and four. For Boston, their regular season record on home ice was an impressive 29-11-1, but they struggled on the road, only able to manage a .500 record of 16-16-9. If the Bruins are to make a defining push, it could start with tonight's game, where they hope to perform in the two playoff games on home ice, with the same drive and confidence they showed in the regular season home games. It's never easy to put the memories in the rearview mirror of a heartbreaking game, the kind the locals suffered in Game One of this series, but they had the chance to show some resilience, thanks to the every-other-day play-off schedule. Despite their inability to create shots in quantity, a problem that was very evident in the last half dozen games prior to the start of the playoffs, the

hope is that the comfort of home (and family) could be just the relaxant they are seeking to hit that stride of success once again. One factor could be that now with a couple of postseason playoff games on their resume, the five Bruins players who appeared in their initial postseason last Sunday's game, have shed all signs of nerves. The five players, James Hagens, Fraser Minten, Marat Khnutdinov, (the former three on the same line to start the game), plus Mark Kastelic, and Jonathan Aspirot, did not appear out of place in the 4-3 loss to the Buffalo

Sabres. The Bruins showed strong control right out of the gate to start this seven-game series, before running out of gas late in the third period of Game One. Any team that had such a successful regular season record as Buffalo (50-23-9), was going to be tough in the playoffs at some point...as the Bruins found out, with the Sabres' first-place finish in the Atlantic Division, and second place in the Eastern Conference, gave everyone notice, that Buffalo's 15-year stretch of DNQ's (Did Not Qualify) was now going to be history. The remedy for Boston to move into a good position in this series is right before their very eyes... tighten up the defense issues, manage the puck better, and bring up the shots totals, and most important, cover Buffalo's high-scoring Tage Thompson better, and they may find better success, and an advantageous position in the Round One playoffs.

**CHS Roundup****SIMON SCORES 18 POINTS FOR GIRLS TRACK**

The Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team dropped its first meet of the season to first-place Revere last week, 75-59. A number of Lady Red Devils turned in superb performances.

Junior track star Thania Simon tallied 18 points for the Lady Red Devils. Thania won the 200 dash with a sprint of 26.4 seconds, the triple jump with a final landing of 35'-7", and the long jump with a leap of 16'-5.5". She also scored three points for her second-place finish in the 100 dash with a time of 12.5.

Hazel Hatleberg won the javelin with a throw of 67'-6" and took second in the 1-mile with a clocking of 6:38.1, which was just 0.1 of a second behind the winning Revere girl.

Aria Green won the dis-

cus with a toss of 65'-3".

Lilly Serrano scored 16 points with victories in the 100 meter dash in 12.1, the 400 dash in 59.9, the high jump with a leap of 4'-10", and a third in the javelin.

Also scoring points for Chelsea were:

-- Kimberly Fuentes Chavez with three points for her second place finish in the 800 meters;

-- Aly Perez took second in the 2-mile in 15:03.5; and

-- Dieunice Cademus took second places in the shot-put with a throw of 24'-2" and in the discus with a toss of 64'-5".

**CHS BOYS TRACK FALLS TO REVERE**

Although the Chelsea High boys outdoor track team came up on the short end of an 85-43 decision to Revere last week, a number of Red Devils turned in fine

performances.

Xavier Guzman topped the field in the 400 meter dash with a time of 54.5.

Leeandro Castro won the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:03.7 and finished second in the 110 hurdles.

Kevin Romero-Molina won the discus with a toss of 122'-9" and grabbed third place in the shot-put.

Gregory Ulloa won the long jump with a leap of 18'-2.5". Greg also grabbed a second in the triple jump and third in the 100 dash.

Additional point-scorers for Chelsea were:

-- David Ponce with a third in the 200 dash;

-- Bryan Amaya-Yanes with a second in the 800;

-- Carlos Perez-Acosta with a third in the 1-mile;

-- Philip Robles with a second place in the discus;

-- Aiden Rivas-Ortega with a third in the long jump and in the triple jump.

**Massachusetts Department of Transportation reminds residents to beware of fraudulent text messages**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is reminding residents to beware of fraudulent text messages which ask for payment for tolls or violations by using a link sent to a person's cell phone. MassDOT divisions will never ask for payment at a link imbedded into a text message.

"If you receive a text message telling you to make a payment or that you need to act quickly, do not click the link. We continue to hear disturbing accounts from the public that a text message scam is continuing," said Colleen Ogilvie, Registrar of Motor Vehicles. "The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will never ask for payment at a link in a text. Recipients should immediately delete text messages saying fines are owed, licenses and registration will be revoked, or a collection agency is being notified - these are deceitful and fraudulent messages." Attempts have been made

in Massachusetts, and several others states to trick individuals into sharing credit card numbers and other sensitive information, directing them to websites to pay outstanding balances. The RMV and MassDOT Highway Division strongly encourage customers not to click links contained in such messages. Unfortunately, scam artists have evolved to using more believable words and phrases in their fraudulent messages, including, "Per order of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles," and "This document constitutes a formal final demand for payment." These communications are all fraudulent and should be deleted immediately.

Some of the scam texts reference a false regulation that allows for license suspension of vehicle registration revocation, and convey a sense of urgency and date deadline, with a link to submit payment. MassDOT divisions never request payment via text. Registry

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Scammers will sometimes create links that mimic the names and URLs of official websites. Customers should only use Mass.Gov/RMV for online RMV services and only use www.EZDriveMA.com for the payment of tolls owed for travel on Massachusetts roadways.

**Zoning // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

planning board recommendation, the bylaw would then come back before the city council where it would hold a public hearing and a potential vote on adoption. In addition to the bylaw presented by City Manager Fidel Maltez, the bylaw includes an amendment from Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson that would allow greater opportunities for development on the Market Basket parcel.

Earlier this year, Maltez presented a proposed inclusionary zoning bylaw aimed at increasing development in the city as a way to come to grips with oncoming financial hardships. Data presented by Maltez has shown that the city's current inclusionary zoning bylaw has created almost no new affordable housing units in the city.

"Chelsea currently holds the third highest level of affordable housing in Massachusetts—a record that must be protected," Maltez has said. "But the current policy has made it difficult for Chelsea to raise new growth revenue because it creates too many barriers for new housing development projects. Growing the tax base through new development is the most sustainable path forward. Without policy changes, projects that could generate housing and revenue are stalled and the city risks being forced into cuts to schools, public safety, and infrastructure."

After feedback from the city council and others, Maltez revised the inclusionary zoning policy he presented to the council.

The current proposal calls for:

A Change the policy to apply to projects with 50 units or more. The current policy applies to projects of 10 units or more. Maltez initially proposed raising this threshold to 100 units or

more, and he said the Council desires a more gradual change that will be evaluated more often. Maltez said he believes that this change will unlock a tremendous amount of projects, particularly in the downtown area.

Change the required number of affordable units and connect it with the level of affordability. The administration proposes having two options: 10% of Units at 80% AMI or 7% of Units at 60% AMI. This matches the inclusionary zoning in Everett.

Change the Fees-in-Lieu to Affordable Housing Units to \$200,000. This changes the current policy that allows developers to pay the City \$400,000 in place of complying with inclusionary zoning. The current policy requires that the City Council approval through a vote of acceptance of this payment. In nine years, Maltez said Chelsea has not received any funds. He said these payments could be used for anti-displacement work, such as rental assistance for existing residents, first time home buyer programs, or contributing to 100% affordable housing projects.

Review the policy every two years. Maltez committed to hiring a third party firm, like MassHousing Partnership or the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, to review the data from the effects of this policy change. If new growth explodes in Chelsea, he said the Council may choose to modify the policy, and opposite if the economic situation worsens, the Council may choose to act accordingly.

"On the policy itself, I remain a bit unconvinced that inclusionary zoning is the problem," said Council President Roberto Jimenez-Rivera. "I am still having and I am open to

conversations on that, and I could see where for smaller developments in particular, it could be, and that is why I am grateful that this proposal literally cannot be voted on until at least early June, if not later."

The council president said he hopes that between now and when the policy comes back from the planning board, the city council and the city can have conversations about not only inclusionary zoning, but also about the housing and revenue crises.

"We need to focus on ways to build incentives into this policy that encourage development that makes sense instead of loosening regulations and hoping for the best," said Jimenez-Rivera.

Maltez said the conversation will be difficult and he wants to make sure that everyone has a seat at the table.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor said he agreed that the issues need a lot of public discourse, but said he hopes it involves more than just the same groups that come out for all the same conversations in the city.

"That only tells us something that we already know, that those organizations are for or against something," said Taylor. "I would encourage everyday, regular folks who aren't affiliated with any organizations to come out and be heard on this, whether you're a renter or whether you're a homeowner ... this is an important conversation that needs to be had."

Taylor said he believes residents will see distinct differences between councilors on why they are going to vote for or against the policy. He said he hopes people can put aside their own ideologies and focus on what works for the city.

District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate said she would possibly like to see a more tiered approach to inclusionary zoning in Chelsea.

"I just think that we can do better and create something that is not a one-size fits all; based on things like geographic area and density and things like desirability," said Santagate. "We have some incredible neighborhoods here and so we should not sell them short, but at the same time, we should give our people a chance to live in them, as many people as possible."

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# Marino joins regional partners to break ground on new emergency dispatch center

State-of-the-art facility to house MNRECC, serving Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere

Special to the Transcript

Local leaders gathered on Friday, April 17, to break ground on the restoration of the historic McKinley School, a project that will soon serve as the high-tech nerve center for Winthrop's emergency services.

The defunct building at 65 Yeamans Street is being transformed into a mixed-use facility anchored by the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC). The center represents a landmark partnership between the Town of Winthrop, the City of Chelsea, and the City of Revere to modernize public safety infrastructure across the region.

A Major Leap for Local Public Safety

For Winthrop, the move to a regional dispatch model is expected to unlock vital state funding, centralize municipal costs, and significantly expand emergency response capacity.

Winthrop Town Manager Tony Marino, who attended the ceremony alongside Re-

vere Mayor Patrick Keefe and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, noted that the transition has been a long-standing priority for the town.

"Our chiefs at the time came to me and said we needed a new community and we needed to get in a RECC center," Marino said, noting that the project has been on the radar since 2022. "We were able to get across the finish line when Mayor Keefe got elected and Fidel came over from Reading."

**Regional Collaboration**  
The project is being hailed as a model for inter-municipal cooperation. By sharing a "tier-one" dispatch facility, the three communities can leverage state-of-the-art technology that might be cost-prohibitive for a single municipality to maintain alone.

The groundbreaking was attended by a large contingent of regional officials, including State Senator Lydia Edwards and State Representative Jeffrey R. Turco, both of whom represent



ADAM SWIFT PHOTO

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

Winthrop and were instrumental in securing support for the initiative.

"This project is a perfect example of what we can achieve through creative municipal planning and strong regional partnerships," said Mayor Patrick Keefe. "We are transforming [this space] into a hub that will keep our residents safe... for generations to come."

**Preservation and Education**

In addition to the regional dispatch center, the 100-year-old McKinley School building will house an early childhood edu-



Dr. Dianne Kelley, Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, Winthrop Town Manager Tony Marino and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez shown breaking ground with the ceremonial shovels.

cation center for Revere Public Schools. The redevelopment is a landmark preservation project, utilizing the existing architectural structure to meet modern community needs.

Representative Jeffrey R. Turco, a former student at the McKinley School,

expressed his excitement at seeing the building return to life as a centerpiece for the community, bridging his priorities of education and public safety.

**Looking Ahead**

The facility is slated to open in 2027, coinciding with the 100th anniversary

of the building's last major renovation in 1927. Once operational, the MNRECC will streamline communications between Winthrop's first responders and their neighbors, ensuring faster, more coordinated responses to regional emergencies.

## FRESH AND LOCAL

### Seasonal eating these days

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

While we know that many of our neighbors in the Northeast face hunger this year, it's due to food prices, not supply. In the past, people went hungry because they had no crops to harvest at specific times. These times have been called the "Starving Season."

Food Historian, Sarah Wassberg Johnson wrote, "Historically, the months of March and April have been the most dangerous time of year for eaters in northerly climes. A poor harvest or improper food preservation in the fall could lead to fasting and even starvation by May."

Today, more of us are choosing to eat seasonally. More people are planting gardens or containers, shopping at farmers' markets, joining CSAs, preserving our own food, and choosing to buy products with the least processing.

**Grow Or Preserve Your Own**

Last year, Aoide Magazine reported that, "There

are over 43 million American households with a backyard vegetable garden, 51% of which preserve food with canning. Urban farming has seen a 30% growth in the last three decades. Ball and Kerr reports a 60% growth in food canning. Indoor hydroponic vertical gardening has seen a 3,000% increase over traditional gardening. According to Scott's Miracle Gro, 55% of Americans are involved with gardening and millions more are planning to do so."

During the pandemic, we used an AeroGarden to grow herbs, and we replenished our scallions from the roots of the ones we had. Other neighbors began gardening on whatever scale their property allowed. Our building has had a community herb garden on our roof deck for many years. Community Gardens have waiting lists for plots in urban areas. In addition to growing food, the interest in foraging has increased with experts offering guided tours, books, and classes.

**Why the Change?**

Those of us changing our

food sourcing are doing so for a variety of reasons. We love supporting local businesses and shop at places that support local producers. Buying directly from nearby farms protects our local food system and the land devoted to food production.

We also prefer to spend our food dollars on options with lower food miles, since shipping consumes a myriad of other resources. The time from the moment a product is picked, processed, packed, stored, and shipped affects flavor and nutrition.

In turn, this also means that large-scale producers must choose specific qualities in the varieties of food they grow. Flavor and nutrition are not at the top of the list. An article for farmers from Michigan State University advises, "Selecting the right seed for your farm starts and stops with profitability. You want to select two or three varieties that are adaptable and will maximize yields on your farm. When selecting varieties, the top two criteria should be yield potential, followed

by disease resistance."

By moving toward seasonal eating and choosing the most local options, we can enjoy more flavor and nutrition. It can also be budget-friendly. We choose not to buy the expensive new varieties of strawberries grown for flavor. We wait until strawberry season ar-

rives and buy local berries every week until the season ends.

As the summer farmers' markets reopen, we'll visit twice a week and base our diet on what is in season. We'll have asparagus in every way we can find. We'll cherish the first radishes. Our meat and take-out se-

lections will come from the vendors who supply those items to round out our market experience.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

### FORMER SHURTLEFF JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS STAR DAVID RESCA ATTENDS EVENT IN LYNN



Former Shurtleff Junior High School sports star David Resca (right) attended the celebrating honoring his friend, James P. Lamanna (second from left) on his appointment as the new Lynn city clerk. Also pictured at the party at the Italian American Citizens Club are Jay Shanahan and Rocco Ricci.

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BROTHER GILBERT NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY



Congratulations to the newly inducted members of the Brother Gilbert Chapter of the National Honor Society! A special ceremony was recently held to honor the new members alongside their families and celebrate this meaningful achievement.

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CORRECTED NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2026-01

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With reference to the application of: 320 Revere Beach Realty, LLC. For Special Permit and Variance approval for the construction of a sixty-seven (67) residential dwelling unit 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 Realty 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 4/23/26, 4/30/26 CH

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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2026-02

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With reference to the application of: The Cavallo Corporation | Ronald J. Cavallo For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a two-family wood frame dwelling which does not meet the minimum requirements for lot size, side yard, front yard, open space and frontage. The petition meets the required number of off-street parking; however, the parking spaces encroach on required rear and side yard setbacks as well as access aisle at the premises known as: 88 Springvale Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 4/23/26, 4/30/26 CH

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Chapter 39 of the General Laws of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 Council Chambers. 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway 6:00 p.m. with reference to the appeal by: Meridian Wharf Condominiums | Trust c/o Tanya D. Trevisan, Esq., Mirriane, Shaughnessy & Uitti, LLC As a notice of appeal of the refusal and/or failure of the City of Chelsea Building Commissioner to enforce the off-street parking requirements of the §34-283 of the Zoning Ordinance at the premises known as: 5 Winnisimmet Street 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 4/23/26, 4/30/26 CH

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The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "CPS - PLUMBING SERVICES". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after April 23, 2026 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\_bids\_solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "CPS - CPS PLUMBING SERVICES" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:30AM on May 14, 2026. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea." The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Project Description: Chelsea - Bridge Superstructure Replacement C-09-013, Washington Avenue, Carter Street & County Road/Route 1 Project File No. 608952 A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in Chelsea, MA. WHEN: 6 p.m. on Tuesday April 28, 2026 PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the superstructure of the bridge connecting Washington Avenue, County Road, and Carter Street over US Route 1 in Chelsea. The work involves a phased sequence of partial detours for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians through this area to facilitate construction of the new superstructure. The new superstructure will result in a safer intersection at Washington Avenue, County Road, and Carter Street; an improved bus stop on southbound Washington Avenue at Reynolds Avenue; and a new landscaped plaza over US Route 1. The project also includes improved bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure over US Route 1 and through the project area. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of

Chelsea is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing. Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 608952. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted. This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TDD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing. This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events. JONATHAN GULLIVER HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E. CHIEF ENGINEER 4/16/26, 4/23/26 CH

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# Lyft and Uber launch new shuttle model at Boston Logan

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), in partnerships with Lyft and Uber, is launching new scheduled urban shuttle services at Boston Logan International Airport, offering travelers a more affordable, predictable, and efficient way to get to and from the airport. These services start on Thursday, April 16th.

The new services, available through the Lyft and Uber platforms, allow passengers to book individual seats on high-occupancy shared vans operating along fixed routes and schedules between Boston and several popular locations in and around the city.

"I want to thank both Lyft and Uber individually for collaborating with us on these new shared shuttles to and from Boston Logan," said Rich Davey, CEO of

Massport. "These are great options for both residents and visitors as they link the airport to popular locations. They give our passengers more flexibility through affordable and reliable transportation options. This initiative helps us advance our efforts to increase HOV travel, ease congestion, and improve efficiency across the airport."

Unlike traditional ride-share options, these shuttle services are designed to group multiple passengers into a single trip, with designated pickup and drop-off locations. This approach helps move more passengers in fewer vehicles, reducing congestion on the regional roadway network at the terminal curbs, while providing a reliable, lower-cost option for travelers. Not only will passengers

take advantage of a lower cost ride, they will also get a "Ticket to Skip" where they jump to the head of the TSA security line.

The introduction of urban shuttle services builds on a series of initiatives aimed at encouraging shared and sustainable ground transportation options at Boston Logan. Massport continues to evaluate and implement strategies that support HOV travel, reduce emissions, and make better use of limited curb space, ensuring the airport can accommodate growing passenger demand while maintaining a reliable and efficient experience.

"Boston has always been a city that embraces smarter, more connected ways to get around, and we're proud to be part of that tradition. This shuttle service is about giving real people a reli-

able, affordable way to get to Logan — whether you're a daily commuter, a first-time traveler, or just trying to avoid the headache of airport parking. We believe the future of transportation is shared, and partnerships like this one with Massport are how we make that future real for the communities we serve," said Yuko Yamazaki, head of driver at Lyft.

Lyft will provide services along these routes:

- Lyft Shuttle: Porter-Somerville-Lechmere
- Stops: Porter Square, Cambria Hotel-Somerville, Lechmere, Logan Airport
- Service Hours: 7am-6pm, 7 days per week
- Frequency: 60 minutes
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"Following the success of our Uber Shuttle product at other major airports, we're proud to bring Uber Shuttle to Boston ahead of what's expected to be a busy travel season. By adding a scheduled, lower-cost transportation option, we're giving people more choice in how they travel. We know how much riders value the ease and convenience of Uber Shuttle, and we're excited for Bostonians and travelers alike to experience it for themselves," said Andy Jeninga, General Manager of Airports & Travel at Uber.

Uber will provide services along the following routes:

- Uber Shuttle: Central Boston

- Stops: Allston, Boston University/Kenmore Square, North Station, Logan Airport

- Service Hours: 2pm-midnight, 7 days per week
- Frequency: 30 minutes

- Uber Shuttle: Cambridge
- Stops: Porter Square, Harvard Square, MIT/Kendall Square, Logan Airport
- Service Hours: 2pm-midnight, 7 days per week
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# CHELSEA DEDICATES NEW PARK IN MEMORY OF BELOVED YOUTH SPORTS COACH JAMES "BEAR" BURKE

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The City of Chelsea dedicated a new park on Congress Avenue Saturday in memory of one of youth sports' greatest ambassadors, the late James "Bear" Burke.

Mr. Burke, who passed away in 2018, mentored and coached many Chelsea athletes as the leader of the Pirates team in the Chelsea Youth Baseball League, also known as the Pony League. Mr. Burke later took an impactful leadership role in youth football. He was also a long-time advisor to Explorer Post 109.

City Manager Fidel Maltez said the idea for building a park on the long-vacated site was a collaborative effort between the city and GreenRoots.

"This place is going to be a park that is going to be celebrated by the neighborhood," said Maltez. "It's adding a lot of light and joy to a lot of kids in this area. It was very clear what the name of this park was going to be."

Maltez said it was City Councilor Giovanni Recupero, who recommended the park be dedicated in memory of James "Bear" Burke.

"This is a great person," said Recupero, pointing to a photo of Mr. Burke that was on display at the ceremony. "If anyone deserves anything named after him, it would be this gentleman. This gentleman only did great things for the City of Chelsea. He helped my children and many, many other children. No one is more deserving of this honor."

Recupero said Mr. Burke lived on Congress Avenue "and he was part of this community his whole life."

Nancy Burke, sister-in-law of Mr. Burke, spoke on behalf of the family.

"James "Bear" Burke was a lifelong Chelsea resident who dedicated himself to the youth of the city," said Nancy. "Bear's love of sports and family motivated him to volunteer countless hours to help other young people enjoy sports in Chelsea."

Burke noted that her brother-in-law worked for many years for the city's Department of Public Works until his retirement.

He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

"Uncle Jimmy was the epitome of Chelsea, a true Chelsea legend. He was a big man with an even bigger heart. Jimmy was kind with a gentle demeanor and quick wit. He was nicknamed "The Bear," for his size, but he was a gentle giant," said Nancy.

And that gentle giant now has a park named in his honor, close to the area in which he resided. It is much-deserved recognition



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson (right) welcomes Joe Burke, brother of the late James "Bear" Burke, to the city for the park dedication ceremony.



Chelsea DPW Community Services Administrator Mike Sandoval and Jarred McTeran, Brand Ambassador for the New England Revolution professional soccer team. Mr. James "Bear" Burke was a retired foreman in the DPW.



Chelsea Firefighter Steven Waxman and Mike Cooksey.



Chelsea Community Cable Television Technical Director Ricky Velez and his wife, Pastor Keila Velez.



Mike Cooksey, nephew of the late James "Bear" Burke, pictured with Catherine Dwyer, and Chelsea District Court Assistant Clerk Magistrate James Dwyer, at the park dedication ceremony.



Yahya Noor of Healthy Chelsea and Marnie MacAlpine.



Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, City Council President Roberto Jimenez Rivera, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



City Manager Fidel Maltez greets Nick Burke and Joe Burke, brothers of the late James "Bear" Burke, at the dedication ceremony.



The proud family of the late James "Bear" Burke stands adjacently to a photo of the legendary youth sports coach at the Bear Park dedication ceremony Saturday on Congress Avenue.

for a lifetime of kindness and bringing joy to others, especially young athletes.

"This world needs more Uncle Jimmys, yet there will never be another Bear," said Nancy. "He was one of a kind and made a lasting impression on the City of

Chelsea."

On behalf of the entire family, Nancy Burke thanked the people of Chelsea "for honoring his legacy by naming this new park right next to his home in the neighborhood where he lived his whole life, in Chelsea, which he loved."



Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development Emily Granoff (left) and City Council President Roberto Jimenez Rivera and son, Robi, pictured with youths in the playground area at the newly dedicated James "Bear" Burke Park.



The many friends and admirers of the late James "Bear" Burke, whose outstanding contributions to the community will be forever remembered through the beautiful new park that was named in his honor Saturday on Congress Avenue, adjacent to his residence.

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