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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley at a Roca event in Chelsea last week, Pressley delivered over \$900,000 for the organization's Managing Trauma in Corrections program.

## Pressley delivers for Roca Managing Trauma in Corrections program

Special to the Record

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) visited Chelsea to celebrate the \$922,000 in federal community project funding she delivered for Roca, Inc.'s "Managing Trauma in Corrections" program. The federal dollars secured by the Congresswoman, which passed under a previous spending bill signed by President Biden, helped create the new program at Roca, which supports young people cycling through incarceration and correctional officers addressing and mit-

igating trauma.

Congresswoman Pressley has led efforts in Congress to address trauma and transform our criminal legal system to center the dignity and humanity of every person.

During her visit, the Congresswoman participated in a roundtable discussion, tour of the building, and press conference with Roca leadership, staff, and impacted families and youth served by Roca.

"The team at Roca have been incredible partners in our shared work to end cycles of trauma and violence

across Chelsea and across our Commonwealth," said Congresswoman Pressley. "It was a joy to visit Roca, to hear directly from the people they serve, and to celebrate the vital role they play pouring into our young people and strengthening our communities. While Trump and Republicans terrorize our communities and traumatize our children, I'm grateful for organizations like Roca who've been standing in the gap."

"Our intervention model has proven to be very effective at helping the highest-risk young people heal

their trauma and learn skills required to achieve long-term behavior change," said Molly Baldwin, CEO and Founder of Roca, Inc. "That drives dramatically reduced rates of recidivism and helps young people choose a better, more productive path, while enhancing public safety and saving taxpayers money. We are enormously grateful for Congresswoman Pressley's leadership in securing this funding. This allowed us to impact more young people through our

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## Chelsea receives \$175,000 from Healey-Driscoll Administration to host 2026 FIFA World Cup "Watch Parties" in Chelsea Square

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea has been awarded a \$175,000 grant from the Healey-Driscoll Administration through the Massachusetts Sports and Entertainment Events Fund Grant Program to host Fiesta de Fútbol, a series of 2026 FIFA World Cup watch parties in Chelsea Square beginning June 11.

The grant is administered by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT) within the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) and supports operations, marketing, and safety planning for World Cup-related events that promote tourism and strengthen local economies. Chelsea is one of 25 communities across the Commonwealth to receive funding, with events taking place throughout June and July.

The City's watch party series will be branded Fiesta de Fútbol and will transform Chelsea Square into a vibrant outdoor gathering space for the duration of the tournament. Attendees can expect a large-screen viewing experience with Telemundo's Spanish-language broadcast, local food vendors, live music, and community programming that celebrates the cultures and traditions of Chelsea residents.

"Chelsea is excited to join dozens of communities across Massachusetts

in hosting watch parties for what should be a very special summer for North America and Massachusetts," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "The goal of these events is to generate real economic impact for our local businesses, especially those along Broadway, by welcoming residents, visitors, and families from across Greater Boston to Chelsea Square."

In addition to the watch parties, a portion of the funding will support com-

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## School attendance rates remain steady for April

By Adam Swift

School district attendance rates held steady in April, and the high school drop-out rate saw a slight decline over the same time period from last year.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty provided the school committee with an update on the district's indicators of success for April at last week's meeting.

"Pre-K through eighth grade daily attendance rate is holding strong at an average of 93 percent for the month of April along with the year-to-date," said Blake-Canty. "Our high school is holding steady at about 85 percent average, also for the month of April

and year-to-date."

The high school enrollment as of Oct. 1 was 1,683 students.

"The number of students that have dropped out has been 55, there is a .51 percent decrease when compared to last year," Blake-Canty said. "What our drop-out rate is indicating is that progress is being made and that we are able to retain most of our students."

Blake-Canty also reviewed the mobility rate in the schools, which measures the number of students who enter and leave the school district over the course of the school year.

At the Early Learning Center, there were two stu-

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## Garcia secures major investments for Chelsea in FY27 House Budget

Special to the Record

Recently the Massachusetts House of Representatives has passed its Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) state budget, a \$63.4 billion spending plan that delivers major investments in education, transportation, health care, housing, and local communities across the Commonwealth.

As part of the House budget process, State Represent-



State Representative Judith Garcia

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## Chelsea Police participates in regional waterway spill response training

Special to the Record

On Thursday, May 7, members of the Chelsea Police Department participated in a multi-agency hazardous materials response exercise alongside Chelsea Firefighters Local 937, the United States Coast Guard Sector Boston, Massachusetts Department of

Environmental Protection, Everett Fire Department, Chelsea Emergency Management, and several regional partners during the 2026 Chelsea/Everett Geographic Response Strategy (GRS) Exercise.

The exercise simulated an oil spill threatening the

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CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT COURTESY PHOTO

The Chelsea Police Department taking part in a training exercise with other agencies simulating a shoreline oil spill.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CITY ANNOUNCES MAY 31 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR 2026 ALL CHELSEA AWARDS

The deadline to submit nominations for the City of Chelsea's annual 2026 All Chelsea Awards is Sunday, May 31. The awards honor outstanding individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made exceptional contributions to the Chelsea community.

The City is asking Chelsea residents to nominate those who exemplify the City's civic values through active community participation, social justice, and neighborliness. Each nomination should include a strong reason for recognition. Winners will be formally recognized at the All Chelsea Awards Gala on Thursday, July 9, 2026. More details including ticket information will soon be announced.

Award categories include:

- Resident Nominee (Age 21-64)
• Resident Nominee (Age 65+)
• Special Award
• Public Employee of the Year

- Community-Based Organization of the Year
• Project of the Year
• Business or Business Person of the Year

Nominations are open to all Chelsea residents. To submit a nomination, visit www.chelseama.gov/annualevents and select "All Chelsea Awards." For those who need assistance to submit a nomination, please contact the Chelsea Law Department at 617-466-4050.

SALVADORAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS SALES

A Salvadoran national unlawfully residing in Chelsea was sentenced last week in federal court in Boston for making multiple illegal firearms sales.

Melbi Ovidio Ortez, 41, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Denise J. Casper to 27 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. The defendant is subject to deportation upon completion of the imposed sentence.

In February 2026, Ortez pleaded guilty to one count of engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license and one count of distribution of and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. In June 2025, Ortez was arrested and charged, according to the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston.

Ortez was identified as an 18th Street Gang associate who supplied firearms and controlled substances to gang members. On four different occasions between April 3, 2025 and May 2, 2025, Ortez sold firearms and ammunition behind his Chelsea residence. Ortez sold a Glock 9mm caliber pistol; a Sturm and Ruger .22 caliber revolver; a Glock .40 caliber pistol; a Colt .380 caliber pistol; magazines; and over 100 rounds of ammunition. In addition, the serial numbers on both the Glock 9mm pistol and the Colt .380 pistol had been defaced. The Glock 9mm pistol had been purchased only 20 days earlier from a licensed firearms dealer in New Hampshire. Ortez also sold cocaine two times during that same period, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Barrett Planning Group Partners with Chelsea on Community Preservation Plan Update

Special to the Record

Barrett Planning Group, a planning and community development firm providing strategic, community-focused solutions across New England, is working with the City of Chelsea's Housing & Community Development Department to update to the City's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) five-year action plan.

The effort will guide how Chelsea invests Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding among the program's three categories: affordable housing, open space and recreation, and historic preservation. The updated plan will reflect current community needs and help prioritize spending recommendations to the City Council over the next five years.

Chelsea adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2016, establishing a dedicated funding source through a local property surcharge, which is matched annually by the state. The funds support projects that create and preserve affordable housing, expand recreational opportunities, and protect historic resources across the city.

Barrett Planning Group is helping the City design and implement a public engagement strategy as part of the early stages of the planning process. A community survey - offered in both English and Spanish - is available, providing residents an opportunity to share input

on funding priorities and community needs:

English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChelseaCPCActionPlanSurvey
Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQLD5JG

In addition to the survey, the project team will conduct outreach at local events over the next two months, creating additional opportunities for residents, community organizations, and stakeholders to participate in the planning process.

"Public input is essential to ensuring Community Preservation Act funding reflects the priorities and needs of Chelsea residents," said Jennifer Doherty, Preservation Planner at Barrett Planning Group. "The process is designed to make participation accessible and inclusive, and to give the community a meaningful voice in shaping how these resources are used."

"Chelsea is proud of our ability to meaningfully invest Community Preservation Act funds in affordable housing, parks, and historic preservation projects throughout our city," said Lydia Malkemus, Housing & Community Preservation Manager for the City of Chelsea. "This survey gives our residents an opportunity to guide future investment decisions, and we encourage all community members to participate."

Barrett Planning Group's work on the CPC plan builds on its broader partnership with the City of

Chelsea across several recent projects. The firm has supported the City in advancing housing and planning efforts, including zoning updates to comply with the state's MBTA Communities Act, amendments to the West Chelsea Urban Renewal Plan, and updates to the City's strategic housing plan.

To learn more about Barrett Planning Group, visit www.barrettplanningllc.com

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reentry work and expand our Rewire4 training, which helps corrections staff better understand and support the individuals in their custody."

The Managing Trauma in Corrections (MTC) program modified Roca's existing Rewire4 training materials being used by the Baltimore Police Department as training materials to support their officers addressing vicarious trauma, for use by correctional facilities across Massachusetts. The project would also serve all emerg-

ing adults with customized services designed to give young people the tools and skills critical to behavior change, regardless of the length of time they are detained or incarcerated.

Since its launch, Roca's MTC program has achieved strong outcomes, significantly advancing its goal of reducing recidivism and improving behavioral health for high-risk, justice-involved emerging adults across Massachusetts. Grounded in Roca's

Intervention Model—combining relentless outreach, Rewire CBT, life skills development, and community partnerships—the initiative substantially exceeded its original service targets, engaging over 1,051 young people statewide compared to a goal of 400-500 between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

Rep. Pressley has secured approximately \$43 million in federal community project funding for the Massachusetts 7th since Fiscal Year 2022.

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community soccer programming, including a Chelsea Soccer Alumni Tournament on May 23, a community field day open to all players and programs on June 6, and an adult tournament where teams are encouraged to represent their home nation on June 27.

The City will work with residents, business owners, and its Licensing and Traffic and Parking Commissions to finalize an event plan. A complete schedule is expected to be announced by the third week of May.

To reduce traffic, City organizers are encouraging those who attend the watch parties to take public transportation. Chelsea Square is accessible via the MBTA Silver Line (SL3), the Chelsea Commuter Rail Station, and local bus routes including the 111, 112, 114, 116, and 117. Attendees are strongly encouraged to use public transit. Limited parking is available along Arlington Street beneath the Tobin Bridge and on Lower Broadway near Medford Street.

Community members interested in volunteering can contact Omar Miranda at omiranda@chelseama.gov or Charlie Giuffrida at cgiuffrida@chelseama.gov. Businesses and organizations interested in sponsorship opportunities should contact Charlie Giuffrida directly.

The FIFA World Cup 2026 begins June 11. More details on the Fiesta de Fútbol schedule will be announced in mid-May.

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# CHS student Sara Quintanilla Umana, extended learning department staff receive Name, Strength and Story Awards

Special to the Record

In a special ceremony, Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) recognized Chelsea High School senior Sara Quintanilla Umana, CPS educators in the Extended Learning Department, as well as community partners who contribute to CPS' robust extended learning programming with Name, Strength and Story awards.

The awards were presented by Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta at the Chelsea School Committee meeting on Thursday, May 7, at Chelsea City Hall.

Sara, a member of the CHS Class of 2026, was recognized for her selfless support of classmates in need of additional help in math. She has not only supported fellow classmates in her AP Statistics class this year, but has also stayed after school to help several freshmen with Algebra I coursework.

She shared, "I don't like seeing others fail, especially when I think I can help them."

Sara's AP Statistics teacher Jane Abramovich commented via written testimony, "What makes this especially noteworthy is that Sara is not doing this for recognition. She is simply choosing to help because she cares. That level of selflessness and empathy speaks volumes about who

she is, a true exemplary member of our community."

In addition to spending extra time at school tutoring classmates, Sara is also a member of the National Honor Society and participates in La Vida Scholars, Art Club and Impact Club.

From the Extended Learning Department, CPS educators and district site supervisors Pamela Kes-saris (high school), Clair Flores (middle school) and Dan Camino (elementary school) were recognized as recipients of the Name, Strength and Story awards. In their roles, they support all extended learning programming offered throughout the district, including logistics, student participation and ensuring students have opportunities to learn and have fun. Extended learning includes programming offered by the district outside of regular school hours, such as before school, after school, during school vacations and over the summer.

For Kids Only (FKO) Afterschool, Soccer Without Borders and the Museum of Science also received Name, Strength and Story awards as community partners with the district. All three organizations partner with CPS to provide a wide variety of opportunities for students and access to programs during the school day, outside of school and throughout the community.



Members of the CPS extended learning department including three educators and three community partners received Name, Strength and Story Awards on Thursday, May 7, at City Hall.



Sara Quintanilla Umana and her family (pictured in the middle) joined the Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta (third from right) and the Chelsea School Committee.

## Training // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Island End River and surrounding shoreline areas, with participating agencies working together to implement coordinated response tactics designed to protect environmentally sensitive waterways.

The day began with classroom instruction and hands-on equipment familiarization focused on spill mitigation strategies, interagency coordination, marine safety, and rapid deployment operations. Personnel later transitioned to Mary O'Malley State Park, where Chelsea Police Harbormaster personnel and marine assets joined fire department marine crews and partner agencies in deploying hundreds of feet of containment boom into the water to simulate securing and containing a hazardous material spill.

The exercise also included vessel coordination, shoreline operations, drone support, communications planning, equipment recovery, and trailer repacking operations designed to strengthen regional preparedness and response capabilities.



CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT COURTESY PHOTO

The Chelsea Police Department taking part in a training exercise with other agencies simulating a shoreline oil spill.

While incidents of this nature are uncommon, training alongside the department's public safety and environmental partners

ensures that the department remains prepared to respond quickly, safely, and effectively should a real-world emergency impact our waterways or community.

The Chelsea Police Department thanked Mass-DEP and all participating agencies for their partnership, professionalism, and continued commitment to regional collaboration and public safety.



Sara Quintanilla Umana and her family (pictured in the middle) joined the Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta (third from right) and the Chelsea School Committee.

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dents who came in and zero who left. At the elementary level, there were nine students in and seven students out. The middle school level saw four students come in and six leaving, while at the high school there were seven students in and seven students who left during the month of April.

"At the district, the total for the month of April was 22 students in and 20 students out," said Blake-Canty. "From the month of September to current date, we've had 450 students in and 311 students out. That is a difference of 139 students that we have been able to retain."

In other business, school committee member Dr. Sarah Neville highlighted the

Chelsea Research Festival, which is taking place on Monday, May 18.

"The Chelsea Research Festival is a poster session for academics from universities and hospitals and everyone coming to share their Chelsea-related research back to the community," said Neville. "But also, a lot of our students are going to be presenting with them as well in this adult poster fair, so I really hope that people will come and support our students. We have 40 research projects that are being shared, which is the most ever that we have had, and 14 of those projects are by Chelsea students."

The event takes place at Chelsea High School, with a session from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

so high school students can come through and see the research posters, followed by an additional session

from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for parents and other community members.

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## Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Home

The City's Veterans Service Officer will attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Home on Wednesday, May 20, at 10 a.m. in an official capacity. A formal speaking program is expected and a continental lunch will be provided following the ceremony.

Veterans Home is located at 100 Summit Ave. Chelsea.

### LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Housing Court Litigation Services Chelsea Housing Authority

The Chelsea Housing Authority ("CHA") is seeking proposals from qualified law firms to provide housing court litigation and related legal services, including summary process, evictions, reasonable accommodations, advisory opinions, and grievances.

RFP packages will be available beginning **Monday, May 11, 2026**, by email request to Yolanda Velazquez, Deputy Director, at [yvelazquez@chelsea.com](mailto:yvelazquez@chelsea.com), or in person at the CHA, 54 Locke Street, Chelsea, MA 02150.

Sealed proposals must be received no later than **Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** at the address above. Late proposals will not be accepted.

#### KEY DATES

RFP Available: May 11, 2026

Questions Due: May 19, 2026

Proposals Due: May 26, 2026 — 11:00 a.m.

*The CHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive minor informalities, and to award the contract in the manner deemed to be in the best interest of the CHA.*

**Paul Nowicki, Executive Director**  
Chelsea Housing Authority

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# Forum

## THE DUMPING OF RAW SEWAGE HAS TO BE FIXED

The “plan” recently announced by the Mass. Water Resources Authority (MWRA) that would continue to allow for raw sewage to be dumped into our watersheds in the Greater Boston area during periods of heavy rainfall is, in a word, unacceptable.

We hasten to note that we do not blame the MWRA for this sad state of affairs.

Rather, it is the lack of political will by our elected officials to address this issue that is the problem.

This is reminiscent of the situation we faced decades ago when the Charles River was the subject of the pop song “Dirty Water” and when the high levels of pollution in Chelsea Creek, the Mystic River, and Boston Harbor peeled the paint from homes and cars in Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

It was not until the 1980s that Governor Michael Dukakis finally took the action necessary to create the MWRA, which has done so much to make our harbor and surrounding waterways cleaner.

About a decade after the MWRA’s creation, Dukakis’s successor, Bill Weld, dove into the Charles River from a dock in his suit clothes to demonstrate how much cleaner the Charles had become.

But the job of making our waterways free from raw sewage remains unfinished. We -- both our public officials and citizenry -- need to commit to a plan that will eliminate raw sewage from the waterways that surround us.

Accepting the status quo for generations to come is not the answer.

## HAS OUR NATIONAL DEBT REACHED A TIPPING POINT?

Last week it was reported that our national debt officially has surpassed 100% of our GDP (gross domestic product). Our national debt (as of the report) now totals \$31.27 trillion, while GDP stands at \$31.22 trillion.

This marks the first time since WWII -- when the country went heavily into debt to pay for the war effort -- that the national debt has exceeded our GDP.

For those who assert that our national debt is out of control, this milestone (if you can call it that) is an ominous sign. The alarmists assert that this high level of debt is unsustainable and eventually will wreak havoc on our economy.

There is a lot of truth to that position. The interest cost on the national debt now exceeds \$1 trillion each year. This is more than we spend on anything else in our national budget (including Medicare and defense) other than Social Security.

Moreover, there is no end in sight to our escalating national debt. The tax cuts enacted by Congress last year in the so-called Big Beautiful Bill, which primarily benefit the very wealthy, will reduce revenue by trillions over the coming years.

Those who have asserted in the past that the federal government’s growing debt was not a problem relied on low interest rates to support their position. It made sense, they said, for the government to borrow when interest rates were low.

In 2020 for example, the U.S. government paid an interest rate of approximately 1.6% on our outstanding debt and interest payments totaled approximately \$345 billion.

But now we are paying almost triple that rate and almost triple that annual payment. Moreover, the interest payments on the debt are predicted to double to \$2 trillion annually by 2036.

By contrast, within the two decades after World War II, the country’s debt-to-GDP ratio had been reduced to 34%. But given the present trajectory, the debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to reach 125% by 2036.

To be sure, there is nothing magical about our debt-to-GDP ratio exceeding 100%. Yes, it sounds bad, but what effect it will have on our economy is anyone’s guess -- and about all anyone can say is that only time will tell whether we have reached a tipping point.

## Comprehensive immigration bill ‘PROTECT Act’ passes the Senate, with equal protection and due process initiatives filed by Edwards

Special to the Record

Senator Lydia Edwards joined her colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to pass An Act Promoting Rule of Law, Oversight, Trust, and Equal Constitutional Treatment — the PROTECT Act (S.3072) — landmark legislation designed to safeguard and support immigrant communities across the Commonwealth.

The PROTECT Act reaffirms Massachusetts’ commitment to being a safer, more just, and welcoming place for all. At a time when heightened federal immigration enforcement has fueled fear and division, this legislation ensures that residents can access courthouses without intimidation—so they may participate in legal proceedings, assert their rights, and seek justice.

The Act would enact several protective measures – from enhancing privacy legislation to strengthening law enforcement protections – including:

- Guarding residents from civil rights violations.
- Enhancing protections at sensitive locations, such as schools, hospitals, houses of worship, childcare centers, and state courthouses.
- Prohibiting new 287(g) agreements.
- Permitting pre-arrangement of guardianship.
- Prohibiting state and municipal participation in immigration enforcement.
- Preserving authority to investigate and prosecute crime.
- Supporting victims of crimes.
- Protecting public employees from baseless federal probes.
- Blocking unauthorized

deployment of other state’ National Guards in Massachusetts.

Also embedded in the PROTECT Act are several initiatives filed by Senator Edwards centering due process and ensuring efforts to support immigrants and immigrant communities continue including:

Protecting courthouses by expanding the definition of a “courthouse” to include not just the building itself, but also the surrounding area, which may cover nearby walkways, driveways, alleys, sidewalks, parking areas, and any connected paths.

Establishing a statewide immigration commission to study and address immigration issues in Massachusetts. The commission would include members appointed by state officials, legal organizations, and advocacy groups,

and would be co-chaired by appointees from legislative leadership.

“I’m proud to advance stronger protections for immigrants in Massachusetts—neighbors who are too often underrepresented, yet essential to the strength and vitality of our Commonwealth,” said Senator Edwards. “Immigrants are foundational to our economy, powering industries across the state and sustaining the businesses and services that benefit all of us. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Chairman Rodrigues, and my fellow Black and Latino Caucus members for moving this forward with urgency and purpose.”

“This work has been years in the making, and it will not stop here.”

To read the PROTECT Act, visit <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S3072>.

## BU professor presenting at Beat the Heat workshop

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea recently announced Boston University (BU) Professor and Doctor of Science Madeleine Scammell will join the lineup of presenters at its Beat the Heat Workshop happening on May 19, from 5-7 p.m., in the cafeteria of the Williams School Building.

Dr. Scammell is a Professor of Environmental Health at Boston University School of Public Health and a resident of Chelsea. She co-leads the Chelsea & East Boston Heat Study (C-HEAT), a partnership between GreenRoots and

Boston University focused on heat exposure, public health, and community resilience. She also studies heat among workers in Central America.

Also joining the lineup of groups tabling the event is GreenRoots, a resident-led organization dedicated to improving and enhancing the urban environment and public health in Chelsea, East Boston, and surrounding communities. GreenRoots will join MassSave, the Red Cross, and the Medical Reserve Corps in providing attendees free resources and information during the event.

Community members

interested in attending can RSVP This is a free, community workshop, which will take place on May 19, from 5-7 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Williams School Building, located at 180 Walnut Street. Attendees should enter via the school’s Arlington Street entrance.

Dr. Scammell is a Professor of Environmental Health at Boston University School of Public Health and a JPB Environmental Health Fellow at Harvard School of Public Health. Her expertise is in the area of community-driven and community-based participatory research and includes the use of qualitative meth-

ods in the area of environmental health and epidemiologic studies.

Community members are encouraged to reserve a spot—though walk-ins are welcome—and can RSVP by emailing [jsandoval@chelseama.gov](mailto:jsandoval@chelseama.gov) or calling 617-466-4209.

Refreshments, training materials, and translation devices will be provided.

This workshop is made possible by the collaborative relationships of the Chelsea’s public safety and health officials and the organizations attending the event.

## Supreme Judicial Court celebrates 35th anniversary of Boston Judicial Youth Corps Program

Special to the Independent

At a ceremony Tuesday at the John Adams Courthouse, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court commemorated 35 years of the Boston Judicial Youth Corps (JYC) program, an intensive court internship program that educates high school students about the Massachusetts court system and the rule of law.

The Supreme Judicial Court Judicial Youth Corps is a six-week summer pro-

gram that pairs high school students with lawyers, judges, clerks, probation officers, and other court personnel to teach them about the jobs they do and the role of the courts in the communities they serve.

For more than three decades, over 900 students have participated in the Boston JYC program and gone on to become lawyers, judges, and more, with the overwhelming majority living and working in Massachusetts.

Speakers at the Tuesday ceremony included Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Kimberly S. Budd; retired Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland; Boston Judicial Youth Corps Educational Director Gerald Howland, Esq., and four former JYC program participants, Migdalia Nalls, Esq., Chief of the Juvenile Unit at the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office; Martsyl Joseph, Esq., a visiting professor at Suf-

folk Law School; Taisha Sturdivant, Esq., a career advisor at Boston College Law School; and Gabriela Vasquez Rosado, a Harvard University senior graduating in June 2026.

“The value of this program for students is clear. The JYC gives students interesting work experience that can serve as a stepping-stone for future employment, and it teaches them about a fundamental insti-

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tative Judith Garcia secured targeted investments for Chelsea and Everett focused on public safety, educational opportunity, economic support, and critical community services.

Representative Garcia secured funding for:

- The Chelsea Senior Center to expand food delivery services for older adults
- The Chelsea Resiliency Fund to continue supporting families facing financial hardship
- The development of a new fire station in Chelsea
- The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce to support local small businesses
- Multiple community-based organizations serving Chelsea and Everett residents

“This budget delivers meaningful investments for Chelsea and Everett and strengthens the organizations and services our residents rely on every day,” said Representative Judith Garcia. “From supporting seniors and working families to investing in public safety and small businesses, these funds will make a direct impact in our communities. I’m grateful to Speaker Mariano and Chair Michlewitz for their leadership and partnership throughout the budget process.”

Representative Garcia also secured the restoration of funding for Advanced Placement (AP) programs at \$2,250,320 after raising concerns about the impact cuts would have on students pursuing rigorous academic coursework.

“Students enrolling in AP courses are demonstrating serious academic commitment,” Garcia said. “We should be supporting students who are motivated to challenge themselves academically and preparing for success beyond high school. Advanced Placement programs create real opportunities for students, and maintaining this funding is

an important investment in their future.”

In another major budget achievement, Representative Garcia worked in collaboration with House Chair Dan Cahill to establish a new \$10 million reserve to support school districts experiencing unexpected declines in English learner enrollment.

The reserve was created to help municipalities and school districts manage financial challenges caused by shifting enrollment patterns that are largely outside of local control, including in gateway cities such as Chelsea and Everett.

“Our school districts, superintendents, municipal leaders, and local officials are working hard every day to manage a very difficult fiscal landscape,” Garcia said. “This reserve provides communities with important short-term stability while they adapt to enrollment changes and continue delivering for students.”

The FY27 House budget also includes nearly \$10 billion in local aid for cities and towns, including:

- \$7.65 billion in Chapter 70 education funding
- \$1.33 billion in Unrestricted General Government Aid
- Full funding for the final year of the Student Opportunity Act
- An increase in minimum per-pupil school aid to \$160

The budget also invests:

- \$1.7 billion in education initiatives, including free school meals and child care programs
- \$975 million in transportation investments, including \$470 million for the MBTA
- \$1.86 billion for early education and care
- More than \$22 billion for MassHealth and health and human services programs

The budget passed the House of Representatives 149-9 and now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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tution in our system of government. But the value of this program for our court system is perhaps even greater,” Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Budd said. “One of the issues that I have spoken about often during my tenure as Chief Justice has been the importance of maintaining trust and confidence in the courts. By enabling students to work inside the courts, the JYC gives them the opportunity see firsthand how the judges, clerks, court officers and other staff strive to deliver justice each day – to do what is right, to apply the law fairly, and to treat each person with respect. That experience can go a long way in building trust and confidence in our courts.”

“The Judicial Youth Corps may be the one and only project in the entire court system where everyone involved is in agreement that they did something good; that they made a difference in the life of a young person,” retired Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ireland said. “There are so many success stories. You are lawyers, doctors,

teachers, chefs, pharmacists, judges, public service employees and more. Good people living your lives serving your communities and making a difference for yourself and others. You are using your talents to lead a purposeful life.”

The Judicial Youth Corps was created in 1991 by then-Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Paul J. Liacos. Hon. Roderick L. Ireland, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court from 2010 to 2014, was actively involved in planning the program when he was a Boston Juvenile Court judge. The goal of the program was to bring together a diverse group of students to spend their summer learning about the court system. That led to the creation of the JYC program, a paid internship with a rigorous application and interview process.

Funding for the Boston JYC program is provided by the City of Boston’s Youth Fund and the Boston Private Industry Council.

Since its inception in Boston in 1991, the JYC has expanded to Springfield and Worcester.

**Diane Weinstein**  
Of Winthrop, formerly of Chelsea

Diane Weinstein, 86, formerly of Chelsea, and a longtime resident of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on May 6, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Diane was the beloved wife of the late Harry Weinstein, the devoted mother of Nancy Weinstein, Paul Weinstein and his wife, Marianne and Robert Weinstein and his wife, Nicole. She was the cherished grandmother of Leanne Weinstein and her significant other, Dave Mellen.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Diane was the daughter of the late Sarah “Sally” Cooperstein and stepfather Nat Cooperstein. She spent many joyful summers as a member of the Pleasant Park Yacht Club, where she was surrounded by dear friends and family who enriched her life through the years.



Graveside services were held at Rabbi Isaac Elchonon Cemetery, 232 Fuller Street, Everett, on Friday, May 8 and memorial observance was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Diane’s memory may be made to the Leonard Florence Center for Living, 165 Captains Row, Chelsea, MA 02150. For online guestbook, please visit the funeral home website, [www.torffuneralservice.com](http://www.torffuneralservice.com).

**Virginia Silver**

Retiree of the Chelsea District Court Clerk’s Office

Virginia A. (Graham) Silver passed away peacefully on April 13, 2026, in Melrose.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph F. Silver and her son, Jay Joseph Francis Silver. She leaves behind her daughters, Meredith A. Dickenson of Wakefield, Virginia A. Silver and her husband, Paul A. Guarracino of Lynnfield and Jennifer A. Silver and her husband, John Goodwin of Wakefield. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren: Andrew Santonelli, Benjamin Santonelli, Meredith Santonelli, and Lily Silver, as well as her great grandchildren: Jack Santonelli, Eva Santonelli, Mila Santonelli, and Will Santonelli.

Virginia and her sisters: Mary Reardon, Ruth Jonas, Grace Fabiano, Helen Orlando, and Joan Benton grew up in Revere and attended the Immaculate Conception School. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

“Virginia, Mimi, Auntie Gin” was an accomplished cook and pastry chef. She dazzled friends and family with her wonderful dinners and incomparable pies, strudels, eclairs, cream puffs. Everything she made was delicious and beautifully presented.



She was a wonderful hostess and loved nothing more than sharing with her family, friends, and loved ones. Virginia’s needlework and Swedish weaving adorn the walls and tables of her daughters, granddaughters, and nieces. She belonged to several needlepoint and arts organizations in Wakefield and other senior centers.

Virginia worked in the Clerk’s Office of the Chelsea District Court. She loved her job and retired after twenty-five years. After her retirement, she traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and Russia.

Locally, she loved a road trip with her sisters and friends.

A private interment service will be held for her family.

Donations in Virginia’s name may be made to your favorite charity.

**Jill Suzanne Bryson**

Assembly Line Worker for Northeast ARC and Member of Endicott Gardens and the Danvers Senior Center

Jill Suzanne Bryson passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Beverly Hospital in Beverly. She was 72 years of age. Born in Malden, Jill was the daughter of the late Katherine E. (Harris) Palmer and Leon S. Bryson.

Jill grew up on Orange Street in Chelsea for many years before taking permanent residence in Danvers where she received excellent care and attention from the staff of Northeast Regional Services. She will be forever loved and cherished by her family, and her extended family at North Belgian Road.

Jill worked as an assembly line employee for more than thirty years at the Northeast Arc in Danvers where she was awarded their Individual Achievement Award in 1998. She was also a member of Endicott Gardens and the Danvers Senior Center. Jill loved bowling and was a member of the Arc bowling team, where she won first place in her league in 2006.

Jill enjoyed spending time with her family, listening to records and reading magazines. She enjoyed lunch dates, getting coffee and a donut, taking day trips, and vacations to Maine with Kelly and Cindy.

Jill was the dear aunt of Alexis Keane and her husband, Greg of Lakeville, MA, Adrienne Davies and her husband, Jon of Cumberland, RI, and Christopher Long and his wife, Kristen of Millbrook, AL. She was great aunt to Emilia and Isabel Keane, Charlotte and Ben Aubin, Lilly and Fos-



ter Davies; Sister to Scott Bryson of Walpole, MA.

Jill was predeceased by her father, Leon; her cherished mother, K. Elaine; her adored stepfather, Robert W. Palmer; and her beloved sister, Gail C. Long, and her husband, Robert.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Saturday, May 16 from 10 to 12 noon followed by a family reflection in the Funeral Home at 12 Noon. Interment to follow at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jill’s memory may be made to the Special Olympics of Massachusetts, 512 Forest St., Marlborough, MA 01752 or on-line at [www.specialolympicsma.org](http://www.specialolympicsma.org)

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# Chelsea Public Schools, Superintendent Dr. Abeyta play pivotal role in ENOUGH Act development in Massachusetts

Special to the Record

In a culmination of years of strategic work, advocacy and relationship building by Chelsea Public Schools, Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta testified today at the State House to support The ENOUGH Act, legislation filed by Senator Sal DiDomenico that will bring significant funding to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to support community-driven, place-based strategies aimed at reducing poverty and supporting youth from cradle to career.

The ENOUGH (Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments and Households) Act is a “transformational approach to end concentrated poverty”. Inspired by the place-based approach to breaking intergenerational poverty utilized by the Harlem Children’s Zone (HCZ) and a reflection of Harvard’s EdRedesign Lab place-based, whole-child, whole-family approach to education and child development, this act will provide individual communities in the Commonwealth with the support and resources needed to identify root causes of poverty in their neighborhoods and begin to address them.

Chelsea has been the Massachusetts model for this place-based and cradle-to-career philosophy, and the school district’s work was the genesis of the ENOUGH Act’s development in the Commonwealth. In 2024, Dr. Abeyta served as a fellow in the inaugural cohort of the Place-Based Education Leaders Design Fellowship (ELDF) launched by the William Julius Wilson Institute (WJWI) at HCZ. Dr. Abeyta was one of 23 superintendents and school district leaders nationwide to learn about how to adapt HCZ’s and WJWI’s nationally recognized cradle-to-career and place-based model to catalyze student success.



Shown (left to right) are Harlem Children’s Zone Founder and President Geoffrey Canada, CPS Chief of Staff Dr. Aaron T. Jennings and CPS Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta.



Shown (left to right) are Senator Sal DiDomenico, Mayra Balderas, Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, School Committee member Clary Covas Caraballo, Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty, and Dr. Christine Lee.

She learned directly from HCZ’s founder Geoffrey Canada on how the power of this model creates support for youth from birth through college and career.

She brought this learning and experience back to Chelsea and CPS, in particular elevating the work of the Chelsea Children’s Cabinet - a working group created by CPS in 2021-22 that embodies the community-aligned and cross-sector representation that the ENOUGH Act champions - to focus on this model and work. The Children’s Cabinet, led by the school district, brings together representatives from Chelsea from education, health care, social services, community leaders, the municipal sector and others to focus on a collaborative effort to best support youth success.

That work spurred a pivotal visit to HCZ in 2025 where Dr. Abeyta and the school district gathered a



Representatives from Chelsea Public Schools and the City of Chelsea attended a press conference about the ENOUGH Act on Thursday, May 7, at the State House.

group of Children’s Cabinet members to visit HCZ in New York to see the organization’s model first-hand. This group included Senator Sal DiDomenico, who left HCZ inspired to bring the place-based and community-focused model back to

the Commonwealth.

Collaboration with various entities including CPS and Harvard Graduate School of Education’s (HGSE) EdResign Program’s Paul Reville helped lead to the development of the legislation presented today.

“This is about more than policy. It is about building systems that match the scale of the challenge and the potential of our children. Our students are ready. Our communities are ready. Now we need the Commonwealth to meet this moment,” Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta said.

“Thank you to Senator Sal DiDomenico for their work to file this important and transformative legislation.”

“The Harlem Children’s Zone is a striking example of community, government, and philanthropy working in unison to radically improve thousands of people’s lives for the better and it was inspiring to visit and learn about this seminal

project with Superintendent Dr. Abeyta and all my Chelsea colleagues,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “I am proud and excited to bring this innovative framework here to help combat poverty in my district and all over the Commonwealth. The reason an initiative like this works is because they include holistic and community-driven programs that address the root causes of poverty and offer wrap-around high-quality services across every aspect of life from education to health care to childcare to community building and so much more. I am grateful for leaders like Geoffrey Canada and Kwame Owusu-Kesse who are spreading these ideas across the country and creating opportunities for countless scholars.”

The proposed ENOUGH Act in Massachusetts will deepen the work already happening in Chelsea. The act will establish the ENOUGH Fund, which will award partnership development grants, planning

grants and implementation grants to support the efforts to eliminate generational poverty, increase economic mobility and strengthen cradle-to-career education and workforce development. The targeted demographics for these grants are communities in Massachusetts that include census tracts with more than 20% of children living in poverty, high concentrations of low-income residents, and indicators of distress such as chronic absenteeism, juvenile justice involvement, and health disparities.

The potential of students in Chelsea Public Schools is limitless. The ENOUGH Act will support building the systems that best support the children and youth in Chelsea and throughout the Commonwealth. The resources provided will align all community entities to come together around the shared outcomes of cradle-to-career support, ensuring that CPS youth meet and exceed the potential they all have.

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

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

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# Edwards, housing advocates, celebrate one year of eviction sealing in the Affordable Homes Act

Special to the Record

One year ago this week, a historic provision championed by State Senator Lydia Edwards went into effect as part of the Affordable Homes Act – fundamentally changing the trajectory of thousands of Massachusetts residents by granting the right to petition courts to seal certain eviction records.

In its first year alone, 6,284 petitions to seal eviction records have been filed across the Commonwealth, underscoring both the urgent need for this reform and its immediate, tangible impact.

“I believe in second chances,” said Senator Lydia Edwards. “For too long, eviction records – often stemming from circumstances beyond a tenant’s control – have locked families out of housing and opportunity. Today, thousands of Massachusetts residents have a pathway forward. I want to thank Attorney General Campbell, Governor Healey, Senate President Spilka, The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Leader Michael Moran, and the countless advocates who realized the urgency in this issue and acted on it accordingly a year ago today.”

The law protects an array of circumstances including fault-based and no fault evictions, each with specific



Sen. Lydia Edwards (center) joined by housing advocates during the conference celebrating one year of the eviction sealing provision of the Affordable Homes Act.

parameters dictating the process and regulations. When applying for new housing, the tenant may legally state that they have “no record” of a prior eviction.

To aid constituents in utilizing the provision, Senator Edwards has held three successful “Supper and Sealing” workshops, community-based events dedicated to connecting residents with legal professionals to expedite the sealing process for both eviction records and CORIs (criminal records).

Advocates and partners like Greater Boston Legal Services, North Suffolk Community Services, Maverick Landing Community Services, Big Hope Project, Harvard Law School Legal

Services Center and Massachusetts Law Reform Institute have made this possible.

Additionally, the Legal Information & Technology Lab at Suffolk University Law School has played a critical role in expanding access. By developing an online petition tool, the Lab has made it possible for residents to begin the sealing process directly from their smartphones—eliminating barriers such as transportation, time off work, and court navigation.

The success of eviction sealing in Massachusetts demonstrates what is possible when policy centers equity and lived experience. This reform represents a meaningful step toward a

more just and accessible housing market.

Quotes of Support  
“Our Affordable Homes Act is about making it easier and more affordable for people to find housing,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Eviction sealing is a crucial part of that. No one should face huge barriers to getting housing because of a hardship they faced long ago. I’m grateful to Senator Edwards and the Legislature for their partnership on this important policy which is already making a difference for thousands of Massachusetts residents.”

“HLC recently concluded a statewide fair housing listening tour to hear directly from residents about how our new fair housing office

can better serve their needs. In every region, we heard from people who have been denied housing opportunities because of decades-old eviction records and discrimination,” said Juana Matias, Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC). “Eviction record discrimination remains a significant barrier to housing stability. But one year into eviction record sealing, we are better positioned to support residents in crisis, connect them to resources, and help more families remain stably housed in Massachusetts.”

“One year ago, Massachusetts took a bold step toward fairness and opportunity with the passage of the Eviction Sealing Law – a milestone that has already opened doors for countless families and residents to secure stable housing and rebuild their financial futures,” said Attorney General Andrea Campbell. “This law is a lifeline that helps break cycles of instability and restores dignity to those too often shut out of the housing market. Thank you to Senator Edwards and Leader Mike Moran for their unwavering advocacy and leadership on this important issue, and to Senate President Spilka and Speaker Mariano for their commitment to this legislation, which ensured that it became law.”

“The Senate prioritized this policy because we know that one difficult chapter in our lives does not define who we are,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Now, as nearly 5,000 people have submitted petitions under this policy, it is clear that passing this measure was the right thing to do—and that it is changing lives for the better. I applaud Senator Edwards, whose steadfast leadership and moral clarity were instrumental in bringing this reform to fruition. Her work reflects the very best of what we strive to achieve in the Senate, advancing policies that expand opportunity, restore dignity, and change lives.”

“Senator Edwards’ steadfast leadership was instrumental in getting the eviction record sealing law passed,” said Tyler White, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. “In the year since it took effect, the law has empowered thousands of tenants to start fresh in their search for new housing—and countless others will benefit in the years to come. The spirit of the law is simple: tenants should not be perpetually disadvantaged and made to suffer lifelong consequences as a result of their eviction records. We look forward to continuing our work with Senator Edwards to advance housing justice in Massachusetts.”

## Chelsea Police honors Officer Matthew DiNicola with National Exceptional Service Award

The Chelsea Police Department recently announced that Officer Matthew DiNicola has been selected as the 2026 Exceptional Service Award recipient for Region 4 by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO). This national recognition highlights Officer DiNicola’s unwavering commitment to the students, faculty, and families within the Chelsea school community.

The Exceptional Service Award is presented annually

to one school resource officer in each of NASRO’s ten national regions who demonstrates continuous and sustained service to their school community above and beyond what is normally expected of a school resource officer. NASRO is the nation’s leading organization dedicated to school based policing and school safety training.

Officer DiNicola was selected among school resource officers from across the Northeast region for his leadership, professional-

ism, mentorship, and dedication to building positive relationships with students throughout the Chelsea Public Schools community.

Officer DiNicola will formally receive this honor during a national awards ceremony on June 29 as part of NASRO’s National School Safety Conference in Reno, Nevada. The conference brings together school resource officers, educators, and law enforcement professionals from across the country to recognize excellence and discuss best prac-

tices in school safety and youth engagement.

“Officer DiNicola represents the very best of community policing and youth engagement,” said Police Chief Keith Houghton. “His dedication to the students of Chelsea goes far beyond enforcement. He builds relationships, inspires trust, and serves as a role model. We are incredibly proud to see his work recognized on a national level.”

The Chelsea Police Department also recognizes the strong and collaborative

partnership it shares with Chelsea Public Schools. This relationship has been instrumental in creating a safe and supportive learning environment where students can thrive, Houghton added.

Officer DiNicola’s recognition reflects not only his individual efforts, but also the collective commitment of the Chelsea Police Department and Chelsea Public Schools to prioritize student well being, safety, and success, stated the chief.



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Officer Matthew DiNicola

### ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA AND NORTH SHORE NEWS

The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recently made a donation to the Chelsea PROMise

Program. This program is a prom initiative by The Chelsea Police Department.



Adele Lubarsky (left), Zonta of Chelsea Treasure presenting check to Jennifer Hassell, Executive Director of The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

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Like many city dogs, our Poppy loves watching the world go by on a bench, even this one on Jamaica Pond.

## CITY PAWS

### Urban dog life

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There is a great difference in the lives of urban vs suburban or rural dogs. These differences could be considered positive or negative depending on your point of view. Each location requires a human companion to provide appropriate socialization, adaptation, and training for the particular dog.

#### Choosing a New City Dog

If you're thinking about adding a canine companion to your city life, you should consider the dog's size and temperament. We see all breeds, mixes, and sizes of dogs on our city walks. We see tiny dogs who are aggressive with both people and other dogs.

We've walked with Greyhounds who are couch potatoes at home. We had the pleasure of knowing a Mastiff who would lie down and let smaller dogs cuddle up after a play session. We see many medium-sized dogs in our area, so this might be the right answer for many adopters.

Many city homes are small, and we all know that city living is expensive. Think about the practical considerations of placing a large or small dog bed or crate. Recognize the cost of buying and the space need-

ed to store food for a large dog vs. a small one. Once you know what type of dog that will fit your lifestyle, you can make that criterion part of your search.

#### Socialization and Adaptation

Urban environments are crowded, noisy places with distractions like construction, sirens, runners, other animals, broken glass, food on the ground, and other dangers along the way. In Boston, it is more a matter of whether a driver will run a red light than how many drivers will do so.

People and other dogs will approach you and your dog without permission, and you both have to be ready to deal with that, especially if your dog is reactive to any degree.

City dogs need alert and watchful guardians on walks. It's up to you to spot the sidewalk dangers and lead your dog around them. It's impossible to control a dog who is off-leash or on a long or retractable leash. We recommend a 6-foot training leash for any city walk. You can shorten it up when in a crowd, allow the dog some sniffing space in safe places, and walk with other dogs with fewer tangles.

#### Training is Key

Many aspects of city life require a bit of training for a dog to become comfortable with day-to-day activities. There is a specific Urban Canine Good Citizenship certificate you and your dog can earn that includes the particular skills required to be a well-behaved dog in a city.

Some of the requirements for passing this test include using and sharing stairs, elevators, common hallways, lobbies, and doors to the street with behavior and housetraining under control.

Your dog must also be able to walk on a busy sidewalk and cross streets politely without inappropriate response to distractions like sirens, horns, bikes, delivery trucks, etc. The test for using urban transportation, such as buses, subways, and cars, requires training for a dog. The most challenging test for our dog, Poppy, would be ignoring food on the sidewalk. She's food-obsessed.

We've shared our city life with three different dogs and can attest to the joy they have brought us. We have friends we've made through dogs, we can brighten the day of visitors and students who miss their dogs, and we get to share what we have learned over the years with you, our readers!

## National Safe Boating Week is May 16-22: BoatUS Foundation reminds boaters to prepare for season

This year, National Safe Boating Week begins on May 16 and runs through May 22. This week serves as an important reminder to encourage boaters to be responsible and prioritize safety ahead of the start of boating season. This observance week is the official kickoff of the Before You Boat campaign from the BoatUS Foundation.

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, a national leader that promotes safe, clean and responsible boating recommends these safety tips for boaters:

**Before You Boat ... Check your fit:** Take a few minutes to ensure you have enough right-sized life jackets for everyone aboard and that they are readily available in case of an emergency. While on board, wear your life jacket and ensure you are meeting your state requirement for life jacket wear by visiting <https://www.boatus.org/life-jackets/state-requirements>.

**Before You Boat ... Inspect your beacon:** Confirm your emergency beacon is working and accessible, so help can find you quickly in case something unexpected happens. Pro Tip: Rent a

beacon for free through the BoatUS Foundation EPIRB rental program.

**Before You Boat ... File a float plan:** Let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back. This can be as simple as texting your trip details to a trusted friend or family member who is ready to act if you're overdue.

**Before You Boat ... Attach your ECOS:** If your helm is equipped with an engine cutoff switch and your boat is 26' or under, attach it to your person. This will help stop your engine immediately if you're thrown overboard.

**Before You Boat ... Check the weather:** Use free apps like Tide Alert (NOAA) to check weather conditions and tides before heading out.

**Before You Boat ... Make safety a priority:** Treat safety as part of the trip, not as an afterthought. BoatUS Foundation offers the only free online boating safety course, currently approved in 37 states, register here and get started.

"Safe boating doesn't require complicated gear or expert skills. It requires consistency," said Ted Sensenbrenner, Director of

Boating Safety at BoatUS Foundation. "Taking a few minutes before leaving the dock to follow these simple tips can make all the difference when conditions change unexpectedly."

To learn more about BoatUS Foundation's programs and courses, visit BoatUS.org.

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. Funded primarily by donations from the more than 740,000 members of Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), the nonprofit provides innovative educational outreach directly to boaters and anglers with the aim of reducing accidents and fatalities, increasing stewardship of America's waterways, and keeping boating safe for all. A range of safe and clean boating courses – including the nation's only free online boating safety course – can be found at BoatUS.org. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a four-star charity, the highest rating awarded by Charity Navigator.

## CHS Roundup

### SIMON LEADS CHS GIRLS TO TWO VICTORIES

The Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team defeated Greater Boston League rivals Lynn Classical (73-41) and Malden (67-50) in a tri-meet last Tuesday at Chelsea Stadium.

Junior standout Thania Simon once again paced the Lady Red Devils to the double victories. Thania captured first place in three events vs. both opponents: the 200 dash with a sprint of 27.3; the long jump with a leap of 17'-2"; and the triple jump with a final landing of 36'-5". Thania also took second in the 100 dash vs. Classical and third vs. Malden to score a total of 34 points on the day.

Chelsea also dominated two of the three throwing events. Dieunie Cademus led a Chelsea sweep in the shot-put with a throw of 25'-10", with teammates Aria Green and Harmony Rogers taking 2nd and 3rd.

In the discus, Green took first with a toss of 60'-0" to pace another Chelsea sweep with teammates Cademus and Jennifer Ramirez Mejia.

Additional point-scorers for Chelsea included:

-- Aly Perez, who topped the field in the 2-mile with a time of 15:06.1;

-- Hazel Hatleberg, who finished first vs. Classical and second vs. Malden in the javelin and second vs. both opponents in the 1-mile, the 2-mile, and the triple jump for a total of 26 points on the day;

-- Lawa Drammeh, who finished in second place vs.

both opponents in the 200 dash and third vs. Malden in the long jump;

-- Lilly Serrano, who took first place in the 400 dash and the high jump vs. both opponents; first vs. Classical and second vs. Malden in the 100 dash; and second vs. Classical in the javelin;

-- Rocio Perez Mauricio, who finished third vs. Malden in the 400 dash;

-- Kimberly Fuentes Chavez, who finished first vs. Malden and second vs. Classical in the 800 and third vs. Classical in the javelin; and

-- Aly Perez, who finished third vs. both opponents in the 1-mile.

### BOYS TRACK POSTS TWO WINS

The Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team defeated Greater Boston League rivals Lynn Classical (82-45) and Malden (80-40) in a tri-meet last Tuesday at Chelsea Stadium.

Pacing the Red Devils to the victories were:

-- David Ponce, who defeated the field in the 200 dash with a sprint of 23.8;

-- Xavier Guzman, who took first-place vs. both opponents in the 400 dash with a clocking of 54.5;

-- Bryan Amaya-Yanes, who cruised to a victory in the 800 in 2:15.9, which was 16 seconds faster than his closest rival;

-- Carlos Perez Acosta, who outran the field in the 1-mile with a clocking of 5:12.3, which was 14 seconds faster than his closest opponent;

-- Leeandro Castro, who

won both the 110 hurdles in a time of 17.7 and the 400 hurdles in a clocking of 63.9;

-- Kevin Romero-Molina, who was the king of the discus with a spin of 128'-4" and also took first vs. Malden and third vs. Classical in the shot-put;

-- Igor Oliviera, who handily won the javelin with a throw of 100'-3"; and

-- Gregory Ulloa, who turned in a versatile performance with a first place in the triple jump vs. both opponents with a final landing of 35'-4"; a first vs. Malden and a second vs. Classical in the long jump; and a third in the 100 dash vs. Classical;

Additional point-scorers for the Red Devils were:

-- Joe Tineo with a second vs. Classical and a third vs. Malden in the 200 dash;

-- Aiden Rivas-Ortega with a third vs. Classical in the 200 dash and a third vs. Malden in the long jump;

-- Zakaria Moubtassim with a second vs. Classical and a third vs. Malden in the 400 dash and a second vs. Classical and a third vs. Malden in the javelin;

-- Alhagi Drammeh with a second vs. Classical and a third vs. Malden in the 800;

-- Jeffriso Mercado with a first vs. Malden and a second vs. Classical in the 2-mile;

-- Philip Robles with second vs. both opponents in the discus and third vs. Malden in the shot-put;

-- Nathan Pleitez took second vs. Malden in the shot; and

-- Christian Gutierrez with a third vs. Classical in the javelin;

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# New condominiums soon to open on Williams Street

Special to the Record

Chelsea will soon welcome a new affordable homeownership development with the arrival of “The QUINN Condominiums”, a 20-unit income-restricted condominium community located at 150 Williams Street. Situated adjacent to the city’s Admiral Hill neighborhood, the development consists of two newly constructed three-story buildings connected by a shared courtyard and designed to provide modern, energy-efficient housing opportunities for first-time homebuyers.

The development offers convenient access to major transportation routes, located within a quarter mile of both the northbound and southbound ramps to Route 1 and the Tobin Bridge. Residents will also benefit from proximity to MBTA bus routes 111, 112, and 104, making commuting into Boston and surrounding communities accessible and convenient. Construction is expected to be completed by July 1, 2025.

All 20 condominiums within the project have been designated as affordable homeownership units and will be sold through an income-restricted lottery process. Units are available to households earning up to 60%, 80%, and 100% of the Area Median Income

(AMI), with pricing and monthly condominium fees determined in accordance with the 2025 HUD Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH income guidelines.

Monthly condominium fees will cover master insurance, exterior maintenance, landscaping, snow removal, trash removal, property management services, water, sewer, and reserve contributions.

“I’m excited to be the listing and lottery agent for this project,” said local real estate broker Roy Avellaneda of ERA Metropolitan Homes. “Helping 20 lucky applicants become homeowners in Chelsea is incredibly rewarding, especially having been a strong advocate for affordable housing during my time serving on the Chelsea City Council.”

Applications for the affordable condominium lottery are currently being accepted through May 31, 2026.

For local developer Mike Vienneau, The QUINN Condominiums marks his team’s fourth condominium development in Chelsea. Once completed, Vienneau and his team will have built a total of 104 condominium units in the city, including 36 deed-restricted affordable homeownership units — the highest number developed by any private developer in Chelsea to date.

“None of this would

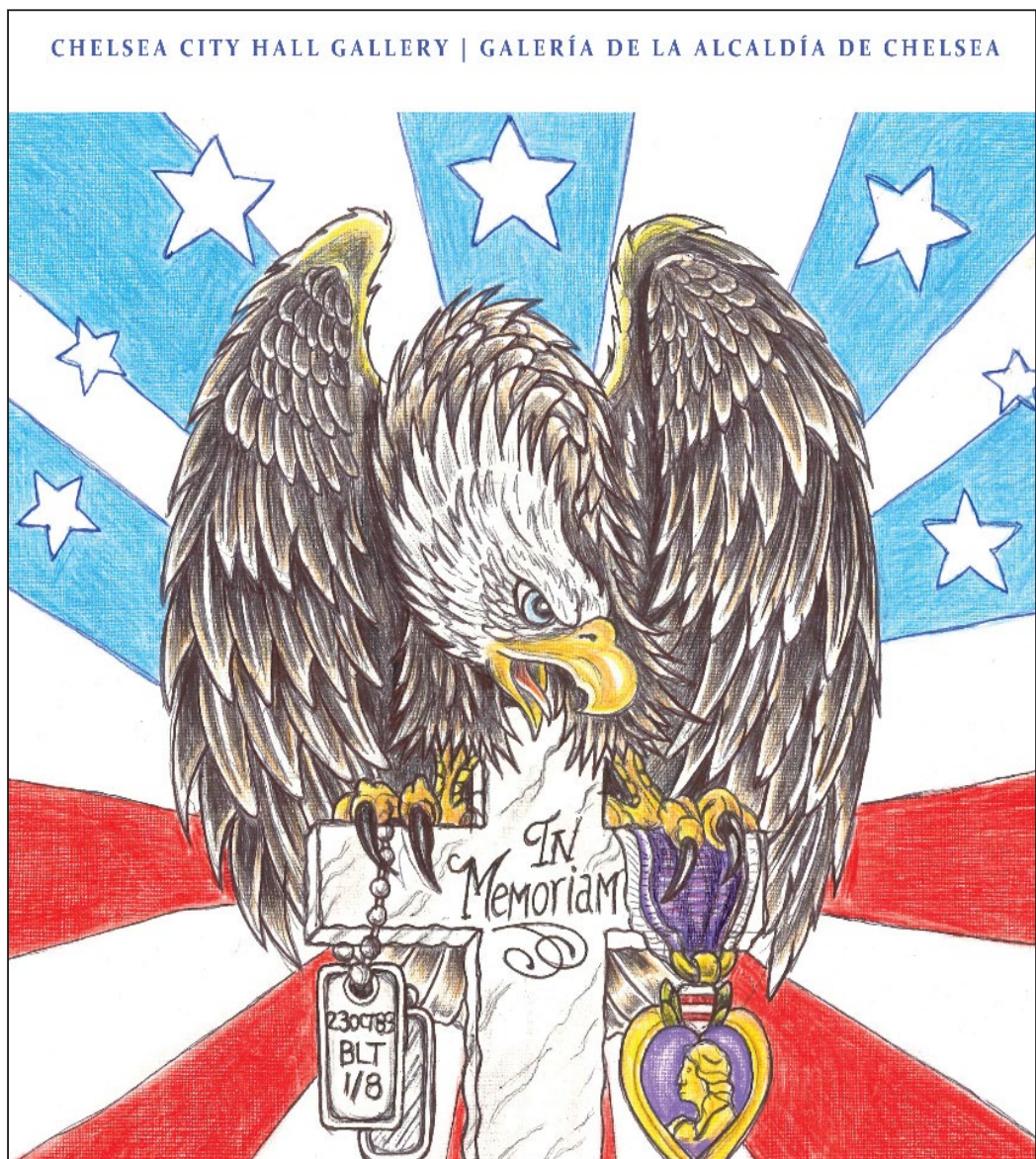
have been possible without the vital support of the City of Chelsea through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Community Preservation Fund, along with MassHousing’s Workforce Commonwealth Builder Program,” said Vienneau. “Local and state financial assistance, combined with housing-friendly zoning ordinances, are what make these homeownership opportunities achievable.”

The one-bedroom condominiums feature contemporary finishes, open-concept layouts, and high-quality appliances throughout. Interiors include luxury vinyl plank flooring, modern Shrock Rivali cabinetry, matte black hardware accents, and stainless steel GE appliance packages. Kitchens are designed with clean, modern aesthetics and functional layouts intended for both everyday living and entertaining.

Additional features include ENERGY STAR-certified appliances, LED recessed lighting, and in-unit GE Profile washer and dryer systems. Bathrooms incorporate spa-inspired finishes, including large-format wall tile and mosaic flooring. One unit has also been specifically designed to meet ADA accessibility standards and includes accessible Whirlpool stainless steel appliances and modified layouts for mobility accessibility.

The condominium lottery drawing is expected to take place in mid-June following the review and qualification of all applications.

For additional information about The QUINN Condominiums or the lottery process, interested applicants may contact Roy Avellaneda at 617-212-4658 or via email at [roy@metropolitanbre.com](mailto:roy@metropolitanbre.com).



A local veteran and current City employee honors his fallen military brothers and sisters with his artwork.

## Local artists, City to honor fallen soldiers with Memorial Day exhibition

Local artists will have their artwork honoring soldiers who have fallen in the line of duty on display in a special Memorial Day Exhibition inside Chelsea City Hall Gallery beginning May 18. The artists and their artwork will be appreciated alongside public officials, community members, and family and friends during an opening reception in the gallery on Wednesday, May 20, from 5-7 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

This exhibit was initiated by Ron Robinson—a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran and Chelsea resident. Many of the pieces in the exhibit have been created by City

employees who are veterans or have family members in the military, as well as veterans who reside in the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea. Active duty military service members and veterans—and their families—as well as Gold Star Families are invited to join the event and partake in conversation, reflection, and refreshments.

In preparation for this exhibit, the City of Chelsea put out a call for art that was open to any Massachusetts artist of any age. Artists were strongly encouraged to incorporate materials from the local archive at the Chelsea Public Library into their work. They were also encouraged to engage with

the living history embodied in the memories of veterans who bear witness to their fallen comrades.

The exhibit will be on view May 18 through June 19, 2026, in Chelsea City Hall’s Art Gallery, located on the second floor of Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea. Viewing hours are as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: Closed.

For more information, contact Delia Harrington, Manager of Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy for the City of Chelsea, at dharrington@chelseama.gov.



Artist rendering of the new QUINN Condominiums.

# Drought conditions worsen in several regions across Massachusetts

Special to the Independent

Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper declared worsened drought conditions in several regions of Massachusetts. The Connecticut River Valley, Central, and Northeast Regions and Nantucket County are now in a Level 2 - Significant Drought. The Western and Southeast Regions and Dukes County have moved to a Level 1 - Mild Drought. Conditions have slightly improved in the Cape, which is now a Level 1 - Mild Drought.

Drought designations reflect long-term trends. The Drought Management Task Force (DMTF) evaluates conditions over many months, and this declaration is based on data collected from August 2024 through April 2026.

During April, precipitation was well below normal in Massachusetts. The state’s monthly totals ranged from 1.5 to 3 inches. The greatest deficits occurred across Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket, where only 0.75 to 1 inch of rainfall was observed — equating to departures of 3 to 4.5 inches below normal. Over the past 3 to 6 months, most of the state has received only 60 to 90 percent of normal precipitation. Nantucket continues to experience the most significant deficits, with totals near 50

percent of normal over both time periods. As a result, in spite of temporary relief from snowmelt in March, recent rainfall across the state has not been enough to make up for the longer-term precipitation and groundwater deficits that have built up over the past two years. While conditions may appear improved in the short term, key indicators such as groundwater take longer to recover and continue to reflect these deficits.

“Recent rainfall has helped, but rivers are still running low and groundwater levels remain below normal,” said Secretary Tepper. “These conditions reflect the longer-term dry period we’ve been experiencing.

As we move through the growing season, many communities have water restrictions in place. Using water wisely, both outdoors and indoors, can help reduce stress on our water systems. These small actions add up and will help protect water supplies and lower the risk of impacts, including increased fire danger, later this summer.”

Although recent precipitation and snowmelt have led to some localized improvements, the overall system remains below normal. The current drought, which began in 2024, continues to affect the natural environment like streamflow, vernal pools and ponds and dependent species, fish

migrations and declining groundwater. The drought is also drying out vegetation and ground cover. While local water supplies are currently stable, the persistence of drought conditions, combined with the start of growing season and increased water demand, makes continued conservation even more important. Outdoor watering restrictions help to ensure that adequate water supplies will continue to be available for essential uses such as drinking, washing, fire protection, and businesses, even as drought conditions persist.

As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, continued detailed monitoring of drought

conditions must continue. The drought levels also require ongoing coordination among state and federal agencies to implement drought response actions such as water-use restrictions. Additionally, engagement with municipalities, including local Boards of Health (BOH), is essential. This includes providing technical outreach and assistance to water suppliers and affected municipalities. Residents are asked to report to their local BOH if wells are drying up; BOHs are asked to report on the condition of local private wells.

Residents can report dry environmental conditions and submit photos to help monitor the situation on the Massachusetts Water Impact Reporter. Additionally, a FAQ is available for questions regarding the current drought status and water conservation.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to assist communities in managing their water systems. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. However, private well users and other sources of water within the same river basins are impacted by drought conditions. All sources of water, regardless

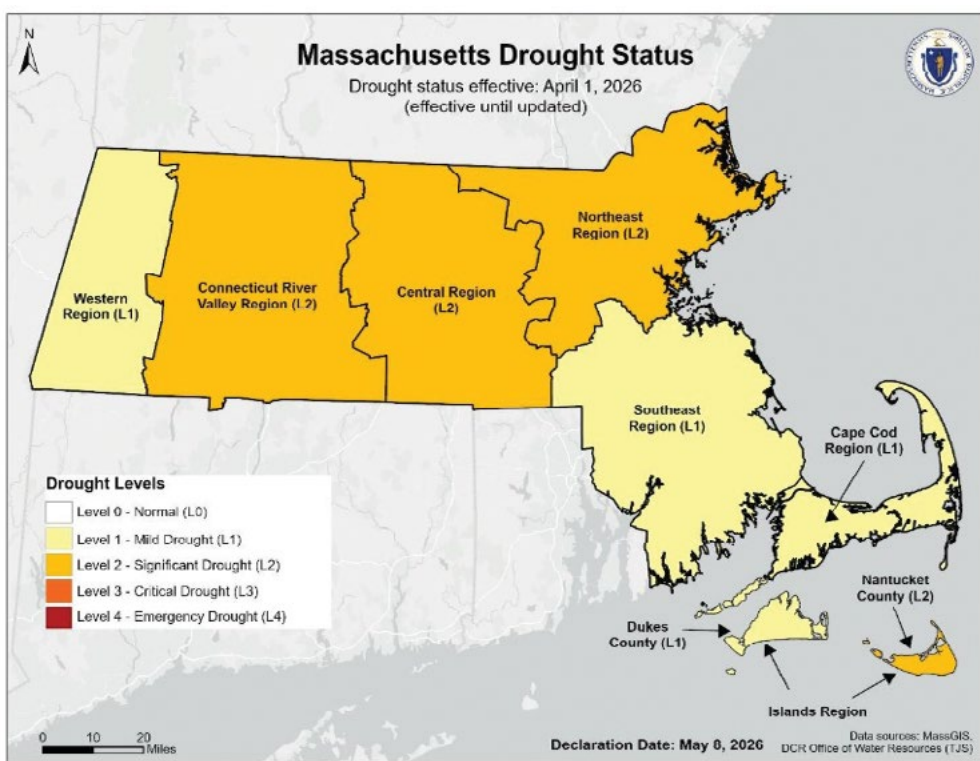
of their location or type of withdrawal, ultimately draw from the same river basin. It is important for all users to do their part to conserve water. Please note that even during a drought, to continue operational activities such as flushing and spring maintenance, water suppliers may need to use higher volumes of water.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 1–Mild Drought and Level 2–Significant Drought Regions including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are strongly urged to check with their local water system in case more stringent water restrictions are in place. Many systems may have other more severe local conditions and constraints on water supply.

### For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use;
- Follow local water use restrictions;
- For any upcoming outdoor water use, limit watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.;
- Fix indoor leaks, such as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in



# Project Bread's 58th Walk for Hunger raises \$1 million as food insecurity reaches crisis levels

On Sunday, May 3, nearly 4,000 participants gathered on Boston Common and joined virtually from across the country and around the world for Project Bread's 58th Annual Walk for Hunger, the nation's oldest continually running pledge walk. Walkers representing 216 towns across Massachusetts, along with participants from 23 U.S. states and five countries, united to take action for the 40% of Massachusetts households experiencing food insecurity. Donations are still coming in but the event is well on its way to hitting the goal of raising \$1 million in support of statewide efforts to end hunger in the Commonwealth.

"The Walk for Hunger has always been about the strength of community coming together to make a tangible difference—and this year, the urgency has never been greater," says Erin McAleer, President & CEO of Project Bread. "Seeing thousands of people from every corner of the state show up, not just to walk, but to say, loudly and clearly, that hunger

is unacceptable. Today we showed what this community can do when we work together, but we're not done yet. The need is greater than ever, and all of us have a part to play in meeting this moment for our neighbors struggling across the Commonwealth."

This year's Walk comes at a critical inflection point for food security in Massachusetts. Forty percent of state households are experiencing food insecurity, amid historic cuts to SNAP over the last year that are forcing more families to make impossible choices between food and other basic needs. Against that backdrop, The Walk served as both a fundraiser and a rallying cry, drawing first-time participants alongside advocates who have walked for decades.

During the Opening Ceremony on the Boston Common Main Stage, Project Bread CEO Erin McAleer presented the prestigious Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice to Jean McMurray, recently retired CEO of the Worcester County Food Bank. Mc-

Murray was honored for more than 30 years of advocacy and partnership advancing systemic solutions to hunger across Massachusetts and her ongoing work as advisor to the Make Hunger History Coalition.

The Walk featured a family-friendly, fully accessible 3-mile loop on Boston Common, with live entertainment, local food vendors, a cooking demonstration, and inclusive programming with ASL interpretation. Walkers were cheered on by family and friends throughout the festive route, which highlighted ways to get involved in the fight to end hunger.

Now in its eighth consecutive year, the Commonwealth Program welcomed 68 community-based organizations that fundraised as part of a joint initiative, retaining 60 percent of all funds they raised to support their own anti-hunger work while contributing to The Walk's statewide goal.

Funds raised through The Walk support Project Bread's year-round work to connect families to food when there's nothing left at



Erin McAleer, Project Bread President and CEO cuts the starting line ribbon for The 58th Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Thousands of people from Massachusetts and beyond hit the pavement at Boston Common, raising critical funds to support Project Bread's year-round anti-hunger work across Massachusetts.

PHOTO BY DAVID LEIFER, VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE WALK FOR HUNGER

home, make sure kids have enough to eat, and guides everyday people through moments of crisis. Funds also support long-term solutions to ending hunger permanently.

Fundraising for The Walk for Hunger continues. Visit

www.projectbread.org/walk to donate or start a personal fundraiser.

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting

connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at projectbread.org/get-help.

## LEGAL NOTICES - [legals@chelsearecord.com](mailto:legals@chelsearecord.com)

### LEGAL NOTICE



#### NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2.7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on May 4, 2026, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:

- Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes appropriations from Free Cash to the following salary accounts to address deficits: Police-Over-time-510400-105,000.00
- Fire-Over-time-510400-406,000.00
- Emergency Management-Over-time-510400-135,000.00
- DPW Streets & Sidewalks-Over-time-510400-40,000.00
- DPW Buildings & Grounds-Over-time-510400-10,000.00
- Employee Benefit-Health Insurance-517100-80,000.00
- Employee Benefit-Medicare-517600-46,000.00
- Employee Benefit-Unemployment-517700-40,000.00

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes appropriations from Free Cash to the following operating accounts to address deficits:

- City Manager Community Events-517150-10,000.00
- DPW Streets & Sidewalks-Gasoline-545100-12,000.00
- DPW Snow Removal-Contract Services-530600-787,296.00
- DPW Snow Removal -Salt-162,358.00
- DPW Solid Waste-Trash-Pickup/Disposal-524600-75,000.00
- DPW Bldgs & Grounds-Building Maintenance-542100-30,000.00
- DPW Bldgs & Grounds-Heating-521100-55,000.00
- DPW Bldgs & Grounds-Lighting-521200-46,000.00
- DPW Bldgs & Grounds-Telephones-522400-6,000.00
- Judgements-Claims/Judgements-571200-10,000.00
- Fund #4641-Special Events Fund-40,000.00
- Fund #7025-Workers Comp Fund-275,000.00
- Sewer Enterprise-Gasoline-545100-9,000.00
- Water Enterprise-Gasoline-545100-9,000.00

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

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#### CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room.

Petition of Eversource for the following petition: Eastern Avenue Easterly from pole 10/21, approximately 570 feet south of Willoughby St., to private property at #123 Eastern Ave., install approximately 66 feet of conduit.

Public comments will be accepted during the meeting. Written comments are accepted by email to [cfax@chelseama.gov](mailto:cfax@chelseama.gov) until 12:00pm on 6/2/26. The public is invited to attend. Cate Fox Lent Commissioner

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS

#### AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El Departamento de Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el martes 2 de Junio de 2026 a las 6:00 p.m. en el tercer piso del Ayuntamiento en la sala de conferencias del DPW.

Petición de Eversource para la siguiente petición: Eastern Avenue Hacia el este desde el poste 10/21 –aproximadamente a 570 pies al sur de Willoughby St. – hasta la propiedad privada en el n.º 123 de Eastern Ave., instalar aproximadamente 66 pies de conducto. Se aceptarán comentarios públicos durante la reunión.

Se aceptan comentarios escritos por correo electrónico a [cfax@chelseama.gov](mailto:cfax@chelseama.gov) hasta las 12:00 p.m. del 6/2/26. El público está invitado a asistir. Cate Fox Lent Comisionada

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

011-0184 284 Eastern Avenue - Request to Amend Order of Conditions In accordance with the Mas-

sachusetts Wetland Protection Act, the Chelsea Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on:

Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 6:00 PM

via Zoom video conference to review the Request to Amend an Order of Conditions submitted by Energizer Storage, LLC, to amend the Order of Conditions (OOC) to allow the removal of a 10-foot screened chain-link fence along the western property line abutting the MBTA land and the installation of a 20-foot sound wall to match the previously approved wall along Eastern Avenue

Register to join here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9910893760> Meeting ID: 9910893760

A copy of the Notice is available for review in the Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning, Rm 106, City Hall, during City Hall business hours. Per Order Stephen Sarikas Chair

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT

#### PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

Regarding FY27 Water, Sewer, and Trash Rates Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:00 PM

Chelsea City Hall 500 Broadway, Room 305 In accordance with Section 1.15, Part IV of the City of Chelsea administrative code section 22-64(b) Establishment of solid waste collection fees and section 30-65 establishment of water, sewer & trash billing rates.

The public is invited to attend. Written comments may be submitted by email to [cfax@chelseama.gov](mailto:cfax@chelseama.gov). Deadline for written comments is 12:00pm, 6/9/2026.

Cate Fox-Lent Commissioner of Public Works

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#### AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS

#### AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Sobre establecimiento de tarifas de facturación de agua, alcantarillado y basura

martes, 9 de junio, 2026 6:00 PM

Ayuntamiento 500 Broadway, Room 305 De conformidad con la Sección 1.15, Parte IV del código administrativo de la ciudad de Chelsea, sección 22-64 (b) Establecimiento de tarifas de recolección de desechos sólidos y sección 30-65, establecimiento de tarifas de facturación de agua, alcantarillado y basura. El público está invitado a asistir.

Los comentarios por escrito pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a [cfax@chelseama.gov](mailto:cfax@chelseama.gov). La fecha límite para los comentarios por escrito es el 9 de junio de 2026, a las 12:00 p.m.

Cate Fox-Lent Comisionado de Obras Publicas

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#### NOTICE

In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on March 3, 2026 the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:

To correct a scrivener's error from the approved items of the Traffic and Parking Commission meeting of March 3, 2026. The vote was to approve a handicap sign at 69 Garfield Avenue that included an incorrect address. The correct address is 69 Central Avenue. Jeannette Cintron White Parking Clerk

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To remove three (3) on-street parking spaces along Sturgis Street.

To remove seventeen (17) on-street parking spaces on Crescent Avenue, from Louis to Carroll Street, to improve visibility and pedestrian safety.

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#### CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### IFB 2026-482 CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for: "CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after May 14, 2026

by visiting the City's website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_solicitations.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php).

Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

A non-mandatory pre-bid Site Visit will be held at 569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

BIDS will be received no later than 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 28, 2026 and publicly opened.

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

The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.

The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Ledia Koco Chief Procurement Officer

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT

#### PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

Regarding FY27 Water, Sewer, and Trash Rates Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:00 PM

Chelsea City Hall 500 Broadway, Room 305 In accordance with Section 1.15, Part IV of the City of Chelsea administrative code section 22-64(b) Establishment of solid waste collection fees and section 30-65 establishment of water, sewer & trash billing rates.

The public is invited to attend. Written comments may be submitted by email to [cfax@chelseama.gov](mailto:cfax@chelseama.gov). Deadline for written comments is 12:00pm, 6/9/2026.

Cate Fox-Lent Commissioner of Public Works

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Zoning Amendment ZA26-05 In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Chelsea Senior Center, 10 Riley Way Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, 6:00 PM

For a recommendation to the City Council on proposed amendments to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance: Section 34-156 - Inclusionary housing

The amendment would increase the number of units necessary to trigger this regulation from 10 to 100 units in the West Chelsea District, from 10 to 50 units in all other districts, and alters the requirements for applicable

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, Esquire, First Judge of this Court. Date: April 24, 2026

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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

# Coach Billy Ryan comes to MC to lead boys varsity soccer

Special to the Record

Malden Catholic today announced the hiring of legendary Catholic Conference coach Billy Ryan as the new Head Coach of the Varsity Boys Soccer program. Ryan succeeds Scott Elias '96, who led the program for the past decade with integrity and dedication to developing the excellent student-athletes for which Malden Catholic is known.

"This is a transformational moment for our soccer program, and we are honored to welcome Coach Ryan to Malden Catholic," said Bill Raycraft, Athletic Director. "His legacy of athletic excellence, his deep roots in the Catholic Conference, and his commitment to building team-

oriented young men through sport align perfectly with our mission.

A revered figure in Massachusetts high school soccer, Ryan brings more than three decades of elite coaching experience, most notably as the longtime head coach at Boston College High School from 1993 to 2024. His career is defined by sustained competitive excellence, a commitment to serving as a positive role model, and building leadership qualities in young men through athletics.

"I am honored to join the Malden Catholic community and contribute to its tradition of developing distinct student-athletes who pursue excellence on the field, in the classroom, and in their communities," said Coach

Billy Ryan. "I look forward to building on the strong foundation that Coach Elias established and leading the program into a bright and successful future."

Ryan has one of the most accomplished coaching careers in the region with more than 300 career victories, 11 Catholic Conference Championships, five South Sectional Final appearances, an Eastern Massachusetts Championship, and an MIAA State Title. He is a member of both the Eastern Massachusetts Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Boston College High Athletic Hall of Fame, and was named Division 1 Coach of the Year during his tenure.

"Coach Ryan represents the very best of Catholic

education and athletics. His leadership, integrity, and lifelong commitment to mentoring students make him an ideal fit for our academic mission and community," said John Thornburg, president of Malden Catholic. "We are grateful for Coach Elias's decade of service and excited for an exciting new era for our soccer program under Coach Ryan's guidance."

Coach Ryan sets an example beyond the soccer pitch, too. For over a decade, he has championed the Ellie Fund, helping to raise significant funds to support women battling breast cancer, an example of the servant leadership that has defined his career.

## Drought // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

more than 60 percent of indoor use; and,

- For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.

Immediate Steps for Local Governments:

- Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; and,

- Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users, identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Local Governments:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the states library of outreach materials;

- Provide timely information to local residents and businesses;

- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates;

- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,

- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

### For Regions in Level 1 – Mild Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use;

- Consider installing a rain barrel to collect rainwater for lawn and garden watering;

- For any upcoming outdoor water use, limit watering to one day a week (only from 5:00 pm – 9:00 am), or less frequently if required by your water supplier;

- Plant only local and drought-resistant species;

- Minimize lawn sizes; and,

- For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.

Local Governments:

- Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools, hot tubs;

- Establish a year-round

water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials;

- Provide timely drought and water conservation information to residents and businesses;

- Check emergency in-

ter-connections for water supply; and,

- Develop a local drought management plan.

State agencies will continue to closely monitor and assess conditions across the state, coordinate any needed dissemination of information to the public, and help federal, state, and

local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. The DMTF will meet again on June 8 at 11:00 AM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, visit the EEA's drought and water conservation pages.

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# A Most Distinguished Alumnus

## Local hero Vlad Link delivers inspiring message to CHS students

By Cary Shuman

U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link completed a whirlwind visit to his hometown by speaking to Chelsea High School students in the school auditorium.

Link, who was part of the Navy's medical dive and recovery team for the historic Artemis II space mission, had earlier received the Key to The City from City Manager Fidel Maltez and had been honored by the Massachusetts House of Representatives, a recognition ceremony organized by his friend, Rep. Judith Garcia.

And following his speaking engagement, Link, one of Chelsea High's foremost alumni, was presented a world-famous Chelsea Clock - a glorious gift of achievement - by Maltez, Garcia, and Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta on behalf of a proud city.

Link's message to the enthralled students was inspiring and uplifting.

"Some of you are going to do great things in the future," said Link. "You might build something, you might create something. Who knows? You may build things for the moon. But whatever you're into, I can tell you, always be passionate, be a part of it, share your dreams. It's okay to dream big, no matter what it is. Some of you may want to be businessmen or businesswomen, scientists, engineers, teachers. Everyone has a purpose. If you want to be a schoolteacher, it's very important to create that next generation. Believe in yourself."

Link began his talk by saying humbly, "Good morning. I'm Vlad Link. I'm from Chelsea."

That introduction drew hearty applause from the students.

"I was sitting in those seats, just like you," said Link. "I was in the drama club and enjoyed robotics. I loved science. I played

sports - basketball, track and football. All of you have that same opportunity. Dream big. Never stop dreaming. And I continue to say this, it takes hard work. You have to work hard to achieve your goals. As Rep. Garcia said, 'this school produces high-caliber people.'"

Link said he grew up on Marlborough Street, "and it was not an easy street in which to grow up."

After graduating high school in 2006, Link said he took a year off and then joined the U.S. Navy.

Twenty years later, Vlad Link returned to Chelsea to tell his amazing story. As Fidel Maltez told the students in his introductory remarks, "Vlad Link is no stranger

to the challenges that we all face and he ended up being one of the best of the best, not in this state, not in the country, but in the entire world. It's been a pleasure to hear his story because it's a story of immigrants, a story of coming into this country, and believing in yourself and overcoming challenges."

Link said he "was overwhelmed with happiness" when the astronauts - Commander Reid Weisman, Pilot Victor Glover, Mission Specialist Christina Koch, and Mission Specialist Jeremy Hansen - returned safely to Earth following their mission to the moon. Upon opening the space capsule in the Pacific Ocean, Link's

first words to the astronauts were: "Welcome home."

That was the warm message from Link's own hometown during his triumphant return to this city, "Welcome home. And thank you for telling the world you are a proud son of Chelsea."



Rep. Judith Garcia, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link, and City Manager Fidel Maltez.



U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link and Chelsea High School student Robert Masterson.



Rep. Judith Garcia, CHS Liaison Jay Velez, U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link, and Family Liaison Olga Hernandez.



City Manager Fidel Maltez, CHS Principal Alan Beausoleil, U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link (holding a world-famous Chelsea Clock which was presented to him at the event), Rep. Judith Garcia, and Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta.



Former Chelsea High School football player Vlad Link proudly displays the CHS sweatshirt which was presented to him by Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta following his speech to students in the school auditorium.



U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link thanks everyone for the wonderful reception.



School Committeewoman Mayra Balderas, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link.



Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta and U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link, a 2006 graduate of Chelsea High School.



City Manager Fidel Maltez, School Committeewoman Mayra Balderas, Rep. Judith Garcia and Chelsea High School Principal Alan Beausoleil welcome back U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Vlad Link to his alma mater for a speaking engagement in the school auditorium.

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To apply, please send an essay of why the Rotary Club of Chelsea should send you to Camp Rotary this summer. All essays should be mailed or hand delivered by Wednesday May 13, 2026 to The Rotary Club of Chelsea, c/o Susan Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. You can also email essay to [sgallant@segallantcpa.com](mailto:sgallant@segallantcpa.com). All essays must include your name, address, age and telephone number. A committee of Chelsea Rotary Club members will review all essays and notify the finalists. The camp week will begin Sunday afternoon and end Saturday morning.

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El Club Rotario de Chelsea pagará los gastos de matrícula y registraron al campamento, también proveerá el transporte de ida y vuelta al campamento. Todo gasto personal que se haga durante el transcurso de este campamento será la responsabilidad del niño(a) o familia.

Este patrocinio está abierto a todo niño o niña residentes de la ciudad de Chelsea, y que no han sido participantes de este campamento en el pasado.

Para aplicar, por favor envía una carta de una página al Club Rotario de Chelsea y explica el "por qué" el Club debería enviarte a este campamento este verano. Todas las cartas deberán ser enviadas por correo o personalmente a esta dirección:

**Chelsea Rotary Club c/o Susan E Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 antes del miércoles 13 de Mayo de 2026.**

También pueden enviar su ensayo por correo electrónico a [sgallant@segallantcpa.com](mailto:sgallant@segallantcpa.com).

No olvides colocar tu nombre, dirección, edad y número de teléfono de tus padres. Todas las cartas serán leídas y revisadas por los socios del comité del Club Rotario de Chelsea, asimismo el comité notificará a todos los finalistas. El campamento empezará el domingo por la tarde y finalizará el día sábado por la mañana.

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