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## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY IN CHELSEA



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Chelsea High School students in the Early College Program were recognized last Wednesday in a special ceremony. These students completed at least 12 credits at Bunker Hill Community College.

## CHS celebrates Early College Student Success

Special to the Record

Chelsea High School proudly hosted its Annual Early College Celebration on Wednesday, May 27 at Chelsea High School, recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of all 327 students participating in the Early College program. The event brought together students, families, educators,

and community leaders for an evening of celebration, reflection, and inspiration.

Attendees enjoyed a shared meal while hearing from a number of distinguished speakers who highlighted the hard work and dedication of Chelsea's Early College students who have been completing coursework at Bunker Hill Community College.

The celebration honored students for their academic achievements and commitment to advancing their education through college-level coursework.

"Early College is one of the most powerful equity strategies available to public education today.

It creates transformative opportunities for students, particularly first-generation

college students, to experience college success while still in high school. The achievements we celebrate today are a testament to the hard work of our students and the collective commitment of our educators, families, and community partners. We are incredibly proud of what our students

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## Chelsea City Council seeks interested residents for Charter Review Committee

Special to the Record

A new Charter Review Committee will be forming in the next several weeks, City Council President Roberto Jimenez-Rivera recently announced.

This Committee will conduct a comprehensive review of the Chelsea City Charter in order to ensure that the city's system of government adequately addresses and balances issues such as civic engagement, community input, and subject matter expertise. The Committee will evaluate each section of the charter and consider whether updates or reforms are necessary to strengthen transparency, accountability, responsiveness, and effective municipal governance for the future of Chelsea.

"Since I joined the City Council, multiple councilors - including myself - have raised concerns that portions of the charter no longer reflect the realities and needs of modern mu-

nicipal governance," said Jimenez-Rivera. "Community members have also raised concerns regarding the strength of community engagement during the 2020 Charter Review Process, which was severely disrupted due to the COVID pandemic. Although charter reviews are required to happen every 10 years in calendar years ending with zero, I believe there is consensus among the City Council that convening a charter review process at this time is a necessary step."

The Charter Review Committee members will

represent a broad range of perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds. The Committee will consist of the following members:

- Three City Councilors;
- One School Committee member;
- Five Chelsea residents, to be selected from the pool of interested applicants.

Meetings of the Committee are anticipated to begin this July with the goal of completing its work by the end of the calendar year, according to the council president. Any proposed changes would then be submitted to the City Council for final

approval before submission to the Massachusetts General Court in advance of their 2027 filing deadline.

Members of the Chelsea community interested in serving on the Committee are encouraged to submit a resume and short letter expressing their interest, background, and reasons for seeking appointment, no later than noon on Monday, June 22.

Resumes and letters of interest can be submitted by email to [rjimenez@chelseama.gov](mailto:rjimenez@chelseama.gov) or dropped off at the City Council office in room #305 at Chelsea City Hall.

## CELEBRATING PRIDE IN CHELSEA



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City Manager Fidel Maltez, Chelsea Pride event organizer Matt Frank, lead performer Lakia Mondale, keynote speaker Kimberly Edwards of the BBH BANC Pride Network, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell pictured at the 11th Annual Chelsea Pride Flag Raising Ceremony May 30 at the Senior Center.

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## Development at former Russo Tux site heads back to ZBA

By Adam Swift

The proposed 67-unit apartment development on the former Russo Tux and Limo property on Revere Beach Parkway will be back before the planning board later this month.

The project is also scheduled to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals at its June 9 meeting to review the traffic analysis and hear more feedback on the project. The developers of 320 Revere Beach Parkway are seeking a number of variances and special permits from the ZBA.

Under the city's current inclusionary zoning policy, 11 of the 67 units would be affordable.

At last week's planning

board meeting, members said they would like the project to come back before the board at its June meeting for a further discussion on parking, traffic, and the unit mix for the project.

Anthony Rossi, the attorney for the developer, said he expected that the project would not get a vote from the planning board in May and that there would be multiple meetings before the planning and zoning boards before final recommendations and votes were made.

Several residents spoke out at the May planning board hearing with concerns about the size and scope of the project and how it would fit into a neighborhood already facing traffic and



Marcela Castillo, of Chelsea, joins the Chelsea Fire Department as the City's first female Latina firefighter.

## Chelsea's first female Latina firefighter, three other new recruits graduate from BFA

Special to the Record

The Chelsea Fire Department is proud to announce four new firefighters, including the City's first female latina firefighter, Marcela Castillo, of Chelsea, have graduated from the Boston Fire Academy this spring. Christian Mendez, Adrien Diaz, and Jorge Monzon join Castillo in this new cohort of firefighters.

"The department congratulates these promising new firefighters as they begin their careers in public safety," said Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri. "Marcela's achievement sends a powerful message that firefighting is a calling open to anyone with the drive and dedication to answer it."

Their graduation comes at a time when the Fire

Department is expanding its capabilities with proper staffing levels and the recent addition of Engine 4 to address increased call volume and to ensure the highest level of service to the Chelsea community."

Prior to graduation, the recruits completed an intensive 20-week training program that included classroom instruction, hands-on firefighting operations, live fire evolutions, and scenarios designed to prepare them for fire service.

The four new graduates have since completed an additional two weeks of in-house training, a requirement before receiving their first assignments. This training focused on department operations, equipment, and emergency medical certification.

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# Chelsea High School hosts successful financial literacy event

Special to the Record

The Chelsea High School Financial Success Fair 2026 was an engaging event that brought real-world financial literacy to life for nearly 1,600 students. In a collaborative effort, the MPCU Team —including MPCU Marketing team Caitlyn Kenney and Leo Lemos, along with Everett Branch Manager Paulette Goodreau — joined forces with Jackie Boyd from AVID to create an unforgettable educational experience.

Students embarked on a journey through real-world budgeting scenarios, visiting seven interactive booths that covered essential life categories such as Housing, Food, Transportation, and Luxury. These booths presented students with various lifestyle tiers and real-life costs, challenging them to manage a monthly budget effectively.

Adding to the excitement, students encountered

unexpected “Life Events,” ranging from surprise medical visits to car repairs, and even unexpected financial windfalls. This element provided a realistic twist to their financial planning, highlighting the unpredictable nature of real-life finances.

At the conclusion of the event, students tallied their expenses to determine if they managed to stay within budget. This exercise underscored the complexities of financial planning and the importance of financial literacy.

Months of meticulous planning culminated in a seamless event, made possible by the dedicated collaboration between MPCU and Chelsea High School. Special thanks are extended to Justin Lasko, VP of Retail Administration & Operations, and Michni Daley, AVP of the Medford Branch, for their invaluable volunteering efforts, which

contributed significantly to the day’s success.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### FUN-DAMENTAL BASKETBALL CAMP OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS IN LOCAL AREA

The FUN-damental Basketball camp, open to boys and girls in local area cities and towns, will be held July 20-24, 2026 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, located at 51 Summer Street in Everett.

The camp will take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for boys and girls entering grades 3 thru 8 as of September, 2026. The cost of the camp is \$125.00.

Tony Ferullo, boys’ varsity basketball coach at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Malden, will be the Camp Director.

The purpose of the camp is to provide all campers with the fundamental tools to help them become better basketball players; create a positive atmosphere where the camper will learn and have fun at the same time; instill the spirit of the game into all campers; and inspire them to continue playing the game either competitively or just for fun.

Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt and certificate, and participate in various drills, scrimmages, and individual contests. Special guests will speak and share their personal basketball tips and experiences. An awards ceremony will take place on the last day of camp, and parents and friends are welcome to attend.

For more information about the FUN-damental Basketball Camp, please contact, Camp Director Tony Ferullo at 857-312-7002 or [tferullo099@gmail.com](mailto:tferullo099@gmail.com).

tionaries will uncover the history of Boston Marriages, political milestones for LGBTQ+ rights, and the storied romances of some of Boston’s most famous individuals, from literary giants to a world-renowned actress, and even a Revolutionary war hero. Tour goers are invited to join in to bring this history to life and celebrate Pride by discovering the achievements of the queer people who have always been a part of and have helped shape Boston.

These special tours will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays throughout June, and Saturdays July 11 and August 8, departing at 10:45 a.m. Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children, and include a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation’s Preservation Fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center and online at [TheFreedomTrail.org](http://TheFreedomTrail.org).

### DCR IS GROWING WILD FOR POLLINATORS: FREE NATIVE PLANT KITS AVAILABLE

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), and the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA) are currently distributing free native plant materials to help residents create habitats for pollinators across the state. The program kicked off with a launch event on Friday, May 29, at Mahoney’s Garden Center in Winchester.



Now entering its sixth season, the “Growing Wild” campaign provides a simple way for residents to strengthen local biodiversity. Up to 75% of all flowering plants that we eat rely on insects like bees and butterflies to move pollen and reproduce. Unfortunately, these vital pollinators are currently facing severe threats from habitat loss, the spread of invasive species, pesticide use, and climate change.

By planting native species, gardeners can provide essential food and shelter for these local insects, as well as birds and small mammals. Because native plants are uniquely adapted to Massachusetts’ specific

climate, they can better endure local challenges like droughts or heavy rain. They also require less water and fossil fuels for maintenance, helping to increase stormwater absorption and improve overall air quality.

This season, the program is distributing free pollinator starter kits at 21 participating nurseries and six DCR parks across the state. Each kit contains:

- Two one-gallon native perennial plants
- Native seed packets
- Seed germination kits with native wildflower seeds
- Educational resources on pollinator-friendly gardening
- A Growing Wild Massachusetts sticker

Gardeners of all experience levels are encouraged to participate and can take the extra step of registering their new native plantings on the Massachusetts Pollinator Map to join a statewide network of eco-friendly landscapes.

Kits are available while supplies last at the following upcoming DCR park events:

- Middlesex Fells Reservation (Flynn Rink), Medford: Saturday, June 6, 2026, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Lawrence Heritage State Park (Riverfront Park), Lawrence: Sunday, June 7, 2026, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Waquoit Bay, East Falmouth: Saturday, June 13, 2026, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Blackstone River Greenway (Worcester Visitor Center), Worcester: Sunday, June 14, 2026, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Holyoke Heritage State Park, Holyoke: Saturday, June 21, 2026, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Clarksburg State Park, Clarksburg: Sunday, June 21, 2026, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A full list of participating nursery locations is available on the DCR website.

### NEIGHBORHEALTH 5K RUN/WALK THIS WEEKEND

On Saturday, June 6, NeighborHealth will host its 14th Annual Let’s Get Movin’ New Balance Foundation 5K for Fitness at Memorial Park (250 Summer St.) in East Boston. Beginning at 10 a.m., the event is expected to draw more than 600 participants from across Greater Boston and will feature a 5K run/walk, community health resource fair, healthy living activities, and an awards ceremony recognizing top runners.

The event highlights NeighborHealth’s ongoing efforts to promote health, wellness, and physical activity while connecting residents with valuable community resources. See ad on Page 4 to register.

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parking issues.

As currently constituted, the project calls for 17 parking spaces, with 13 covered spaces and four outside tandem spaces.

Planning Board member Mimi Rancatore said she was concerned about the setup of the entrance of the building, as well as the parking for Ubers and deliveries, given that most of the residents would not have vehicles.

Rossi noted that the four outside tandem parking units would be largely used as short-term parking for rideshares and deliveries.

Board member Sarah Ritch asked that Rossi and the developers also provide a clear narrative on how people will navigate the site for the June meeting.

In other business, the planning board recommended approval of the special permits and vari-

ances for the construction of a six-family building at 82 Cherry St. That project will be before the ZBA next week.

The Cherry Street parcel is currently vacant, and the proposed four-story building would have three one-bedroom and three two-bedroom rental units, with a total of three off-street parking spaces for the building.

### RAINBOW REVOLUTIONARIES TOURS RETURN

The Freedom Trail Foundation’s new, first of its kind official Freedom Trail tour entitled Rainbow Revolutionaries will return to Boston’s streets this Saturday, June 6 at 10:45 a.m. The tours will run throughout the month of June on Saturdays and Sundays, and on select Saturdays in July and August.

The tours illuminate the lives, loves, and fights for liberty of Boston’s LGBTQ+ community, while exploring how queer individuals have been making history for centuries. Led by 18th-century costumed guides, the tours will travel along the Freedom Trail and visit seven places featuring Boston’s LGBTQ+ history, including official Freedom Trail historic sites as well as sites just steps off the Trail. Rainbow Revolu-

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## Gov. Healey advances 5,600+ housing units, incl. groundbreaking for Chelsea Veterans Home

Special to the Record

One year after launching the State Land for Homes (SLFH) initiative, the Healey-Driscoll Administration has advanced plans for more than 5,600 new housing units across nearly 700 acres of underutilized state-owned land in 33 municipalities throughout Massachusetts, including groundbreaking at the Veterans Home at Chelsea. Authorized through Governor Healey's Affordable Homes Act (AHA), the initiative is helping accelerate housing production, lower costs and transform surplus public properties into new homes and vibrant communities.

"Massachusetts needs more housing, and we are using every tool available to build it faster and lower costs for residents," said Governor Maura Healey. "Through the State Land for Homes initiative, we're turning underutilized state properties into thousands of new homes, creating new opportunities for families and workers, and helping communities grow across Massachusetts. It's great to see after just one year, this program is having a meaningful impact and creating a pipeline of thousands of new homes across the state."

"We're partnering with communities across Massachusetts to turn vacant and underutilized properties into housing that people can afford," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This initiative is helping move projects forward faster, support local growth and create new housing opportunities in every region of the state."

The State Land for Homes initiative was launched through the AHA to accelerate the redevelopment of underutilized state-owned properties into new housing across Massachusetts. By streamlining the process for identifying and disposing of surplus state land, the initiative is helping move housing projects forward more quickly while supporting affordability, economic growth and community development statewide. Over the last year, the Administration has rapidly expanded the inventory of available sites and advanced projects toward development, permitting and construction.

"The progress made in just one year demonstrates the tremendous opportunity that exists on surplus state-owned land," said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Juana Matias. "By unlocking these sites for housing and continuing to identify new parcels on a regular basis, we are helping communities grow, supporting affordability and returning properties to local tax rolls, creating a new revenue source, as well."

"One year since we launched State Land for Homes, it's clear that this initiative is working—taking underutilized properties and turning them into much-needed housing across the state," said Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew J. Gorkowicz. "Through SLFH, we're continuing to strategically leverage the state's portfolio of assets to create lasting benefits for residents, communities, and the Massachusetts economy."

There are now nearly 700 acres of surplus state-owned land at various stages of development being advanced in communities across Massachusetts. Since the initiative launched, 14 additional parcels totaling more than

330 new acres have been added to the State Land for Homes inventory, representing the potential for an additional 1,500 housing units now in various stages of planning and review. Newly added sites include parcels in Sherborn, Plymouth and Salisbury, to name a few.

By the end of July, the Administration expects to have another three developers selected for projects in Bedford, Bridgewater and Lowell, in addition to Northampton where the City designated a developer for a project at 33 King St. late last year, for a total of four developer designations.

The Administration is also preparing to issue three new Requests for Proposals (RFPs) later in 2026 for major redevelopment opportunities including the Lindemann-Hurley buildings in Boston, the former Lancaster Industrial School for Girls campus in Lancaster and a portion of the Mass-Bay Community College campus in Wellesley.

For the Lindemann-Hurley buildings, an Offering Memorandum will be issued in the coming weeks, which will include detailed information about the historic site and redevelopment parameters. This major redevelopment opportunity is located in downtown Boston and presents an exciting opportunity to reimagine a large, complex site.

"State Land for Homes is transforming underutilized properties into assets that will benefit communities for generations," said DCAMM Commissioner Adam Baacke. "Wherever possible, we are striving to collaborate with host municipalities and other stakeholders to develop project approaches that will not just yield housing units, but homes and communities that people can be proud of."

Several large-scale redevelopment projects continue to move forward with planning, as well. At the Monson Developmental Center campus, local zoning approval was recently secured for a project expected to deliver approximately 600 housing units while preserving more than 400 acres of conservation land. In Concord and Lancaster, planning and community engagement efforts continue on redevelopment opportunities that could collectively create hundreds of new homes. In Salem, the redevelopment of the South Campus into housing will not only create over 400 new homes, but the proceeds of the land sale will also enable Salem State University to consolidate its campus footprint and contribute to the SSU BOLD project as well.

The Administration anticipates closing on 13 total State Land for Homes properties by the end of July, eight of which have already closed and are moving toward permitting and construction. A few of the projects that have closed, so far, include the former Fitchburg Superior Courthouse and five parcels that were auctioned in September of 2025 in Westborough, Northborough, Wilmington, Phillipston and Templeton. The five auctioned parcels are now in varying stages of development, and all five new property owners have taken steps to advance housing development on each site. An additional auction for the long-vacant for-

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## ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA AND NORTH SHORE NEWS

The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recently donated Market Basket Gift cards to the 5 school departments, Chelsea, Revere, Saugus, Winthrop and Everett, to which we support. These gift cards are then donated to families that are in need.



Shown (left to right) are Dr. Lourenco Garcia, Revere Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Sheila Arsenalt, Zonta Club member, and Dr. Richard Gallucci, Assistant Superintendent of students.



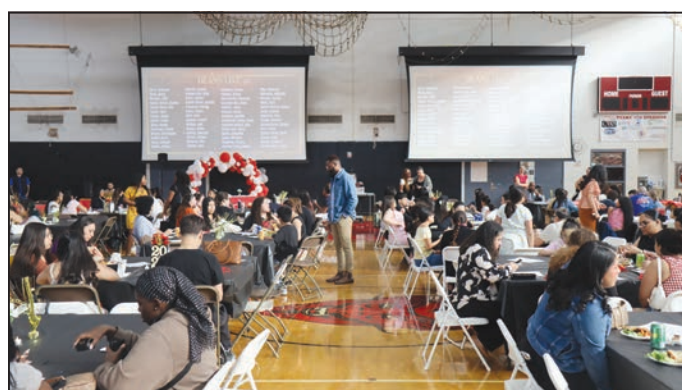
Left to right, Dr. Almi Abeyta (left), Chelsea Superintendent of schools, and Adele Lubarsky, Zonta member.

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have accomplished and excited for the opportunities that lie ahead," said CPS Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta.

"We are incredibly proud of our CHS Early College students and all they have achieved! What makes this program so powerful is its ability to meet students where they are while providing the support and opportunities they need to grow—whether they're exploring career pathways, building confidence through college-level coursework, or taking on the challenge of attending college full-time—special congrats to our 7 EC Next Pilot group! With the support of the Early College team, school counselors, and their professors, EC students are finding success through hard work and gaining the knowledge, confidence, and experience to shape their futures," added Early College and Career Pathways Coordinator Jacquelyne Corbaci.

The evening's celebrations included a recognition of 68 CHS students who



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Students, families and friends filled the CHS Red Gymnasium for a special ceremony including a shared meal to celebrate the Early College community.

earned 12 or more college credits at Bunker Hill. 222 Early College students achieved Dean's List honors, which is nearly 70 percent of the students in the Early College Program. Additionally, 7 rising seniors in the Early College program attended Bunker Hill Community College full time during the academic year. This group was recognized with special pins at the ceremony as being part of the first-ever Early College "Next" cohort.

The event also featured remarks from several special guests, including Chelsea High School Principal Alan Beausoleil, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty, City Manager Fidel Maltez, Steve Prudent, Director of Partnerships at Bunker Hill Community College, and Maria Figueroa, a Chelsea High School Class of 2019 graduate and former Early College student.

In attendance to celebrate the students' accomplishments were Phylitia Jamerson, Executive Director of DESE Early College Programs, members of the Chelsea School Committee,

Bunker Hill Community College Early College faculty and admissions staff, and Chelsea High School counselors, all of whom play an important role in supporting student success throughout the program.

Speakers congratulated students on their achievements and encouraged them to continue pursuing their academic and professional goals. Maria Figueroa shared her own experiences as an Early College student, offering a powerful example of the impact the program can have on students' futures.

The Annual Early College Celebration served as a meaningful reminder of the strong partnership between Chelsea High School and Bunker Hill Community College, as well as the dedication of students, educators, and families who make the program's success possible.

Congratulations to all of Chelsea High School's Early College students on an incredible year of achievement.



Seven students were recognized as part of the Early College "Next" cohort after attending Bunker Hill Community College full-time during their senior year at CHS.

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# Forum

## NATALIE UMANITA BLOOM

We heard with sadness of the recent passing of Natalie Umanita Bloom, a Chelsea native who played a big role in the political dynamics of our city and our state more than 40 years ago.

Natalie was among the driving forces behind the founding of Fair Share, the group which highlighted the concept of income inequality in our country long before that notion became the movement that exists today.

Natalie's legacy was evident when Fair Share was instrumental in bringing forward the ballot question a few years ago that created the so-called millionaire's tax (on incomes above \$1 million) that has brought tax fairness, not to mention billions of dollars, to our state's finances.

But beyond her political achievements, Natalie was a wonderful mother and grandmother, an intelligent, dynamic, and creative woman who raised three children -- daughters Kathleen and Maria and son Richard Schneiderman -- as a young single mom in our city in the 1970s and early '80s.

We know we join with all of our fellow residents in offering our condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026

High school graduation season is upon us, the time of year when communities across America celebrate the accomplishments of young people receiving their high school diplomas.

Graduation is a bittersweet occasion, marking both an ending and a beginning. For the grads, they will realize that the past four years, which they began as adolescents, are now culminating as they step into adulthood. They will be saying goodbye to their friends, teachers, and mentors who guided them through their formative high school years.

For every parent, watching a son or daughter stride across the stage as their name is called to receive their diploma will bring a flood of emotions, pride, and nostalgia. The sentiments expressed in the song, Sunrise, Sunset from Fiddler on the Roof, often come to mind:

*Is this the little girl I carried?  
Is this the little boy at play?  
I don't remember growing older  
When did they?  
When did she get to be a beauty?  
When did he grow to be so tall?  
Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?*

Even those without a direct connection to a graduate will smile at the sight of brightly-colored balloons and other festive decorations marking graduation parties in our neighborhoods. We will recall our own high school graduations and think about the happiness and expectations that filled our hearts and minds at that stage of our lives.

Today's graduates will be tomorrow's leaders who soon will be shaping our future. We will be counting upon them to make the world a better place. Let's hope that we have supplied them with the tools they need to ensure that they can meet the challenges we are facing today and in the years ahead, both for the sake of their own generation and of those before and after.

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to the graduates and their families, wishing them sunshine and blue skies not only on their Graduation Day, but in the years ahead.

## DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN WITH IRAN

For those of us who were around during the U.S. Embassy hostage crisis in Tehran from late 1979 to early 1981, the present situation involving the closing of the Strait of Hormuz by the Iranian government is deja vu all over again.

Both crises illustrate the two strengths of the Iranian regime: They excel at taking hostages and they know how to play the long game. In 1979, the Iranians seized and held 54 members of the U.S. Embassy, while today they are blocking the passage through the strait of hundreds of ships, wreaking havoc on the world economy.

Just as the administration of then-President Jimmy Carter made a series of miscalculations that underestimated the fanatical Iranian government, so too has the present U.S. administration failed to realize that the Iranians play by their own rules and on their own timetable.

The hostage crisis that undermined the Carter presidency lasted for 444 days, with the Iranians releasing the hostages only upon the swearing-in of President Ronald Reagan after Carter signed the Algiers Accords (which made a number of concessions to Iran) on his last day in office. The Iranians had simply wanted to humiliate Jimmy Carter up until the last day of his presidency.

The current conflict with Iran now is approaching 100 days with no end in sight. The disruption to the world economy and the rising rate of inflation in our country caused by the closing of the strait have served to underscore that this so-called war -- which has not accomplished any of its supposed objectives (regime change? eliminating Iran's nuclear bomb capabilities? destroying Iran's missile and drone weapons? convincing Iran to support its proxies?) -- was a fool's mission undertaken by those who failed to learn the lessons of 45 years ago.

As the oft-quoted philosopher George Santayana put it: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

## FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES OF ARNIE JARMAK



The Fire Barn Restaurant on Everett Ave. was a popular gathering spot in the city in the late 1970s-early '80s. Chelsea Record photographer Arnie Jarmak was on hand for the grand opening night and took this photo of the luminaries in attendance (l-r): Ken Lava, then-Mayor Joel Pressman, owner Kenny Miller, Annmarie Brown, and Duke Bradley.

## Massport welcomes over 1,200 students for annual STEM Expo at Boston Logan

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), yesterday hosted over 1,200 local middle and high school students for the annual Aviation & Maritime STEM Expo. This unique event, the largest in the region, featured over 83 exhibits aimed at encouraging students to learn all about



Local students try out a flight simulator during the STEM expo.

STEM and sustainability, and hopefully encourage them to pursue careers in these fields. This year, 33 aircraft touched down for display, ranging from a FedEx Boeing 767 to small private planes and gliders. Guests also explored plenty of attractions on the ground, including Massport Fire Department fire trucks, a bomb squad robot from the

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mer Lowell Superior Courthouse is taking place next week on June 10.

Together, these projects are expected to create thousands of new homes in communities across Massachusetts. The Administration also anticipates two major project groundbreakings later this year: Olmsted Village at the Boston State Hospital campus and Veterans Home at Chelsea redevelopment -- Phase 1. These two projects alone are anticipated to create 434 new homes for veterans, seniors and vulnerable youth

in addition to almost 100 mixed-income homeownership units.

Additional information about the initiative can be found on our website, and a dashboard which tracks the status of current and upcoming housing projects is actively in development and will also soon be available on DCAMM's website as well.

This program builds on the administration's broader mission to make Massachusetts more affordable by increasing housing production, lowering costs,

expanding homeownership programs and connecting residents with the stable homes and services they need to succeed. These include expanding down payment assistance and lowering mortgage rates to make it easier for Massachusetts residents to buy their first home.

At the same time, to build more homes, the Governor has taken action to speed up the permitting process, convert downtown commercial space into new homes and create a first-in-the-nation fund to finance

mixed-income development in a time of high interest rates.

Governor Healey also legalized Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), and this year, her administration is offering low-cost financing and free designs for anyone who wants to add an ADU to their home. To help people afford their mortgages and rents right now, she banned mandatory renter-paid broker fees, gave seniors up to \$2,800 a year to help with housing costs, and expanded home inspection protections.

## Your opinions, please

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# USS Constitution Museum launches Boston's most revolutionary mini golf course

Special to the Record

The USS Constitution Museum has launched USS Constitution Mini Golf, a new free 9-hole course on the Charlestown Navy Yard designed to give residents and visitors a fun, accessible way to engage Boston's role in the story of American independence.

Celebrated with a ceremonial First Putt event, the new course opened with a ribbon cutting by sword before civic leaders took the first putt. The newly designed course offers a fresh summer activity on Boston Harbor while inviting players to experience the city's Revolutionary history in one of its most historic waterfront settings. Created especially for the 2026 season, the course combines play, place-based storytelling, and public access at a mo-

ment when Boston is looking ahead to America250.

Set beside the USS Constitution Museum, the course offers families, neighbors, and visitors an outdoor activity that is both entertaining and meaningful. As players move through the course, they encounter moments inspired by Boston Harbor's central role in the Revolution, from protest and conflict to a broader path toward independence.

As Boston looks ahead to America250, the course provides a timely and accessible way to celebrate the city's role in the course of independence while offering a free activity in one of its most historic and scenic settings. USS Constitution Mini Golf is made possible with the generous support of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism.



USS Constitution Mini Golf Course themed "Revolution on the Harbor" at Charlestown Navy Yard, May 28, 2026.

"At its heart, this is about access," said Jeff Draeger, President & CEO of the USS Constitution Museum. "We wanted to create something free, fun, and engaging for the public, while also connecting people to this extraordinary place and to Boston's role in the story of American independence. It is a summer experience that reflects the Museum's mission in a fresh and engaging way."

"USS Constitution Mini Golf is a creative and welcoming way to bring Massachusetts history to life during this celebratory year," said Kate Fox, Executive Director at the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. "Experiences like this help visitors and residents connect with Boston Harbor and the stories that shaped America, while highlighting the history, culture, and sense of discovery that make destinations across Massachusetts so special and engaging for all ages."

The launch event brought together civic and community leaders, including Representative Daniel Ryan, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism Kate Fox, and CAPT (sel) Crystal L. Schaefer, Commanding Officer of USS Constitution.

"I want to thank the USS Constitution Museum for creating this exciting and inclusive new program for families in our neighborhood and throughout the region. Mini golf is fun for people of all ages and will bring even more people together to see the Museum's award-winning exhibitions and programs," said Senator Sal DiDomenico.

Representative Daniel Ryan added, "This is a fun and exciting way to kick-off the summer season. Families can enjoy their time together putting around while learning some of our illustrious Naval History here at

the USS Constitution Museum. I thank Commander Schaefer for taking time out of her duties to help us get the season underway."

Their presence underscored the broad community support for a new free, public activity that combines fun with learning and offers a fresh way to connect residents and visitors to Boston's historic role in the Revolution.



It's a blockade. USS Constitution Mini Golf course tells the story of Boston's role in the Revolution.



PHOTOS BY GREG M. COOPER / USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM

Senator Sal DiDomenico takes a first putt to launch the USS Constitution Mini Golf Course

# BPHC encourages Mpox vaccinations in light of uptick in cases nationally and in Boston

Special to the Record

Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) and partners at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health are monitoring an uptick in mpox cases in Boston and are encouraging at-risk individuals to get vaccinated. There is no widespread public health threat from mpox at this time, but at-risk residents, including gay and bisexual

men and other men who have sex with men are encouraged to protect themselves and their communities by getting vaccinated. The mpox vaccine is two doses given 28 days apart. It is extremely effective in preventing severe illness from mpox and is the best tool to stop the spread of disease. For more information about mpox and how to protect yourself and others, visit [boston.gov/mpox](http://boston.gov/mpox).

This year, BPHC and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement (MOLA) are partnering together to offer mpox vaccinations at the Pride flag raising at City Hall on June 1, 2026 on the 3rd Floor Mezzanine from 1:00-4:00pm. Additional clinics will be hosted with City partners throughout the summer; dates will be available at [boston.gov/vaccine](http://boston.gov/vaccine) as they are scheduled.

Mpox vaccinations are also currently available at Mass General Hospital, Boston Medical Center, and Fenway Health. Recently, numerous pharmacies in Boston have also begun administering mpox vaccine. A full list of vaccination locations is available here.

"Boston's diverse LGBTQIA2S+ community is part of what makes our city great, and as we prepare to celebrate Pride

month, I'm proud that we are offering services to keep everyone safe and healthy. The best way individuals can protect themselves from mpox is by getting vaccinated and avoiding physical and sexual contact with anyone who has a new rash or sores," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. "While we are monitoring cases in Boston, residents should rest as-

sured that there is no widespread public health threat at this time."

"At the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement, we are proud to partner with the Boston Public Health Commission to ensure our communities have access to accurate information and affirming care," said Jullianne Lee, Executive Director. "Offering

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# STEM Expo // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Massachusetts State Police, a full flight simulator set-up, and interactive exhibits showcasing the latest sustainability technology.

"The STEM expo is a fun and engaging opportunity for students to explore some of today's most innovated career fields," said Rich Davey, Massport CEO. "The aviation, maritime and sustainability fields continue to evolve and grow, and today's students will help shape their future. It's a privilege to welcome these schools, and we hope this experience encourages stu-

dents to learn more about the STEM fields and imagine the many ways they can make an impact."

Students from 47 schools across the Greater Boston region came out for the event, including students from schools in the Merrimack Valley, Blackstone Valley, the South Shore, Cape Cod, and New Hampshire's Seacoast. For more than 30 years, Massport has been committed to introducing students to STEM fields and inspiring curiosity about careers in aviation, maritime industries,

engineering, science, and beyond. The program aims to encourage the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers, and industry leaders.

Hundreds of personnel from Massport, the FAA, the U.S. Department of

Transportation, Massachusetts State Police, MBTA, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, National Aviation Academy, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Boston EMS, and others shared how their STEM

education led them to their current roles, and how these students can change the world in the future.

Going Above and Beyond. The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport,

public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. For more information, please visit [massport.com](http://massport.com).







Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Lauren Jones tours a JetBlue cockpit with a local student.

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# LORETTA BAND RECEIVES HONORABLE MENSCHION AWARD AT JEWISH JOURNAL GALA

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Loretta Band, wife of former Chelsea resident Richard Band, was recognized as an "Honorable Menschion" at the Jewish Journal of Greater Boston's annual Menschions and Martinis Gala on May 28 in Swamp-

scott.

Loretta was honored for her outstanding community service and leadership. She is the current president of Temple Ner Tamid in Peabody and has been a preschool teacher at the North Suburban Jewish Community Center.



Loretta Band accepts her Honorable Menschions award from Donna Pierce.



Proudly supporting Loretta Band (fourth from right) on receiving the prestigious Honorable Menschions award are family members and friends (from left) Josh Band, Catherine Band, Brian Kaplan, Stephanie Kaplan, Richard Band, Kelly Moore, Samantha Lerner, and Cody Ross.



Steve Rosenberg, publisher and editor of the Jewish Journal, welcomes new Brothers Deli owner Kary Andrinopoulos and his wife, Pat Andrinopoulos, to the gala May 28 in Swampscott.



Richard Band, a past recipient of the Honorable Menschion award, congratulates State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, who was one of the honorees at this year's gala.



Loretta Band delivers her award acceptance speech at the Jewish Journal of Greater Boston's annual gala.



Honorable Menschion Award recipient Loretta Band, pictured with her friend, Adele Lubarsky, former Chelsea school principal.



Jewish Journal publisher and editor Steve Rosenberg greets Shari Cashman (wife of Metro Credit Union President and CEO Robert Cashman) at the Menschions and Martinis Gala.



Richard Band (left) reunites with Chelsea High School classmates and friends, Hal Zuravel, Barry Porter, and Bruce Lawson, at the gala.

## Chelsea community invited to Bellingham Hill Park Redesign meeting

Special to the Record

As the City of Chelsea prepares to submit an application for State funding to redesign Bellingham Hill Park, Chelsea's Housing & Community Development (HCD) Department is inviting residents to share how

they currently use the space and their hopes for the redesign during a community meeting on Tuesday, June 16, at 5:30 p.m., at the park, located at 111 Bellingham Street in Chelsea.

"The City has selected Bellingham Hill Park for

renovation through HCD's annual park renovation program," said Sara Han, Planner/Project Manager for Chelsea HCD Department. "Every year, the City applies for funding to renovate a park through the State's Parkland Acquisition and Renovations

for Communities Grant Program, and community input is extremely important to the application process."

Input collected during this meeting will be added directly to the City's application for funding.

Han will host the meeting

alongside redesign consultant CBA Landscape Architects. The meeting will be held in English with a Spanish interpreter.

The June 16 meeting is the second in a series; the first community meeting held on May 11. The park

currently features a play structure, picnic table seating, a short walking path, and views of Chelsea and the Boston skyline.

With questions, community members can contact Han at shan@chelseama.gov or 617-466-4183.

## Mpox // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

mpox vaccinations at our Pride Kick Off celebration on June 1st at City Hall Plaza is about meeting people where they are and making it easier to take care of ourselves and each other. We encourage our community to consider getting vaccinated and to stay informed so we can keep our communities healthy, safe, and con-

nected."

"As we celebrate Pride, our time of visibility, resilience, and joy, getting vaccinated against mpox is one more way we show up for each other," said Dr. Will Giordano-Perez, Fenway's Chief Medical Officer. "Taking this step means we protect the health of our

chosen family and keep Pride a safe celebration for all."

The Mpox vaccine is safe and proven to be most effective two weeks after the second dose is administered. The vaccine is 80% effective at preventing illness and highly effective in lessening symptoms. Residents

who have already received both doses do not need a booster. If someone believes they have Mpox, they should seek medical attention immediately and avoid contact with others and pets. Symptoms include:

- Painful, itchy rash that presents as pimples, blisters, or scabs
- Fever

- Headache
  - Muscle aches
  - Exhaustion
  - Swollen lymph nodes
- Regardless of vaccination status, individuals with mpox symptoms should abstain from sexual activity and see a doctor. mpox spreads through close, direct contact with an infected person's skin lesions, scabs,

or body fluids. It can also spread through extensive contact with surfaces or materials such as clothing or bed linens. Mpox does not spread through incidental contact like brushing up against someone on a crowded train car, or shopping in the same store.

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### CHELSEA PRIDE LGBTQ COALITION HOLDS FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT SR. CENTER



Matt Frank, City Councilor Norielez DeJesus, Lokia Mondale, Jennifer Hassell, City Councilor Tanairi Garcia and Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia; (back row) are City Councilor Lisa Santagate and keynote speaker Kimberly Edwards.

Cary Shuman Photos

The Chelsea LGBTQ Coalition, in conjunction with the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce and the City of Chelsea held its 11th Annual Chelsea Pride Flag Raising Ceremony May 30 at the Senior Center.

The event was originally scheduled to be held at Washington Park in Prattville, but seeing the forecast for rain, organizers decided to bring the event outdoors.

Matt Frank, one of the main organizers, told the gathering that he was grateful to City Manager Fidel Maltez for giving the group permission to use the Senior Center. "I texted him and it took about three minutes to text me back," related Frank.

Maltez delivered a welcoming address and later joined guests for some festive dancing.

Kimberly Edwards, Global Co-Chair of the Brown Brothers Harriman BANC Pride Network, and Carlos Morales, Director of Food Access for La Colaborativa, were the keynote speakers.

Legendary personality Lokia Mondale was outstanding in her role as lead speaker and performer. Mondale, who has appeared at previous Chelsea Pride



Lokia Mondale carries the pride flag into the hall during the 11th Annual Chelsea Pride Flag Raising Ceremony Saturday, May 30 at the Chelsea Senior Center.



Jennifer Hassell welcomes former Chelsea High School cheerleading captain Debbie Cronin to the event Saturday at the Chelsea Senior Center.



Providing complimentary delicious cupcakes at the event was Orlando Velazco of Orlando's Fully Baked.



Jennifer Hassell, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and City Councilor Norielez DeJesus.

celebrations, again displayed an uncanny ability to energize, entertain, and inspire a crowd.

Board member Pepper Fee led a special memorial tribute to attorney Olivia

Anne Walsh. Jennifer Hassell, executive director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, received special recognition for her valuable role in the coordination of the event.



Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Cathy Luong of Mornin' Saigon, Ricky Velez of Chelsea Community Cable Television, and Carolina Bonilla, office manager at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.



Carlos Morales (left) and Matt Frank join two of the costumed performers for a photo at the event.



Keynote speaker Carlos Morales, La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega, and City Councilors Kelly Garcia, Norielez DeJesus, and Tanairi Garcia.



Matt Frank presents flowers to Jennifer Hassell in appreciation of her key support and leadership in the planning of the event.



Professional artist Max Corona and Dianka Trusava, pictured at the Chelsea Pride Flag Raising Ceremony last Saturday at the Senior Center.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico takes a selfie with Chelsea historian Stacey A. Smith.



Representing the Chelsea Public Library, Library Director Lisa Mucciarone and Library Assistant Amanda Arsenault.



Matt Frank, Pepper Fee (Co-Organizer LGBTQ Coalition), April Swartz (Co-Organizer LGBTQ Coalition), Lokia Mondale, Beth Spaulding (Volunteer), and Kimberly Edwards.

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## 2025 Water Quality Report Card

| Beach              | Six-year avg. water quality rating (2020-2025) | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Pleasure Bay       | 100%   | 97%  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| City Point         | 100%   | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Nantasket          | 97%  | 100% | 92%  | 98%  | 94%  | 100% | 98%  |
| M Street           | 95%  | 94%  | 94%  | 100% | 94%  | 94%  | 94%  |
| Carson             | 95%  | 93%  | 91%  | 91%  | 100% | 92%  | 100% |
| Revere             | 94%  | 95%  | 86%  | 89%  | 98%  | 94%  | 100% |
| Constitution       | 92%  | 93%  | 86%  | 88%  | 97%  | 91%  | 98%  |
| Winthrop           | 91%  | 89%  | 80%  | 82%  | 94%  | 100% | 100% |
| Short              | 90%  | 84%  | 83%  | 94%  | 94%  | 89%  | 94%  |
| Wollaston          | 87%  | 91%  | 88%  | 88%  | 88%  | 82%  | 85%  |
| Nahant             | 85%  | 95%  | 78%  | 80%  | 81%  | 77%  | 96%  |
| Malibu             | 85%  | 91%  | 83%  | 76%  | 95%  | 73%  | 91%  |
| Savin Hill         | 84%  | 100% | 68%  | 80%  | 94%  | 70%  | 89%  |
| Tenean             | 77%  | 84%  | 71%  | 73%  | 89%  | 63%  | 79%  |
| King's             | 71%  | 90%  | 66%  | 55%  | 74%  | 68%  | 70%  |
| All Beaches (avg.) | 89%  | 93%  | 84%  | 85%  | 93%  | 86%  | 93%  |

### Revere Beach scores a water quality rating of 95%

Special to the Record

For the first time in its testing history, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has reported that every metropolitan beach from Nahant to Nantasket scored above 80% in its annual Water Quality Report Card. This is a historic achievement that reflects Save the Harbor's 40 years of persistent advocacy, public investment in water infrastructure, and rigorous testing.

The Water Quality Report Card uses data collected by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to assess water quality at public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket, including Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull (see table below). Water samples are tested for the number of colony forming units of enterococci bacteria; this is the standard unit used to determine safe swimming conditions, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull.

South Boston's beaches continue to lead the way. City Point maintained a perfect 100% water quality rating for another consecutive year. M Street Beach and Carson Beach posted a 94% and 95% rating respectively, continuing the region's tradition of excellence. In addition, Nantasket Beach also scored very well last year, up from 92% in 2024 to 100% in 2025.

"It is gratifying to once again see so many of our spectacular urban beaches consistently testing at safe bacteria levels," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Executive Director, Chris Mancini. "The region-wide scores above 80% are a testament to what sustained investment and scientific rigor can achieve. As we mark our 40th anniversary this year, we are as committed as ever to ensuring anyone can confidently get into or out on the water without worrying about bacteria and other pollution."

Several beaches' water quality ratings made remarkable comebacks. Nahant Beach rebounded to a 95% rating after four years of hovering around 80%. Meanwhile, Savin Hill Beach, Dorchester jumped to 100% after its dramatic drop to 68% last year.

"We're proud that Massachusetts continues to have some of the cleanest urban

beaches in the country," said DCR Commissioner Nicole LaChapelle. "These results reflect decades of collaboration and stewardship focused on protecting and improving our public waterfronts, and we're grateful for our partnership with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay in helping make that possible. It makes a real difference in how people experience our beaches and waterfronts. Clean water is essential, and access to it for recreation is a matter of equity. We remain committed to ensuring these coastal spaces stay resilient, accessible, and welcoming for generations to come."

Meanwhile, Kings Beach in Lynn had the largest jump in its rating, receiving a 90% water quality rating. This is a significant jump over the six-year average of 69% and 2023's record low of 55%. The pilot UV treatment program is one factor that contributed to the beach's water quality improvement. Other factors include the dry summer weather and the improvement to the sewage pipes over the years.

"It is exciting to see America's First Public Beach achieve a 95% water quality rating," said MBC Commissioner Representative Jessica Ann Giannino (D-Revere). "Visitors can swim at Revere Beach with confidence while also enjoying the diverse, free programming Save the Harbor

provides through its Better Beaches Grant Program, including weekly beach yoga, kayaking and paddleboarding, and the annual International Sand Sculpting Festival."

Currently the beaches use a posting and flagging system to alert the public to high bacteria levels. Unfortunately, the best technology available takes 24 hours to return results, meaning by the time the posting goes up, the information is already out of date. Save the Harbor recommends people get familiar with their beach's individual characteristics by using the Department of Public Health's interactive beach water quality dashboard and to not swim 24 hours after a heavy rain fall event (0.3inches/hr).

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay thanks Dr. Judy Pederson, former Chair of their Beaches Science Advisory Committee, Bruce Berman, former Director of Strategy & Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, and Kelly Coughlin of Cornell University for their guidance in developing the methodology used in this report.

Additionally, Save the Harbor commends Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano, Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Rep. Adrian Madaro of East Boston, and each of the legislative and community members of the Commission for their commitment to clean water and the region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

Finally, Save the Harbor also thanks the Healey-Driscoll Administration, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

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## OBITUARIES

### Katherine G. "Kathy" Webber

Her kindness and generosity touched countless lives

A lifelong resident of Chelsea, Katherine "Kathy" Webber passed away peacefully on May 15, 2026 in Florida, after a lengthy, courageous fight against cancer. She was 73 years of age.

Born in Revere she was the daughter of the late Joseph E. and Grace J. (Crouse) Mauzerol. Kathy attended Chelsea Public Schools. She married quite young to her best friend and beloved husband Kenneth A. "Ken" Webber and they recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

Professionally, Kathy worked as a bookkeeper for their family run business, Krazy Kats Embroidery in Chelsea, where she always greeted customers with a big, cheerful hello. Kathy had a unique ability to connect with people and had a gift for making everyone feel welcome and valued. Her kindness and generosity touched countless lives. Her family will always remember her beautiful smile and one-of-a-kind laugh. Kathy found joy in life, enjoying every party, laughing, and often times she could be found leading the conga line.

Kathy was an avid boater and enjoyed being on the water with her boating family. She was affectionately known as The Admiral Kathy on their boat Sea Kindly. Kathy was a member of the Winter Hill Yacht Club in Somerville and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. She was actively involved in the City of Chelsea, the community she grew up in and loved. Kathy was an avid supporter of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce and Chelsea Rotary Club, where she enjoyed attending their many events over the years.

For the past 5 years, Kathy and Ken enjoyed spending winters in Ft Pierce, Florida, where they found a home away from home. They cherished their time in Florida, forming new bonds and friendships wherever they went. Kathy's spirited energy will be forever cherished and loved by her family and her extended family and



friends in Chelsea, neighboring cities and towns, her boating community and all the friends she met while in Florida.

In addition to her husband Ken, Kathy leaves behind her beloved sons, Kenneth A. Webber and his wife, Janice "Jan" of Saugus and Kevin Webber and his wife, Christina of Winthrop. Kathy was predeceased by her brothers, Joseph E. Mauzerol III and Lawrence A. "Larry" Mauzerol and sister, Donna J. Mauzerol. She is the dear sister-in-law of Carole Buonopane of West Peabody, Gayle Webber and the late Daniel Webber. Kathy is also lovingly survived by four grandchildren, Kevin Webber, twins Kyle and Kenny Webber, all of Winthrop and Kendra Webber of Saugus. She is the cherished aunt of Daniel Webber, Kelli Webber, Brittany Mauzerol, Richard Sjoberg, Thomas Sjoberg, Charles Capponi. Kathy adored her pet cats, Lilly and the late Snuggles.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Thursday, June 11 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. A Funeral Service will follow the visitation in the Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. All services will conclude in the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kathy's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or on-line at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

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## Richard Howard Smith

July 31, 1960 - May 21, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Richard Howard Smith, Sr., who left us on May 21, 2026, at the age of 65. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Richie's journey on this earth came to an unexpected close at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he had bravely faced numerous health challenges, including a courageous battle with throat cancer.

Born on July 31, 1960, in Everett, to the late Leon Maxwell Smith, Jr. and Ruth Marie (Henderson) Smith, Richie was one of fourteen children and held his family close to his heart.

Raised in Chelsea, he completed his education at Chelsea High School and continued to thrive as a lifelong resident of this vibrant community. He dedicated himself to the craft of metal recycling, first working with Solomon Metals in Chelsea and Lynn, before becoming a self-employed entrepreneur with D&R Moving and Richie & Sons Scrap Metal. Remarkably, Richie continued to work up until his sudden passing, showcasing his unwavering dedication and work ethic.

Richie shared 35 beautiful years of love and extreme devotion with his beloved wife, Denise Ann (Brangiforte) Smith. Together, they nurtured a loving home for their children: Richard H. Smith, Jr., Amanda L. Brangiforte, and Michael R. Smith, Sr., and his wife, Cece Marsh, along with his daughter of cherished memory, the late Debra Marie Smith. As a devoted grandfather, he poured love into the lives



of his five grandchildren: Alicia and Skylar Smith, Joshua and Jacob Gillis, and Michael R. Smith, Jr., who will carry his spirit in their hearts forever.

In addition to his immediate family, Richie is survived by his dear siblings: Leon Saunders, Leona Cruz, Dennis Smith, James Smith, Douglas Smith and Marion Smith. He will be remembered for his boundless love, dedication to family, and the incredible joy he brought into their lives. He was predeceased by siblings: Diane Fields, Ruth Smith, Ronald R. Smith, Leon Smith III, Wayne Smith, Maryann Smith, and Sylvia Smith.

Richie's life was a testament to resilience and devotion, and his loss leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who knew him.

In honor of Richard Howard Smith, Sr., A Memorial Visitation and Services were held at the Welsh Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 3rd with a gathering of loved ones and friends celebrating his remarkable life where he was remembered with stories, laughter and love and the beautiful legacy he leaves behind.

To send expressions of sympathy, visit [www.welsh-fh.com](http://www.welsh-fh.com).

## Marie A. Ells

October 5, 1945 - May 24, 2026

We celebrate the life of Marie A. Ells, who lovingly touched the hearts of those around her during her remarkable 80 years. Marie passed away on Sunday, May 10th at Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln, where she was embraced by the care of dedicated professionals following a brief illness.

Marie will be fondly remembered for her warmth, dedication and spirited nature. She was born on October 5, 1945, in Chelsea, to the late Harry M. Ells, Sr. and Alice (Ingvaldsen) Ells, growing up in a vibrant household as one of ten children.

Marie was a lifelong resident of Chelsea, where she attended local schools and proudly graduated from Chelsea High School and remained a proud resident of her hometown throughout her life. In recent years, Marie resided at the Margolis Building in Chelsea where she embraced new friendships and connections.

She devoted her professional life to her role as a bookkeeper for Rudolph

Electric, where her detailed-oriented nature and kindness left a lasting impression on her colleagues and friends.

Marie's strong sense of community and faith shone brightly as a devoted parishioner of the former Assumption (French) Church, where her contributions as a Eucharistic Minister were greatly valued. A dedicated daughter, she lovingly cared for her mother Alice in their family home, nurturing deep bonds with love and tempered discipline for her family, including her numerous cherished nieces and nephews.

Outside of her profes-



sional and familial commitments, Marie engaged in life with joy. She enjoyed participating in Candlepin Bowling Leagues, sharing laughter and memories over spirited card games and creating cherished moments with her family.

Marie's resilient spirit remains evident in the love shared among her surviving 19 nieces and nephews. She is now joyfully reunited with her parents, Harry and Alice, her beloved siblings; Pauline M. Mahoney, Robert and Andrew Ells, Helen Arnold, Harry M. Jr., Charles, John, Francis, and William Ells, and those of her family who have passed before her, including three nieces and nephews.

In honor of her beautiful life and legacy, we invite friends and family to join together for a Memorial Visitation and Funeral Service. The gathering will take place on Saturday, June 6, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, followed by a celebratory service that will commence at 2 p.m.

In reflection of her vibrant spirit and the lives she touched, we come together to celebrate Marie's life, sharing stories, laughter, and love as we honor her memory.

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## OBITUARIES

### Natalie Umanita Bloom

May 16, 1943 - May 24, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Natalie Umanita Bloom, who departed this life on May 24, 2026, at the age of 83. A beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, and friend, Natalie found her final days at the Bostonian Skilled Nursing Home in Dorchester, where she received the compassionate care she so richly deserved.

Born on May 16, 1943, in the family home in Chelsea, Natalie was the cherished youngest child of Antonio and Anna (Minutoli) Umanita. Raised in a vibrant family of five, she nurtured her passions early on. An exceptional student, she attended the Shurtleff School and graduated from Chelsea High School before pursuing a diverse and fulfilling career. After training at beauty school, she pursued a brief career in mechanical drafting, finding satisfaction in the male-dominated field. She then ventured to U-Mass Boston graduating with a bachelor's degree as a Para Legal. Her creative spirit propelled her to attend Parsons School of Design in New York, and the Museum of Fine Arts School at Tuft's University, where her artistic talents flourished. Natalie's artwork has graced the walls of various restaurants, hospitals, nursing homes, and private collections, leaving a legacy of beauty in her wake.

A devoted single mother, Natalie raised her two daughters and one son in Chelsea. She then relocated to Queens, NY, where she welcomed her third daughter with ex-husband Ron Bloom, before settling in Marblehead in 1992.

She is remembered fondly for her passionate devotion to her family, cooking, and hosting joyous holiday celebrations. As a proud grandmother, she adored her five grandchildren, showering them with love and warmth.

Beyond her family, Natalie was a fierce advocate for the less fortunate. She co-founded Mass Fair Share, lending her voice to those in need, and served on the board of directors for



HAWC, supporting women impacted by gender violence. Her volunteer work with Girls Inc. in Lynn reflected her unwavering commitment to empowering young women. Her maiden name, Umanita, represents the word humanity in Italian, and the foundation of her passions lay in understanding and honoring the humanity in others.

Natalie was predeceased by her dear siblings: Angela Umanita, Charles, Anthony "Nino," and Joseph Umanita and her loving nephew and nieces. Natalie is survived by her loving children: Kathleen Dobbyn, Maria Cheevers and her husband, Joseph, Richard Schneiderman and ex-daughter in-law, Lauren Rook, and Sarah Umanita-Bloom. She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren: Annie Elizabeth Cheevers, Natalie Eileen Cheevers, Calvin Rook, Whitney Rook and Ryan Jose. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews. Her memory will forever be etched in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to celebrate Natalie's remarkable life during calling hours and a memorial gathering at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday, June 4th, from 4 to 8 p.m. Her funeral will begin from the funeral home on Friday, June 5th, at 9 a.m., immediately followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea, at 10 a.m. We invite all who were touched by Natalie's love and kindness to join in honoring her memory.

To send expressions of sympathy, visit [www.welsh-fh.com](http://www.welsh-fh.com).

## Joan Delia Conley

She will always be Nana

Joan Delia (Keats) Conley, beloved wife, mother, Nana, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2026, in Falmouth, Massachusetts. She was 78 years old.

Born on July 29, 1947, in Chelsea, Joan was the daughter of the late James and Evelyn (Sullivan) Keats. She grew up in Prattville, rooted in a multigenerational Chelsea family, and carried that community in her heart for the rest of her life. She graduated from Chelsea High School in 1965 and began her career with the telephone company as an information operator, a fitting start for a woman who always knew just what to say. Through dedication and quiet determination, she rose into management before retiring in 1992.

Joan was married to retired Chelsea Deputy Fire Chief Edward G. Conley Jr. for 57 years, a partnership built on love, laughter, and the mutual understanding that the best table in any restaurant is always at the bar.

Chelsea was Joan's home in every sense of the word. She grew up surrounded by aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and friends who made the city feel like an extended family. She raised her four boys in that same community, built friendships that lasted decades, and never lost her deep affection for the city that formed her. In her later years she and her husband settled in North Falmouth, but Chelsea never really left her, nor did the memory of Little Squam Lake, a place she loved from childhood and shared with her children and grandchildren.

Joan was the family's matriarch in the truest sense, present through every holiday, hard time, celebration, and ordinary day, always steady and always glad to see you. She had a rare gift for making strangers feel



welcome and making her family feel deeply loved. To her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she was simply Nana.

Joan is survived by her devoted husband, Edward; her sons Ed and his wife, Andrea of Gloucester, Sean of Marblehead, and Eric and his wife, Melissa of Hampstead, NH; her brother James "Reggie" Keats and his partner, Doris of Stoughton; her 15 cherished grandchildren: Caitlyn, Shannon, Eddie, Alex, Aidan, Max, Keira, Shea, Liam, Chloe, Chase, Jack, Nathan, Bella, and Ashlyn; and her three great-grandchildren: Emma, Johnny and Carolyn. She was predeceased by her parents; her son, Scott and his late wife, Elaine of Topsfield; and her sister, Janice Woiron of Michigan.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, today, Thursday, June 4, 2026, from 4 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St. Chelsea on Friday, June 5th, at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's memory may be made to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation at [t2t.org](http://t2t.org).

We encourage family and friends to visit [carafafuneralhome.com](http://carafafuneralhome.com) to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

## Glenda A. "Mickey" Mascis

A woman with a beautiful soul

Funeral Services and Interment were held privately for Glenda A. "Mickey" (Hoefler) Mascis who died unexpectedly at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Sunday, May 24th, she was 81 years old.

Glenda was born on July 11, 1944 in Chelsea to her late parents, George M. Hoefler and Gladys (Langille) Hoefler. She was one of three children raised and educated in Chelsea. Glenda was affectionately known as "Mickey" to her family. She attended Chelsea Public Schools.

Mickey was a loving devoted mother to her two children, a son and daughter. Unfortunately, in 1974 Mickey had to endure the pain of losing her 8-year-old daughter, Elizabeth due to a congenital disease.

Mickey was a hardworking and very courageous woman who enjoyed helping people all of her life. She began working as a Nurse's Assistant at the Woodlawn Manor Nursing facility in Everett. Her career spanned over 26 years. She also worked evenings at the Dunkin' Donuts on Everett Avenue in Chelsea for approximately 10 years.

Mickey was a very proud lifelong resident of Chelsea. She was very active in her community and in the building where she lived. She was an advocate for many people and helped them, along the way in life. She was known for canceling her own medical appointments to take a friend to a doctor's appointment, sometimes in the same hospital. Mickey was also a lover of all animals. She helped nurse sick animals



and took in many strays over the years. She was a woman with beautiful soul to help all of God's loving creatures. Her family was always most important, and she demonstrated many life lessons through her actions.

The loving mother of Stephen C. Mascis and his wife, Cindy of Lynn and the late Elizabeth Mascis, she is the cherished grandmother of Adolfo Hernandez and his fiancée, Amber Guerrero, Robinson Mejia, Marsly, Wilton and William Echarria and the adored great grandmother of Alia, Gabriel and Grace. She is the treasured sister of the late Gail D. Still - Daley and Robert "Guy" Hoefler and his surviving wife, Bonnie Hoefler of Tewksbury. She is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the MPCA - Angell, Attn: Development, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertuciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere.

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# National Grid brings summer cooling tips to customers across Massachusetts

Special to the Record

National Grid is kicking off the summer season with proactive campaigns to help customers stay cool and manage costs. These efforts include bundled solutions that combine energy savings with bill management programs, as well as opportunities to connect one-on-one with customer advocates at assistance events statewide.

Following another cold winter, these outreach efforts will help customers during the high-heat months, when increased usage can drive higher electricity costs, and provide tools to track and better understand their energy use. National Grid's program experts can also offer solutions to help with high bills, helping alleviate financial burdens for eligible customers.

"From cooling tips to billing help, our teams are taking a proactive approach to ensure that our customers have the support they need to stay cool and to keep costs down throughout the summer season," said Bill Malee, Chief Customer Officer, National Grid.

Throughout the summer season, National Grid will provide customers with text alerts that will provide timely energy-saving tips during heat waves. Below is a checklist with a few tips that can help Massachusetts residents save on energy costs

throughout the hot summer:

### Manage Energy Costs When the Summer Heat Arrives:

Adjust thermostats. Setting a thermostat to a higher, reasonable temperature while at home and adjusting it even higher when away from home can help save energy. Lowering the thermostat below the desired setting will not cool a home faster and may result in unnecessary energy consumption.

Run fans with air conditioning. Oscillating or box fans near air conditioning vents can improve cold air flow throughout a room.

Close window coverings. Ambient sunlight can heat a room. Turning off unused lighting and drawing window blinds to reduce heat will keep air conditioning from running more than needed.

Charge electric vehicles overnight. Shifting electric vehicle charging to overnight hours can earn customers off-peak charging rewards and reduce stress on the grid.

Visit [ngrid.com/hereforyou](http://ngrid.com/hereforyou). Learn about our residential, multi-family, and commercial energy efficiency programs and rebates, and find more information on ways to save energy and reduce energy costs.

### Tips for Improving Energy Efficiency at Home:

Sign up for a Home En-

ergy Assessment. National Grid connects customers with an energy specialist who will create a customized energy report and provide energy-saving products, such as advanced power strips, low-flow showerheads, and programmable thermostats, all at no cost.

Weatherize homes with insulation and air sealing upgrades. Properly insulating and sealing a home are cost-effective ways to boost energy efficiency. Weatherization can help lower heating and cooling costs by up to 15 percent and decrease drafts to improve comfort and humidity control all year long. Customers may qualify for 75-100% off approved insulation and air sealing improvements after completing a home energy assessment.

Replace incandescent light bulbs with LED bulbs. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, LED bulbs use up to 75% less energy, last up to 25 times longer than incandescent lighting, and emit less heat.

Service cooling equipment. Proactively scheduling maintenance for central air conditioning or heat pump systems helps ensure the unit is running efficiently before peak summer use.

Replace air filters. Check air filters every 1-2 months during the summer. Dirty filters can restrict airflow forcing a system to work

harder, reducing its efficiency. Clean filters help air conditioners work better and last longer.

Vacuum air intake vents and keep them clear. Vacuum air vents to remove dust and move household items away from intake vents to keep the airflow moving.

Consider installing a smart thermostat. Smart thermostats offer greater control of energy usage anytime and anywhere. Eligible models can earn rewards through the ConnectedSolutions program for small temperature adjustments during the hottest days of summer. Instant rebates on smart thermostats are available through the Mass Save marketplace.

Prep for any planned time away from home. If there is a road trip or vacation on the calendar, take extra steps, such as turning up the thermostat to prevent air conditioning from running while no one is home.

### Help with Managing Energy Bills:

We recognize that affordability is a significant concern, and National Grid offers various programs and services to help customers save energy, manage their bills, and access financial assistance.

National Grid customers can now sign up for a Payment Assistance Bundle. The bundle combines three helpful solutions to make it

easier for managing energy costs and paying down past due amounts over a 12-month period.

Deferred Payment Agreement: Spread out past-due balance into future monthly payments.

Automatic Monthly Payments: Automatically deduct payments from your bank account each month and avoid missing due dates.

Budget Plan: Break down annual energy costs into balanced monthly payments, making it easier to budget and plan expenses.

Customers can also access energy usage graphs via their National Grid 'My Account' page or on the Mobile App, which can help them better understand, track, and manage their energy usage month-to-month.

Residential customers interested in enrolling in the Payment Assistance Bundle or other Bill Assistance program can also contact a Customer Service Specialist at 1-800-233-5325 or visit [ngrid.com/hereforyou](http://ngrid.com/hereforyou) to learn more our programs.

Throughout the summer, National Grid customer assistance representatives will also be spreading out around the state to engage with customers, including:

Customer assistance events that will cover summer energy-saving solutions, payment assistance programs, budget billing,

the tiered discount rate program, and the arrears management program; and

Expanded 'Senior Power Hour' events to provide direct assistance to elders, who are more vulnerable to increased heat.

The full list of June 2026 in-person Customer Assistance events is included below. Attendees are encouraged to visit the Massachusetts event page at [www.nationalgridus.com/customer-assistance-events](http://www.nationalgridus.com/customer-assistance-events) to confirm dates, times, and locations.

The upcoming events closest to the neighborhood are:

### Everett - Thursday, June 11

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Everett City Hall - Room 25  
484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149

### Chelsea - Monday, June 15

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Community Action Program Inter City (CAPIC)  
100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14, Chelsea, MA 02150

### Saugus - Tuesday, June 16

10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Saugus Council on Aging  
466 Central Street  
Saugus, MA 01906

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

### LEGAL NOTICE

Cachadito Restaurant  
10A Central Avenue,  
Chelsea, MA  
Chelsea Licensing Commission,  
June 11, 2026  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For an Amusement & Entertainment License application for a Television for Cachadito Restaurant at 10A Central Avenue, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise.  
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569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. Copies of the documents may also be obtained by written request to the Corporation. Such requests should be addressed to Chelsea Education Foundation, Inc., c/o Chelsea Public Schools, 500 Broadway, Room 216, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150.  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
Docket No. SU26D0211DR Maria Suarez-Rejopachi vs. Carlos Rejopachi  
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Maria Suarez-Rejopachi 243 Campbell Ave Apt 1 Revere, MA 02151 your answer, if any, on or before 07/23/2026.  
If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action.  
You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 11, 2026  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate  
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IFB 2026-531  
KAYEM PARK RENOVATION  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "KAYEM PARK RENOVATION".  
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after June 4, 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).  
• A site visit has been scheduled for June 10, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Kayem Park, 248 Chestnut St., Chelsea, MA 02150.  
Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "KAYEM PARK RENOVATION" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30 AM on Thursday, June 18, 2026.  
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 30, 39M.  
Ledia Koco Chief Procurement Officer  
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Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Ordinary and Emergency Repairs on the City's Water, Sewer, and Drain (WSD) Systems".  
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after June 4, 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).  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
In accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 22nd, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts

02150, to discuss a proposed amendment to Section 34-156 "Inclusionary Housing" of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Chelsea. The amendment would implement a tiered approach based on the size of the housing development, require all rental projects with 10-19 units to provide 1 affordable unit at 80% AMI; all rental projects with 20-29 units to provide 1 unit at 80% AMI and 1 unit at 60% AMI; all rental projects with 30-39 units to provide 2 units at 80% AMI and 1 unit at 60% AMI; all rental projects with 40-49 units to provide 2 units at 80% AMI and 2 units at 60% AMI; and all rental projects with 50 or more units to provide 5% of units at 80% AMI and 5% of units at 60% AMI. All homeownership projects with 10 or more units shall provide 10% of units at 80% AMI. In the West Chelsea Mixed-Use Overlay District, the inclusionary housing requirement is triggered for all projects with 100 or more units. For all rental projects applying in the West Chelsea Mixed-Use Overlay District, developments with 100 or more units shall provide either 10% of units at 80% AMI or 7% of units at 60% AMI; all homeownership projects with 100 or more units in the West Chelsea Mixed-Use Overlay District shall provide 10% of units at 80% AMI. The payment fee-in-lieu-of providing an affordable unit will be \$200,000. The regulation will be reviewed every second calendar year from the date of enactment.  
Copies of the proposed amendment are available for inspection in the City Clerk's office during normal City Hall business hours.  
Councillor Roberto Jimenez-Rivera  
President, Chelsea City Council  
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CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulations) 59 (Department of Housing and Community Development - Smart Growth Zoning Overlay District), allowing the development of multi-family residential and mixed-use development (along with parking and associated site amenities) subject to Plan Approval by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals acting as the "Plan Approval Authority" (PAA). Developments undertaken within the proposed "Smart Growth District" would be subject to special site and building design standards, parking and dimensional controls and affordability requirements for no less than 20% of all projects including more than 10 units.  
Copies of the proposed amendment are available for inspection in the City Clerk's office during normal City Hall business hours.  
Councillor Roberto Jimenez-Rivera  
President, Chelsea City Council  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
Docket No. SU26P0996  
Estate of: Alison Grace Sheppard  
Also Known As: Alison Sheppard  
Date of Death: March 07, 2026  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Cynthia W Sheppard of Guilford CT, Cynthia W Sheppard of Guilford CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court.  
Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure.  
A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

SUFFOLK DIVISION Probate and Family Court Department  
Summons by Publication  
DOCKET NUMBER: SU26A01435J  
Oscar J. Galvez Yanez VS. Oscar M. Galvez Romero  
Complaint for Dependency filed on March 26, 2026, has been presented to this court by the plaintiff, Oscar J. Galvez Yanez against the above-named defendants, Oscar

M. Galvez Romero, seeking a Judgment of Dependency with determination relative to special immigrant juvenile status, pursuant to G.L. c. 119, §39M. The said defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth in his/her present whereabouts are unknown; personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable. The said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.  
The defendant is required to serve upon their attorney Destiny G. Taylor, Esq. of 98 North Washington Street, Boston, MA 02114, their answer, if any, to the complaint, within 7 days after service of this summons upon them, exclusive of the day of service. The defendant is also required to file an answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Suffolk Probate and Family Court, either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, if represented by counsel, or within a reasonable time thereafter.  
This matter shall be scheduled for Administrative Hearing on July 23rd, 2026.  
Witness, Janine D. Rivers, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 27th day of May, 2026.  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 11, 2026  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for a Change of Manager for an All-Alcohol Beverages (on Premise), Change of Officers/directors/LLC Managers & Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder License application for Axe Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Torito Restaurant & Lounge 73 Winnismet Street, Chelsea MA  
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## CHS Roundup

# Thania Simon wins D-4 state triple jump title

Chelsea High track star Thania Simon captured the Division 4 state championship in the triple jump this past weekend at Bridgewater State University.

Thania's winning leap of 36'-11.75" was four inches further than the second-place finisher and placed her sixth-best among the six divisions in the state. Simon now will advance to the upcoming Tournament

of Champions that will bring together the top 20 or so competitors across the MIAA's six divisions.

Thania also brought home a fifth-place medal in the long jump with a leap of 17'-5.25".

Teammate Lilly Serrano earned a medal with a third-place finish in the 200 dash with a time of 25.14. Serrano also competed in the 400 dash (13th place in 58.85)

and in the high jump (10th place with a leap of 4'-10").

Lady Red Devil Hazel Hatleberg competed in the javelin, finishing in 19th place with a throw of 71'-4".

The Chelsea girls finished with 20 points on the day, which placed them 16th in the team standings among the 35 teams that scored points.

On the boys' side, Kevin

Romero-Molina just missed the medal podium with a ninth-place finish in the discus with a spin of 132'-1".

Teammate Leeandro Castro finished in 16th place in the 400 hurdles with a clocking of 62.35 and Xavier Guzman came across the line in 23rd place in the 400 dash with a time of 54.49.

## CITY PAWS

### Exploring new walks

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Gather your favorite walking crew, leash up the pups, and set off to explore a new walking trail. We find two distinct types of planned and routed walking trails. With a little research, you can find a walk through nature, along the shore, follow an historic or artistic trail, or just explore a new neighborhood.

#### Nature Trails

Fortunately, our ancestors set aside and maintain beautiful places like the Belle Isle Marsh Reservation in Winthrop, the Northern Strand Community Trail from Everett to Lynn, or the well-loved Middlesex Fells Reservation. Please check the rules for dogs at any location you consider. Unfortunately, these can change over time due to irresponsible dog guardians.

We're big fans of the Trustees of Reservations and appreciate the dog-friendly policies at some of their properties. In planning our list of places to stroll, we checked the rules for the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln. It brought a smile when we saw, "We welcome dogs; please keep them on a leash and pick up after them." This property is perfect for planning a walk, enjoying the sculpture, and having a picnic on the grounds.

#### Historic, Artistic, and Cultural Trails

In the historic Greater Boston area, organized trails by subject matter abound. In addition to the well-known

Freedom Trail, there are more specific walks through history. Boston has a Women's Heritage Trail, a Black Heritage Trail, an Irish Heritage Trail, and the Emerald Necklace. You can opt for self-guided or guide-led tours. And, you can decide to do parts of a trail rather than all of it. For example, you might walk the Charlestown section of the Freedom Trail as a separate activity.

Outdoor art in the form of murals and sculptures is a great way to explore neighborhoods. There is a mural map on the City of Boston website that points you to artwork all over the city, from East Boston to Hyde Park.

Chinatown in Boston offers the Chinatown Art Tour, which includes a map listing twenty or more pic-

es of art for you to view. MIT, Boston University, and Northeastern all have public art collections you can explore.

You can extend your art walks to other cities and towns. For example, Lynn describes, "The Downtown Lynn Cultural District's Public Art Directory provides an extensive selection of striking public art installations created by local and global talent." Look up a city or town you want to explore, and Google the place and the words 'Public Art,' and you may find a new way to see that community.

#### Other Approaches

When you are looking to shake up your longer walks, we have a few suggestions for targeting an area. The summer farmers' markets

began opening this month. Pick a market and check whether it is dog-friendly, since some aren't. Then see what else is in that general area that might be of interest to you and your pack.

MBTA and Commuter Rail stations are another starting point for exploration. You can walk along the shore at Revere Beach. From various stations, you can stroll the Southwest Corridor in Boston or the Esplanade.

Don't forget to pack or determine where you can find water or snacks for everyone, and keep your eyes open for facilities for humans. Practice great responsibility as a dog and human pair, and you will make friends for canine companions wherever your feet and paws take you.



The Visitor's Center on the Boston Common is the start of the Freedom Trail and it has restrooms!

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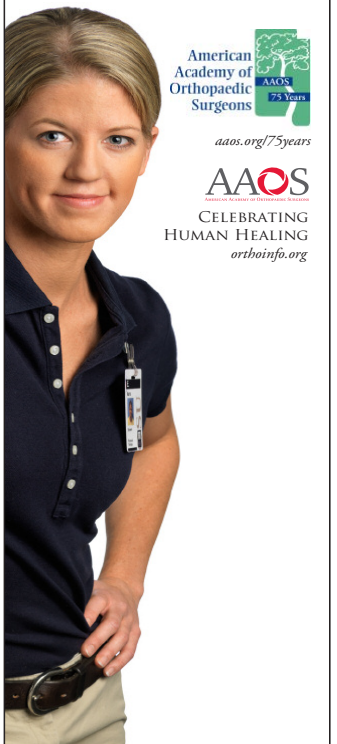
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We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth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



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CPS HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Courtesy Photos

Chelsea Public Schools hosted its Youth Mental Health Day event at the Browne and Wright Middle School on Thursday, May 28, bringing together students, families, staff, and community partners in support of youth mental health, wellness, and belonging.

Despite the rain, the event was a tremendous success, with approximately 450 people in attendance. Families had the opportunity to connect with local organizations, learn about mental health and community-based resources, participate in activities, and celebrate the importance of supporting the whole child.

This year's event included a strong turnout from community partners and

vendors, whose presence helped create a welcoming and resource-rich environment for our students and families.

Three individuals were presented with Community Impact Champion awards: CPS educators Deanna McQueen from the Early Learning Center and Jen Winsor from the Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School as well as CHS School Resource Officer Damian Strait.

Youth Mental Health Day continues to reflect Chelsea Public Schools' commitment to student well-being, family engagement, and building strong partnerships that support the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our school community.



From left to right: CAMS educator Jen Winsor, CHS School Resource Officer Damian Strait and ELC educator Deanna McQueen with their Community Impact Champion Awards.



Most in attendance received a Youth Mental Health t-shirt like the one pictured here on a young student in Chelsea



CPS staff and student volunteers greeted attendees with a table of giveaway items and swag that reinforced the importance of youth mental health.



Hundreds of students, residents and community members attended Chelsea Public Schools' Youth Mental Health Day on May 28 at the Williams School.



Chelsea Police Department ran the popular Copsicle truck and interacted with the youth in attendance



A 360 Photo Booth was one of the popular activities at the event



The event included activities throughout such as Zumba highlighted by the participation of CPS' school mascots!



From left to right: CPS Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, CHS School Resource Officer Damian Strait and Early Learning Center educator Deanna McQueen.

Summer 2026 Service Update: MBTA prepares for event-packed summer

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) today announced its service updates which go into effect on Sunday, June 14. Minor bus route changes are anticipated this summer with a majority of temporary service updates surrounding major events like the World Cup, Independence Day, and Sail Boston 2026.

Service information will be available soon at MBTA.com/ServiceChanges.

Riders are strongly encouraged to check schedules in advance and to use the MBTA's Trip Planner as well as the MBTA Go app to view live information.

In anticipation of the eventful summer, the MBTA will be offering various Commuter Rail summer fare promotions including free summer Fridays, 50% discounts on monthly Commuter Rail passes, expanded weekend travel options for monthly pass holders, and \$1 "Summer Companion" fare on weekends for guests of Commuter Rail monthly pass holders. See the full summer savings release here.

"Massachusetts is getting ready to host many world class events this summer and the MBTA is ready to deliver," said Interim Secretary and General Manager Phillip Eng. "We are proud to be in a position to support

an unprecedented amount of service to the World Cup matches and overall to help people connect and celebrate all summer long with safe, reliable, and robust public transportation."

World Cup

For more full information on service changes during the World Cup, visit here.

On weekday match days (June 16, June 23, June 29, and July 9), extra bus and subway service will operate to support the anticipated influx of riders.

On all match days and June 14 (the day following a late evening match), shuttle bus service and 34E will replace the Franklin Line and Stoughton Line.

Extra Silver Line SL1 service will operate on all match days.

Independence Day (July 4):

On Friday, July 3, bus and subway service will operate Saturday service levels. Ferry will operate a weekday schedule.

On Saturday, July 4, bus will operate on Sunday service levels

On the morning of Saturday July 4, subway will operate Saturday service levels.

For the remainder of the day, the MBTA will operate with added service.

On July 4, ferry will operate a normal Saturday schedule with no added service.

For more Independence Day information, visit here. Additional information on service will be released soon.

Sail Boston (July 11-15)

Supplemental bus routes will operate to connect riders to Sail Boston's Meet Boston Parade of Sail viewing locations at Castle Island and Charlestown Navy Yard.

Service will operate between JFK/UMass and Castle Island / South Boston every 5 minutes from 7am-7pm.

Local Bus fares will be charged; riders can use cash, CharlieCards, contactless debit/credit card, phone, or watch with a mobile wallet.

Route 712/713 will operate a special schedule July 11-15.

All service will operate to Point Shirley to connect riders to Sail Boston viewing locations.

Buses may be diverted and bypass the Deer Island stop for part of the day due to public safety needs.

Silver Line SL2 service will be diverted due to anticipated roadway closures near Black Falcon Ave.

On Saturday July 11th, all ferry routes will be sus-

ended until the evening to accommodate the Parade of Sail event. More details will be provided regarding alternate evening service as the event nears. All Ferry routes will operate on normal schedules from July 12th through July 15th but passengers should expect delays due to harbor congestion.

More details on stop locations will be provided through Alerts as the event nears.

Bus Updates

Route 17: Sunday service will increase from operating between 9am-7pm to 6am-10pm. This means more riders will have access to early morning and late evening service on Sundays.

Route 34E: Evening trips that terminate at East Walpole will be extended to Walpole Center as they do during the rest of the day, allowing riders coming and going to Walpole Center to have more service all day.

The SL2/SLW: Frequency shifts during weekday peak periods and weekends. Frequency will increase at Design Center and decrease slightly in the Transitway Tunnel.

For the full list of bus service changes, visit mbta.com/servicechanges, which will be updated soon.

Ferry

As previously announced, beginning Monday, June 29, 2026, the new F10 Harbor Loop Ferry will begin operating year-round weekday service connecting Lovejoy Wharf (North Station), Central Wharf (Aquarium), Seaport (Commonwealth Pier), and Logan Airport. The detailed trip schedule for this route will be available on mbta.com in the coming weeks.

Hingham/Hull Ferry weekday service continues to operate year-round. Weekend service resumed on May 23, 2026, with increased service and capacity compared to past years. Saturdays and Sundays will see an increase of six additional trips.

Hingham/Rowes Wharf weekday service continues to operate year-round.

East Boston Ferry weekday and weekend service continues to operate.

Charlestown Ferry weekday and weekend service continues to operate year-round.

Lynn Ferry, Winthrop Ferry, and Quincy Ferry weekday service continues to operate. Weekend service resumed on May 23, 2026.

The full lists of upcoming changes will be available online at www.mbta.com/service-changes/summer-2026-service-changes.

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