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Chelsea wins All-America City Award for second consecutive year

By Cary Shuman

The tension in the Colorado Ballroom at the Grand Hyatt in Denver Sunday night had reached a breaking point.

City Manager Fidel Maltez, Deputy City Manager Devon Fields, and the Chelsea contingent sat nervously in the middle of the packed house hoping to hear Chelsea's name called as one of the winners of the All-America City Award.

The group's nervous energy turned to sheer exultation when Doug Kroft announced that Chelsea had been selected an All-City Award winner for the second year in a row – an unprecedented achievement.

Maltez took the podium and in another amazing moment for the city's top administrator, he delivered a John Fitzgerald Kennedy-esque acceptance speech, cheers from the Chelsea group accompany-

ing his remarks.

"Thank you, National Civic League for this honor," said Maltez. "And thank you to every community that took this stage and proudly shared the incredible work happening at the local level."

"Tonight, you are recognizing our lead that when a community chooses courage over fear, unity over division, and hope over despair, amazing things happen. At a time when com-

munities across this nation are being targeted for who we are and where we come from, we stand before you to proudly declare, we are Chelsea, we are America, we come from every corner of the world, and our diversity is our greatest strength," said Maltez. "We will celebrate tonight, but we know that our work is far from over. Tomorrow, we return home to Chelsea to continue fighting for our community, especially following

the Supreme Court decision dismantling Temporary Protected Status. We will continue to build community as well. We will continue to build opportunity for every child. We will continue to build partnerships and lift people up. And when others try to divide us, Chelsea will continue to stand together, because we call that, 'The Chelsea Way.'"

City Councilor Tanairi Garcia, who joined Councilors Kelly Garcia (her

sister), Norieliz DeJesus, and Lisa Santagate in Denver, said, "I'm super excited about city winning this award," said Garcia. "They left us to be the last group to be called, and that anticipation had us sweating. But leaving us for last was truly the best part. It was so beautiful to be a part of this, to have moments with our residents, our elected officials,

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La Colaborativa President Gladys Vega celebrates her national All-America Leader Award with City Manager Fidel Maltez, City Council Vice President Norieliz DeJesus and other members of the Chelsea contingent in Denver, Colorado. An interview with the award recipient will appear in next week's edition. See Pages 4-5 and 8-9 for more photos.



The Chelsea Police Department and its Chelsea Hub and Build The Base initiatives were a vital component of the city's successful presentation and ultimate victory at the All-America City Awards. Build The Base participants Jeslani Felipe, Dyke Johnson, Jaliyah Santiago, and Xavier Felipe are pictured with Chelsea Police, from left, Officer Jonathan Maldonado, Officer Nicole McLaughlin, Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortes, Officer Samantha Claudio, Officer Matthew DiNicola, Officer, Damian Strait, Chief Keith Houghton, and Sgt. Star Chung.

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Due to the July 4th holiday being on a Saturday, there is **NO TRASH DELAY** this week.

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Chelsea's Most Valuable Player

City Manager Fidel Maltez was in demand and in command in Denver

By Cary Shuman

Fidel Maltez's speech about immigration during a "Festival of Ideas" forum was so epic that people young and old approached him to express their gratitude for his remarks.

It seemed like everywhere where he went at the 77th

All-America City Awards in Denver, people wanted to know about Chelsea and why it stands out in Massachusetts, its police-inspired initiatives, The Chelsea Hub and Build The Base, its national renowned La Colaborativa, and the Chelsea Opportunity Academy.

Every successful team or

organization has to have its go-to-guy, the man you want to have the ball in his hands in the final minute, the man who ultimately makes the most important decisions.

And for this memorable journey to Denver, it was Maltez – with key organizational and executive assistance from Deputy City

Manager Devon Fields and Executive Assistance Grace Agosto – who assembled and guided this 63-member contingent of city officials, community leaders, and young residents who all believed vigorously in Maltez's "In It To Win It" philosophy.

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Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez



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CHELSEA: OUR
ALL-AMERICA CITY!

We wish to offer our congratulations to City Manager Fidel Maltez, Deputy City Manager Devon Fields, all of our elected and appointed city officials, and everyone who loves our community for their role in Chelsea being named the winner of the National Civic League’s All-America City Award for the second year in a row this past Sunday in Denver.

City Manager Maltez brought his energy, vibrancy, and positive attitude that embodied the theme of Chelsea’s presentation, “The Chelsea Way.” Fidel did a tremendous job leading the city’s contingent to the national honor in what is the country’s most prestigious competition for cities, backed by Deputy City Manager Fields, who was the operations manager for the trip.

We also offer our congratulations to La Colaborativa President Gladys Vega on receiving the National Leadership Award.

We would be remiss if we did not highlight the outstanding work of the Chelsea Police Department, led by Chief Keith Houghton, which was featured prominently in Chelsea’s presentation.

Chelsea is an All-America City -- again!

THE WORDS THAT CHANGED
THE WORLD 250 YEARS AGO

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

When the members of the Second Continental Congress gathered in Philadelphia in June, 1776, it was not at all clear that they eventually would declare America’s independence from England. Although the “shot heard round the world” had been fired at Concord more than a year earlier in April, 1775, and a de facto state of war existed in some regions of the colonies, many in America still held out hope that they could come to some sort of agreement with England regarding taxation and representation such that secession would not be inevitable.

However, with leading thinkers led by John Adams making the case to break free from England, the momentum to declare independence overcame even the most skeptical of the colonists.

On July 2, the delegations from 12 states voted to declare their independence (the delegation from New York did not do so until July 19) and on July 4, those delegations voted to adopt the Declaration of Independence. Massachusetts delegate John Hancock, in his role as President of the Congress, was the initial

signer of the declaration, to be followed eventually by signatories from all 13 states.

Thomas Jefferson’s words in the first sentence of the second paragraph of the Declaration are among the most famous in the English language and the most widely-quoted in any language (although we should note that Jefferson’s use of the word “men” was quite literal, inasmuch as it did not include women, and it certainly did not include African slaves of either gender).

However, the use of the adjective “all” was the most revolutionary aspect of the Declaration. The signers themselves consisted mostly of America’s aristocratic class — Jefferson himself was a plantation owner with many slaves — but the word “all” clearly was meant to include every American of even the humblest means.

That one sentence in the Declaration upended the world order at that time and forever after. It set the stage for the French Revolution 13 years later and eventually led to the demise of monarchies throughout the world. Our democracy as we know it today rests on the premise that every citizen should have an equal voice in the operation of our government.

So as we celebrate the holiday weekend with our friends and family, let’s remember that the freedoms we enjoy today all began with a few novel words written 250 years ago -- and that we never should take for granted the legacy that the Founding Fathers bestowed upon us.

ENJOY A SAFE & SANE
4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

When Americans celebrated the Fourth of July at the turn of the 20th century, they did so in such rowdy fashion that vandalism and destruction of both public and private property were commonplace.

This rampant hooliganism was suppressed only when public officials and the public-at-large decided that the holiday should be observed in what they termed a “safe and sane” manner.

Our Fourth of July celebrations today are much more restrained compared to those days, but far too many of us go a bit overboard in our observance of the holiday.

Drunk driving, drunk boating, drunk swimming, and using fireworks (especially while under the influence) will result in thousands of deaths and injuries across our nation this weekend — all because too many among us will have had too much to drink.

We urge our readers to make sure that they and their loved ones do not become one of those sad statistics. It is up to each of us to be responsible not only for ourselves, but also for those we care about. If someone among us is drinking too much, take their keys and make sure they are safe — none of us wants to have the regret, “If only I had stopped them from getting behind the wheel...”

We wish all of our readers a happy, safe, and sane Fourth of July.

Forum



LETTER to the Editor

SUCCESSFUL BAY
COVE BASKETBALL
EVENT

To the Editor,

On Friday, May 29, Bay Cove Human Services hosted its “Ballin’ for Recovery” Memorial Day Cookout and Basketball Event at 207 Shurtleff Street in Chelsea.

The event began with a cookout, where clients and staff gathered to enjoy catered food and grilled items. Participants also received Bay Cove gear, including swag t-shirts, basketball shorts, and water bottles. This portion of the event provided an opportunity for clients to socialize, connect with peers and staff, and strengthen their sense of community in a welcoming and supportive

environment.

Following the cookout, clients proceeded to the nearby park adjacent to the center, where a 4-on-4 basketball tournament was held. Teams were formed, and participants engaged in friendly competition that promoted teamwork, sportsmanship, physical activity, and positive social interaction. At the conclusion of the tournament, all participants were recognized with a basketball participation medal.

Overall, the event was a success and fostered a sense of belonging, community engagement, and healthy interaction among clients and staff.

Thank you,
Maria Dufort Director of
**Housing and Homeless
Services**



Some of the participants in the basketball tournament.

City buildings close July 3 for Independence Day

Special to the Record

Chelsea City Hall, the Chelsea Senior Center, and the Chelsea Public Library will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026, in observance of the Fourth of July holi-

day. In addition, the Library will be closed on July 4. Public safety buildings and teams will remain operational, and online services will remain available 24/7.

There will be no delay in

curbside trash and recycling collection due to the holiday—collection will take place as usual, with no disruption.

Enforcement of the City’s Residential Parking

Program will be suspended from 12 a.m. on Friday, July 3, through 12 a.m. on Sunday, July 5. There will also be no street sweeping on Friday, July 3, due to the holiday.

Your opinions, please

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Garcia honors Tracy Nowicki as 2026 Commonwealth Heroine

Special to the Record

State Representative Judith Garcia proudly honored Tracy Nowicki of Chelsea as the 2026 Commonwealth Heroine for the 11th Suffolk District during the annual Commonwealth Heroines ceremony at the Massachusetts State House. The award, presented in partnership with the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, recognizes women who make extraordinary contributions to their communities through leadership, service, and dedication to others.

For more than three decades, Nowicki has dedicated her career to serving the residents of Chelsea. Beginning as a secretary in the City’s executive and law offices, she steadily rose through the ranks to become Director of Elder Services and now serves as Chelsea’s Director of Health and Human Services. Throughout her career, she has played a pivotal role in expanding services and opportunities for some of the community’s most vulnerable residents.

“Tracy has spent more than three decades proving that the best public servants are those who never lose sight of the people they serve. What makes Tracy



Representative Judith Garcia presents Tracy Nowicki with a celebratory citation to honor her as the 2026 Commonwealth Heroine for the 11th Suffolk District.

special is that she never stops asking how we can do more. Some of our best work for Chelsea seniors started with a call from Tracy,” said Representative Garcia. “She saw the need to expand services at the Senior Center, and together we secured funding to extend van hours. She saw seniors struggling with transportation, and together we secured funding for a dedicated Senior Center van. She saw the need for more food access, and together we secured funding for free meals for older adults. Tracy sees what people need, and then she gets to work making it happen. That is the kind of leadership that changes lives.”

“Thank you State Representative Judith Garcia for this incredible honor given by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women,” said Tracy Nowicki. “Your steadfast leadership for the women in and around Chelsea and your recognition of my passion for this city means more than words can express. But the greatest honor of all is the example this sets for my daughters Mia and Christina. As their mom, showing them what’s possible for women, is everything!”

Among her many accomplishments, Nowicki championed a free transportation system for older adults, helping residents maintain their independence and access essential services, social opportunities, and the Chelsea Senior Center. Under her leadership, the Senior Center expanded its health, fitness, and social programming and established a fitness studio available at no cost to participants.

As Director of Health and Human Services, Nowicki continued her commitment to innovative public service by leading the creation of Chelsea’s first regional warming center, providing shelter, safety, and support for individuals experienc-

ing homelessness during the coldest winter months.

Her career has spanned some of the most significant chapters in Chelsea’s modern history, including the state-appointed receivership and the City’s transition to a council-manager form of government. Through each challenge, she demonstrated resilience, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of Chelsea residents.

“We are thrilled to congratulate Tracy Nowicki on being named a 2026 Commonwealth Heroine. This is a testament to Tracy’s lifelong commitment to serving the Chelsea community. For many years, Tracy led the Chelsea Senior Center with compassion, dedication, and an unwavering focus on improving the lives of our seniors. In 2024, she brought that same leadership and vision to her role as Director of Health & Human Services, where she continues to make a profound impact on the health, well-being, and quality of life of Chelsea residents,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. “Tracy embodies the very spirit of public service. Her work is often carried out quietly and without fanfare, but its impact is felt every day by countless individuals and families throughout our



Shown (left to right) are John Paul Nowicki, Representative Garcia, Tracy Nowicki, Paul Nowicki, Mia Nowicki, and Christina Nowicki in the House of Representatives Chamber at the State House.

city. This honor recognizes not only her professional accomplishments, but also her deep love for Chelsea and her tireless commitment to helping others. We are incredibly proud of Tracy, and we look forward to celebrating this well-deserved recognition with her and the entire Chelsea community.”

Raised in Chelsea as the youngest of six children by her late mother, Joan Constantino, Nowicki learned early the values of hard work, perseverance, and service. Despite barriers that prevented her from pursuing a college education, she built a remarkable ca-

reer defined by dedication, leadership, and impact. She and her husband, Paul Nowicki, have devoted their lives to public service while raising their three children, Mia, Christina, and John Paul.

The Commonwealth Heroine Award recognizes women who often work behind the scenes to strengthen their communities through volunteerism, advocacy, mentorship, and public service. Each year, state legislators nominate one woman from their district whose contributions exemplify the spirit of the award.

Council approves smart growth zoning district for Fitzpatrick-Prattville

By Adam Swift

The city council approved a smart growth overlay zoning district for the Fitzpatrick-Prattville neighborhood last week.

The zoning district approval helps set the stage for a public-private devel-

opment between the Chelsea Housing Authority and the Corcoran companies. That project will see the construction of new housing units for the 198 CHA families in the current Fitzpatrick and Prattville units, as well as additional market rate housing development

and infrastructure improvements on the property.

Several councilors noted that they were impressed with the previous partnership between Corcoran and the CHA in the city at the DUO project on Central Ave. that saw the reconstruction of CHA housing

along with private residential development.

“A smart growth district is meant to encourage development – residential mixed-use development – and allow all uses by limited plan review,” said Land Use and Permitting Director John DePriest, who authored the smart growth zoning amendment. “Chelsea has a history of experience with 40-R smart growth; we have two, we have the Gerrish Ave. smart growth district and we have the Central Avenue smart growth district.”

DePriest said the Fitzpatrick-Prattville smart growth district is approximately 23 acres and is bounded by Fenno Street, Garfield Avenue, Revere Beach Parkway, and the Chelsea/Revere border.

As an overlay district, developers would be able to build on the property either through the underlying R1 district, or through the smart growth zoning, he added.

“When I wrote the ordinance, I used the Central Ave. smart growth district as a base,” said DePriest. “Permitted uses, and these are mandated by state law, by right are multi-family residential, parking accessory multi-family residential, customarily incidental accessory uses, and mixed-use development.”

It is also mandated under the smart growth overlay district that all developments with more than 10 units must have at least 20 percent of them be affordable.

“There are also cost and eligibility requirements (for the affordable units); all rental units have to include monthly rent, utilities, and parking and you cannot exceed 30 percent of maxi-

mum income, and it is similar for ownership units,” said DePriest. “Ten percent of the three bedrooms must be affordable, and it must be affordable for not less than 30 year terms of affordability.”

CHA Executive Director Paul Nowicki noted that the current Fitzpatrick and Prattville units have had one upgrade at most over the last 70-plus years.

“So when you look at modern amenities and you look at units that have an appropriate size for our growing families here in the city of Chelsea, it’s just not appropriate and not fair,” said Nowicki. “We have an opportunity with this administration of Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll, and under the leadership of City Manager Maltez and of course, each and every one (of the city councilors). This is a great opportunity that we can take this 12.8 acres and we can rebuild this whole area that floods, that has inappropriate roads and traffic patterns, and it basically just has an area that is not conducive to 2026.”

The most significant of the upgrades, Nowicki said, will be improving the lives of the 198 families – which include over 200 youth – currently living in the CHA units on the property.

“This about the 198 units, but more importantly, it is about the residents and what we are trying to accomplish is utilizing the same state tools that we did over on Central Ave., which is a smart growth district, which includes mixed-income,” said Sean McReynolds, president of the Joseph J. Corcoran Company. “We’re looking to add new units of housing and new mixes of

incomes. We think that is the smart way to do it and we are proud of what we did over at DUO, but the job’s not done and we’ve got the team to plow ahead and work with the wonderful partners that we have here.”

With the smart growth designation, McReynolds said the project partners can create a new neighborhood with improved infrastructure and surroundings.

“Getting a 40R (smart growth) designation for us, it’s important because it elevates the profile of the project with the state and this project is going to need state assistance and it is really going to be a significant infrastructure investment,” said McReynolds.

District 2 Councilor Deron Hines said he was initially worried about the project, but many of his concerns were allayed with the success of the Central Avenue project.

“There are underutilized acres of land over there that will now be restructured and used purposefully and create a dignified living space not only for the residents who live there now, but for more residents to come,” said Hines.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor said he looks forward to working with the housing authority now and in the future to bring more deeply affordable housing units to the city.

“This is the way to do it, this is the way to fund it,” said Taylor. “It’s not just the end results that everybody wants to have more affordable housing, it’s the mechanisms that we use to build it so that we don’t put ourselves in the poor house in the process.”

Chelsea guidance counselor Cora honored at 2026 Latino Educators Shine Awards

Special to the Record

State Representative Judith Garcia (D-Chelsea) is proud to recognize Carlos Cora, a school counselor at Chelsea High School, who was honored at the 2026 Latino Educators Shine Awards hosted by Latinos for Education following her nomination. The annual celebration recognizes Latino educators across the Commonwealth for their outstanding contributions to students, schools, and communities.

Carlos Cora, a proud Puerto Rican educator and Chelsea native, was among this year’s honorees. The Shine Awards highlight the impact of Latino educators in Massachusetts, and all nominees are recognized for their excellence and dedication to education.

Carlos has spent more than eight years serving students in Chelsea, the community where he grew up. As a first-generation college graduate, he brings a deeply personal commitment to his work, helping young people navigate academic, personal, and postsecondary pathways while ensuring students have access to opportunity and support.

At Chelsea High School, he is known for his student-centered approach and commitment to college and career readiness as well as social-emotional development. Colleagues describe him as a trusted mentor who helps students recognize their strengths and build confidence in their futures.



Representative Judith Garcia and Senator Sal DiDomenico present Carlos Cora with celebratory citations to honor his Latino Educators Shine Award.

“Guidance counselors are some of the most important people in our schools, yet their work often happens behind the scenes. They help students navigate important decisions, discover new opportunities, and prepare for what comes next. Carlos has been that steady source of guidance for countless students, and his impact is reflected in the excitement of those who learned he was receiving this recognition. That kind of respect cannot be taught or earned overnight. It comes from years of showing up for students, and Carlos has done exactly that. This recognition is incredibly well deserved,” said Representative Judith Garcia.

Carlos earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts

Boston and a Master of Education in School Counseling from Boston University. He has been previously recognized for his excellence in education, including being named Citizen Schools Teaching Fellow of the Year and receiving the Name, Strength, and Story Award for his commitment to empowering students.

Representative Garcia is honored to celebrate Carlos Cora and all of this year’s Shine Award honorees, especially Dr. Alberto Carretero, Chelsea Public Schools’ Director of Multilingual Education, who was nominated by Senator Sal DiDomenico. She extends her gratitude to Latinos for Education for recognizing the vital role Latino educators play across the Commonwealth.

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with everyone who makes Chelsea who Chelsea is. I'm just so proud of everyone and I want to credit Fidel and his team for a job well done."

Chelsea officials past and present paid tribute to the city's gigantic achievement.

Jay Ash, former Chelsea city manager, said, "This award confirms yet again that the Chelsea Way continues to meet and exceed the lofty standards that the AAC program sets for recipients. That we have been awarded the recognition on

four separate occasions, including now back-to-back years, puts Chelsea on a level that few have seen but many have taken notice! I couldn't be prouder about the news, but I'm even more proud about all that continues to take place in

one of the nation's leading communities that merits so many remarkable results."

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson congratulated Maltez and the Chelsea team that represented the city in Denver.

"I congratulate everyone

for bringing this outstanding and highly coveted national award back to Chelsea," said Robinson. "To win this award two years in a row is a tribute to Fidel's exceptional leadership and shows what we can do if we work together. This triumph

in Denver was historic for Chelsea. We must take this valuable recognition and now use it to elevate all areas of Chelsea, from our downtown business district to the neighborhoods."



Chelsea Housing Authority Director of Development Matt Frank, pictured with City Councilors Tanairi Garcia and Kelly Garcia, who are sisters.



Unsung hero, Chelsea's tour guide and concierge extraordinaire Grace Agosto, arriving at Logan Airport for the trip to Denver.



Chelsea Police Officers Samantha Claudio and Damian Strait, pictured pre-flight at Logan Airport with students, including Jaliyah Santiago, Xavier Felipe, and Jeslani Felipe.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, a goodwill ambassador who did a phenomenal job representing the business community, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and official trip photographer Matt Frank.



The Chelsea group's spiritual leader, Pastor Keila Velez, and her husband, CCCTV Technical Director Ricky Velez.



Chelsea presentation director Armando Rivero of Teatro Chelsea speaks with City Council Vice President Norielez DeJesus during a rehearsal at the former Denver Post building.



La Colaborativa President and CEO Gladys Vega and her nieces, City Councilors Tanairi Garcia and Kelly Garcia.



Two key contributors to Chelsea's victory in Denver, director Armando Rivera and Deputy City Manager Devon Fields.



Two Harvard guys walking on the streets of Denver, undergraduate Jimmy Merino and graduate degree holder, Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, CPS Chief of Staff and Wellness.



Shown following a rehearsal, City Manager Fidel Maltez (far right) and the Chelsea Police Department contingent, from left, Officer Samantha Claudio, Officer Nicole McLaughlin, Sgt. Star Chung, Officer Damian Strait, Officer Matthew DiNicola, Officer Jonathan Maldonado, Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, and Police Chief Keith Houghton.



The Chelsea Police Department and Build The Base students convene for a photo at the old Denver Post building across from the Colorado State Capitol.



Professional photographers and chroniclers of Chelsea life, Darlene DeVita and her husband, Ron Pownall.



City Council Vice President Norielez DeJesus, pictured with her daughter, Naleya Silvestre, her sister, Shiara Lara, and her colleagues, City Councilors Kelly Garcia and Tanairi Garcia.

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Deputy City Manager Fields helps Chelsea wins All-America City Award

By Cary Shuman

Devon Fields remembers her first introduction to the city of Chelsea.

Fields had been crowned Miss Teen Massachusetts and was invited to perform at Chelsea Day in the downtown district.

“I actually sang at Chelsea Day,” recalled Fields. “I have a picture with Chief [Brian] Kyes, and I’m wearing my crown and sash. I remember that day so vividly. It was downtown, there was a big stage, and they had closed the street down.”

Turn the clock ahead to 2026 and Fields is now Chelsea’s deputy city manager of operations and being credited for her professional contribution to Chelsea’s success at the National Civic League All-America City Awards Program held this past weekend in Denver.

Fields was at the forefront of the planning efforts for the city’s participation in the 77th Annual All-America City competition. Chelsea won an All-America City Award for the second year in a row, competing against cities across the country such as Montgomery (the state capital of Alabama), Wichita (Kansas), and Roanoke (Virginia).

“I was so excited when [City Manager] Fidel Maltez asked me to be part of the team to help prepare for the 2026 All-America City competition,” said Fields. “One of my main roles was coordinating the presentation team and working together with local organizations.”

In that role, Fields called upon her training in music and acting to produce a



Chelsea Deputy City Manager Devon Fields, pictured with Chelsea Opportunity Academy Principal Ron Schmidt at the National Civic League’s All-America City Awards Program in Denver.

9-minute presentation that was performed in front of a panel of judges. Fields collaborated with Teatro Chelsea director Armando Rivera to build a phenomenal script for a magical performance that drew a standing ovation from the audience.

Fields grew up in Lakeville (Mass.) and attended Apponquet High School where she performed as the lead in plays and musicals and sang in the choir. Holder of the aforementioned title of Miss Teen Massachusetts, she received a music scholarship for college.

Fields received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg (Florida) and a master’s degree in public administration from Bridgewater State University, following the path of her mother and grandmother, who also hold master’s degrees from the university.

Fields said she is enjoying her position in Chelsea city

government.

“Working in Chelsea is so fulfilling,” said Fields. “There are some things that we do really well, and things that we can do better. Something I love about Chelsea is that the community is so ready to just try new things and wants to serve its people, and that’s what local government is all about.”

Fields lauded Maltez for his guidance of Chelsea and his mentorship.

“Fidel is an incredible city manager,” said Fields. “He is a visionary and no one cares about Chelsea like he does. Everything he does is for the good of the residents and I feel lucky to work under his leadership.”

Fields said winning a prestigious national award takes on additional significance because it happened during America’s celebration of its 250th birthday.

“Celebrating the nation’s birthday with a theme at the All-America Awards of civic health and public trust – no one does it better than Chelsea,” said Fields. “There will always be conflicts in communities, but it’s how you rise to meet those challenges and engage with different viewpoints and make sure at the heart we’re serving the residents. Everyone wants the best for their community. We just think there are different ways to get there. It’s about finding common ground, collaboration, and making sure that the public is at the center. I think this award is particularly special because of the birthday of our nation and where we’re at right now. I hope every single resident, business owner, stakeholder,



Chelsea Police Officer Nicole McLaughlin and Christine Lopes Metcalfe of the National Civic League, pictured at the Civic Action Fair at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Denver.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton greets Kevin King, executive director of The King’s Canvas, Montgomery, Ala., at the civic fair in Denver.

and non-profit group in Chelsea feels a part of this win.”

A highly respected collaborator, Fields and City Manager’s Executive Assistant Grace Agosto are being hailed for helping the city bring home the much-coveted All-America City Award.

“Devon and Grace are truly the two unsung heroes of our victory,” said Maltez. “You can imagine taking 63 people to Denver, Colorado. It requires a lot of details, a lot of coordination, and making sure that everything works out – plane tickets, hotel rooms, jersey sizes – and making sure that everyone is at the right place at the right time. That takes a lot of details, and they managed it meticulously.”



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

City Councilor Lisa Santagate and Police Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez greet Michael Walters Young of the Franklin, Tennessee contingent at the Civic Action Fair.



City Manager Fidel Maltez, pictured with City Councilors Lisa Santagate, Norieles DeJesus, Kelly Garcia, and Tanairi Garcia.



Shown left, Riviera Beach Mayor Douglas Lawson embraces City Manager Fidel Maltez in a tribute to his powerful oration on immigration during the National Civic League’s Festival of Ideas forum.

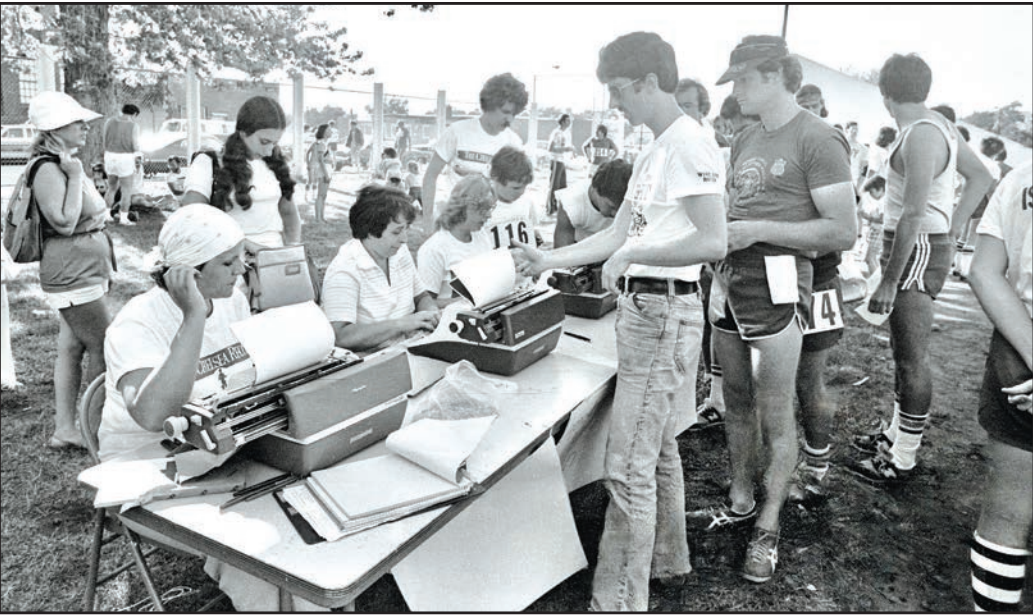
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The Chelsea Record sponsored a 5-mile road race for a couple of years in the late 1970s that began and ended in Chelsea Stadium. The first race in 1978 featured Chelsea High track stars Bobby Goss and Eddie Richard and the legendary Alberto Salazar, a Wayland resident who at that time was one of the top college cross-country runners in the U.S. Shown in the top photo are Chelsea Record staffers registering the runners -- with typewriters. Seated from left to right are Denise Caissie, Josephine Gulizia, and Pat Cunningham. Standing to the far right is then-Record sports editor Bob Trieger. Also shown in the photo are Joanne Gulizia (standing behind her mom) and John Cunningham, standing next to his mom. In the bottom photo, Record publisher Andrew P. Quigley is flanked by Moses Resnek, who operated a pharmacy in Chelsea Square for many years, and his wife, Sarah.



Record high heat wave on the way,
pet owners are reminded of the dangers

Special to the Record

This week, Massachusetts will experience an intense heat wave with temperatures reaching 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is warning pet owners about the dangers of leaving animals in hot cars. ARL’s campaign, “Too Hot for Spot®,” reminds pet owners that when temperatures begin to rise, so do concerns about animal safety. Even when the mercury dips below 80 degrees, the threat of heat stroke still exists. Pets don’t sweat the way humans do, making them unable to cool their bodies efficiently in the heat.

Simple Ways to Protect Your Pet’s Health:

Whenever possible, leave your pet at home in a cool, humidity and tempera-

ture-regulated room.

If your pet must be outdoors, find a shady spot with ample air flow to prevent overheating.

Hydration is key, so keep a bowl of cold water accessible at all times.

Limit exercise to the morning or evening hours when temperatures are at their coolest.

Never leave your pet alone in a parked car—even with the air conditioner on or the windows cracked. Learn the dangerous consequences of leaving your pet in a hot car.

Similarly, warm weather brings people and animals to bodies of water. Here are a few tips for keeping your pet safe around water.

Pets are family. This belief is at the heart of everything we do at the Animal Rescue League of Boston. ARL is the first female-founded

animal welfare organization in Massachusetts and is proud to carry on a legacy of kindness and compassion, helping more than 20,000 animals annually since 1899. Recognized for innovative, award-winning programs that go beyond sheltering, ARL addresses the root causes of the issues facing animals and the people who love them. By partnering with communities, ARL helps animals heal and thrive, keeps pets and people together, and protects animals from harm. Because there is no government funding for this important work, animals must rely on people like you to get the care they need, when they need it most, 365 days a year. For more information, visit arlboston.org and follow ARL on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

Maltez // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Maltez was asked what he felt were the key ingredients in Chelsea’s unprecedented triumph.

“This award is a testament of the amazing work that we are doing in Chelsea,” said Maltez. “It is nearly impossible to get back-to-back wins, so the fact that Chelsea not only went there, I truly believe that this year’s performance, this year’s energy, this year’s contingent was even better than last year – which says a lot, because last year they told us we were the best, the loudest, and the most energetic. I truly think that this year we were more energetic, more passionate, and more inspirational.”

Maltez went on to say that “the whole experience was incredible.”

“It was about building community, highlighting trust and the amazing relationships we have, but what I live with are the sto-

ries – Shiara on stage telling her personal story was amazing,” said Maltez. “To have [National Leadership Award recipient] Gladys Vega share her personal story was amazing. The young people, the dancers, wowed everyone. You can tell the effort, amount of time, the preparation that they put in. Whether it was the Chelsea Police’s Build The Base or the Chelsea Opportunity Academy, they went there and gave their hearts out. And just like me, they’re never going to forget this experience.”

Special praise for Rivera, Chelsea’s director

Armando Rivera, the amazingly talented director from Teatro Chelsea, drew special praise from Maltez for his work in directing the seven-minute presentation on stage that garnered a standing ovation and electrified the full house.

“I was skeptical in the beginning because it was a very complicated production,” said Maltez. “It required a lot of different details – timing, stepping up, stepping back. And as we were rehearsing, I said to Armando, ‘I don’t think we can pull it off. I think it’s too complicated. I think it’s too much.’ And he proved me wrong. He had everyone just like it was a finely tuned Swiss watch. Everyone knew their cue, everyone knew the tone of their voice, everyone knew their emotion to present. Everyone was just impeccable. The mayor of Tallahassee, John Dailey, said that what he saw on stage was the most incredible performance because everyone was so coordinated, so well-timed. He said that we should take the show on the road, that’s how good it was.”

City of Chelsea and partners to host “Mill Creek Day”
celebrating restoration projects, wildlife, community

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea, in partnership with GreenRoots and the Mystic Watershed Association (MyRWA), has announced it will host “Mill Creek Day,” a family-friendly community celebration taking place at Chelsea’s waterfront park, Jaime M. Hernández Park, on Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“The family-friendly event aims to raise awareness of Mill Creek—a tidal estuary and vital salt marsh located along Chelsea’s northern border, and the efforts underway to revitalize this once heavily industrialized area,” said Kristen Homeyer, Resiliency Manager for Chelsea’s Department of Housing & Community Development.

Both adults and children will find enjoyment at Mill Creek Day, which will feature bounce houses, the park’s splash pad, and free food including ice cream

from the Chelsea Police Department, as well as opportunities to learn about several ongoing projects to restore the creek.

A natural waterway, Mill Creek is part of a larger body of water called the Mystic River watershed, which flows into Boston Harbor and forms the boundary between Chelsea and Revere. It’s an important spawning ground and nursery for local wildlife including American eel, winter flounder, and rainbow smelt, all of which attract a variety of shorebirds like egrets, herons, and swans.

However, the creek is surrounded by busy roads, industrial areas, and residential communities that face environmental challenges, particularly in Chelsea where pollution has had a lasting impact. The City and its partners are currently working on improving this area.

“The City is proud to partner with GreenRoots

and MyRWA to revitalize this vital body of water and improve public access to Chelsea’s waterfront,” added Homeyer. “Efforts to restore the creek’s salt marsh, remove part of the Slade’s Mill Berm, construct elevated waterfront walkways, and install kayak launches on the shore are underway, and we invite the community to come learn about them.”

This work, which is being completed by the City’s engineering and design contractor Weston & Sampson, builds off 20 years of community-driven efforts to enhance the community’s access to the waterway and revitalize the area’s ecological habitat via the removal of debris and invasive species, and planting of native species.

With questions about Mill Creek Day, community members can email Homeyer at khomeyer@chelseama.gov.

MBTA prepares for Boston’s Fourth of July
celebration with free rides after 8:30 p.m.

Special to the Record

The MBTA today announced that fares will again be free this year on bus, subway, ferry, Commuter Rail, and the RIDE on Saturday, July 4, 2026, after 8:30 PM.

With this year’s Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular as the signature July 4 event of the “MA250” initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the greater Boston region is expecting to welcome hundreds of thousands of attendees for one of the country’s largest Independence Day celebrations. To accommodate the anticipated increase in ridership, the MBTA is encouraging travelers to plan their commute in advance and reminding riders of its holiday service schedules. The MBTA’s July 3 (observed holiday) and July 4 service schedules are available at MBTA.com/holidays.

“The MBTA is excited and ready to welcome visitors from around the Commonwealth and the country as we celebrate the birth of our nation here in Boston where the beginning of the American Revolution took shape. Whether you’re attending parties, barbecues, or other celebrations, leave the driving to us and take the T,” said Interim Secretary of Transportation and MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. “With other big events in the region taking place this summer like the World Cup and Sail Boston, the MBTA continues to prove that bold investments and careful planning make public transportation a vital and essential part of economic vitality of our region. Thank you to the Healey-Driscoll Administration, our Legislative partners, local and municipal leaders, and the work of our dedicated workforce for their preparations during special events like these. We’re proud to provide extra service this Fourth of July to help the public celebrate safely this summer.”

July 3 (Observed Holiday) Service Information

Subway: The Red, Orange, Blue, and Green lines will operate a Saturday holiday schedule.

Bus and Silver Line: All routes will operate a Saturday holiday schedule.

The RIDE: All RIDE ser-

vices will operate a Saturday schedule.

Commuter Rail: All lines will operate a weekend schedule.

Ferry: All ferry routes will operate regular weekday service.

The Charlie Service Center will be closed on July 3.

July 4 Service Information

Subway: The Red, Orange, Blue, and Green lines will operate a Saturday schedule with increased service from 3 PM through the end of service.

Bus and Silver Line: All routes will operate a modified Sunday schedule with extended evening service.

Commuter Rail: All lines will operate a weekend schedule.

Passengers should note that the majority of the last trains of the evening will leave North Station and South Station at their advertised times between 11:30 PM and midnight. If fireworks are delayed, trains will leave up to 30 minutes after the close of the fireworks.

Keolis Customer Service agents will be present at North, South, and Back Bay stations to support passengers.

Passengers are encouraged to purchase the MBTA’s special \$10 Holiday Weekend Pass for unlimited travel all three days of the long weekend.

Passengers should note that bikes are not allowed on board after 8:30 PM.

The RIDE: All RIDE services will operate a modified Sunday schedule.

Ferry:

Harbor Loop ferries will have no service.

Hingham/Hull/Logan to Boston ferries will operate a Saturday/Sunday schedule.

East Boston, Charlestown, and Lynn ferries will operate a weekend schedule.

Winthrop and Quincy ferries will operate on a weekend schedule on the combined Winthrop/Quincy route.

Enhanced Security Measures and Safety Tips for Riders

The MBTA encourages the public to help maintain a safe and family-friendly environment while riding the T. Additional MBTA staff, Transit Ambassadors, Keolis personnel, and Transit Police will be deployed

throughout the system to assist with safety, wayfinding, boarding, paying for fares, and schedule information.

The MBTA Transit Police Department will have an enhanced presence throughout the system to respond to any incidents.

To report an emergency, dial 911 or call the MBTA Transit Police Department at 617-222-1212. Riders are reminded that emergencies can also be reported with the SeeSay app on iPhone or Android device. The SeeSay app is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and riders can expect a response within a few minutes of a report.

The MBTA stresses the importance of celebrating responsibly on public transit. Vandalism and disorderly conduct can create safety hazards, delays, and additional cleaning costs—which can divert valuable resources away from essential maintenance services and improvements that benefit all riders.

For more information, visit MBTA.com/Holidays or connect with the T on X @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America’s first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mediarelations@mbta.com. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA.com or follow @MBTA on social media.

Councilors address housing, senior concerns

By Adam Swift

City Councilors Tanairi Garcia and Kelly Garcia introduced several motions at last week’s regular council meeting aimed at helping some of Chelsea’s most vulnerable residents.

An order introduced by both councilors asked that the city manager, in collaboration with the Department of Housing and Community Development, Chelsea Housing Authority, Inspectional Services Department, the Commission on Disabilities, Council on Aging, and relevant community stakeholders, develop and present to the City Council a comprehensive Anti-Displacement Protection Plan for elderly residents and residents living with disabilities.

The comprehensive plan should include recommen-

dations and strategies to identify elderly and disabled residents who may be at risk of displacement due to rising rent, property sales, condominium conversions, or other housing pressures. The Garcias also asked that the plan create an early warning system and outreach protocol to notify vulnerable residents of available housing resources, vehicle assistance, rental assistance, and relocation support.

“We go door knocking and we see many disabled folks, and we are all going to get old, so we need to protect our most vulnerable community members,” said Tanairi Garcia. “I would love to focus on them more in the future, because they are as important as anything else happening in this community and we need to protect them.”

In a separate motion, Tanairi Garcia introduced an order requesting that a meeting of the subcommittee on conference be held with the City Manager, the Department of Inspectional Services, the Fire Department, the Police Department, representatives from the Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA), and other relevant stakeholders to discuss conditions, safety concerns, maintenance, ongoing improvements, and future plans for the CHA property at 14 Bloomingdale Street. The Buckley Apartments has over 200 one-bedroom apartments serving the elderly and the disabled.

“I have many concerns about that building, I see construction, parking is a concern, the safety of our elderly folks is a concern to me,” said Tanairi Garcia.

“I really want to meet with everyone who can make this a better space for our community, because for our residents there, on top of the building being super old, I feel like there are a lot of missing gaps in terms of safety.”

She said she knows that the CHA has a number of ongoing projects, but that she does not want them and the city to lose track of the issues at 14 Bloomingdale.

“My sister and I often go there and host bingo nights and go door knocking and just chat with the residents there,” said Kelly Garcia. “Another concern they have mentioned is the increasing rent, even though some apartments are in deplorable condition. I’m eager to have more conversation about this building.”

OBITUARIES

James F Callahan
November 2,1955 - June 24, 2026

James Friedrich Callahan of Chelsea and Gloucester, left us on June 24th after a brief illness. He, the only child of Stella (Dobrowolski) and James Callahan, ever the proud Bostonian, born at the Boston Lying In, on November 2, 1955. Jim spent his early years in Dorchester surrounded by his favorite cousins and family, before moving to Marshfield, Massachusetts. He was a 1973 graduate of Marshfield High School, then attended University of Massachusetts, Amherst, majoring in history and Chinese language.

From an early age Jim was interested in Asian and Middle Eastern art and culture; from the most delicate porcelains to the deadliest daggers. He participated in his first antique show at age 9, with the late Hazel Sjoberg of the Hatherly Shop. Most recently the Asian expert at Tremont Auctions in Sudbury, Massachusetts, he was also the Asian specialist Skinner and James Julia auction houses, and participated in the PBS Antiques Roadshow as an Asian specialist for 26 years. While with the Roadshow, he presented their first million-dollar appraisal. Always generous with his time and knowledge, Jim happily address school groups, and lectured and volunteered his appraisal services for numerous charities and institutions.

He was an excellent cook; his meals were the stuff of legend, and he never hesitated to share his culinary creations with family, friends, and even



total strangers who always appreciated his hospitality and kindness. The door was always open, he was generous and giving to all, and always enjoyed a good discussion regarding politics, history, or current events. Jim had a unique and caring personality, and would never hesitate to help anyone who asked. Even though he actually visited China, he was mostly an armchair traveler, always interested in people and history.

Jim leaves his wife of 42 years, Charlene (DeLena) Callahan, his caring brother-in-law, Lou DeLena, many beloved cousins including Sharon and Jack Marinello, his “sister” Colleen Fesko, and numerous friends and acquaintances worldwide.

A celebration of his life will be held on July 14, 3-7 PM, at the American Legion, 321 Winthrop Street, Medford, MA.

Donations may be made in Jim’s memory may be made to Care Dimensions/ Kaplan Family Hospice House, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B102, Danvers 01932 (caredimensions.org) or the charity of your choice.

THIRD PERSON CHARGED IN MARCH STABBING DEATH

Wilfredo Coto Gonzalez, 17, was arraigned last Friday on one count of first-degree murder and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with the death of Eduardo Lopez on Everett Ave. in March.

Coto Gonzalez was ordered held without bail and is due back in court on August 6 for a scheduling conference.

On Thursday, June 25, Chelsea and State police detectives arrested Coto Gonzalez on an arrest warrant issued out of Suffolk Superior Court.

“I am very happy with today’s arrest and although an arrest can never replace the loss of a loved one, I hope this can give the family of Mr. Lopez further closure,” said Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton. “This is also a message to the rest of our residents of Chelsea, that no matter how long it may take, the Chelsea Police will do their part to seek out the responsible parties of violent offenses such as this. The work done by the Chelsea Police Detectives and Mass State Police Detectives was exceptional and relentless, which clearly paid off today.”

Two other men, Jose Joel Umana Yanes and Sergio Josue Castellanos Cerrato, have been charged with murder in the case.

On March 19, police re-

ceived a report of a stabbing in the area of Chestnut Street and Everett Avenue.

Officers responding located multiple stabbing victims. All were immediately provided medical aid and then sent to the hospital for medical treatment. Lopez later succumbed to his injuries and died at the hospital, police stated.

CHELSEA TO RECONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS BEGINNING JULY 6

Starting July 6, 2026, the City of Chelsea will begin to reconstruct sidewalks on Crescent Avenue, Jefferson Avenue, Warren Avenue, and Summit Avenue. Work will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will proceed in the following locations. Temporary street closures will be in effect within the work zones:

- Crescent Ave: From the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex to Carroll Street
- Jefferson Ave: From Franklin Ave to Prescott Ave
- Warren Ave: From Summit Ave to Jefferson Ave
- Summit Ave: From Prescott Ave to Webster Ave

Residents and commuters in affected areas should expect temporary construction activity, including traffic adjustments and parking restrictions, during the duration of the project.

The City has performed door-to-door outreach to

notify residents abutting the work zones, and prior to construction, orange barrels and signs will be placed in upcoming work areas to notify residents of parking restrictions. Vehicles must be removed from on-street parking before the posted times. Residents are asked to follow all posted construction and safety signage throughout the project.

This project is funded through a state grant and the City’s Capital Improvement Program funds, and is designed to enhance pedestrian safety, increase accessibility, and extend the lifespan of critical transportation infrastructure throughout Chelsea.

With questions or concerns about the construction work, please contact Chelsea 3-1-1 at 617-466-4209.

LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS, STATE FIRE MARSHAL URGES

Fires, explosions, and serious injuries related to illegal fireworks spike each summer in Massachusetts, and fire service leaders are hoping to reverse last year’s increase over 2024.

“Here in Massachusetts, fireworks have caused nearly 500 fires and explosions, almost 200 serious injuries, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage over the past five years,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “Tragically, one

man even lost his life last summer. Please don’t risk a fire, an injury, or a day in court – leave fireworks to the professionals.”

Of the 188 fireworks-related visits to Massachusetts emergency departments from 2021 to 2025, 121 took place in July. July also accounted for 253 of the 486 fires and explosions caused by fireworks during the same five-year period. Both injuries and fires increased by about 23% last year, with 43 ER visits and 112 fires and explosions – including one that claimed a 70-year-old man’s life in Wareham.

Massachusetts law requires police to seize any illegal fireworks they encounter in the course of their duties. This includes fireworks that were purchased lawfully in another state and transported to Massachusetts. People who use or possess them illegally are also subject to a fine, while the unlawful sale of fireworks is an arrestable offense that carries potential jail time. The law is effective: the Massachusetts fireworks injury rate is about one-fifth the national average, and the rate of fires and explosions is about one-sixth the national average.

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list – and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks – visit the DFS website.

Invasive insect sightings confirmed in Chelsea

Special to the Record

The Mass. Dept. of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) recently confirmed an infestation of the invasive insect known as spotted lanternfly (Lycorma delicatula or “SLF”) in Chelsea.

Members of the department’s survey team followed up on a report that came in to the city’s pest reporting website and confirmed the presence of spotted lanternfly nymphs on tree-of-heaven in the area.

While the state is working to slow the spread of spotted lanternfly, its status in other states indicates that it cannot be eradicated, city officials stated. The City of Chelsea is now working with the state to support these efforts.

Spotted lanternfly is a pest that attacks tree-of-heaven, grapevines, maple trees, hop vines, and many other types of plants. This pest is known to impact grape and wine producers and other agricultural com-

modities, and can also interfere with outdoor recreation if infestations reach high levels, due to the swarming behavior of adult SLF in late summer and fall.

That said, the insects themselves do not bite or sting—they are a nuisance because they gather in large numbers in areas where people are, and cover anything they are on with a sticky, sugary waste product known as honeydew.

Members of the Chelsea community may see

the state’s surveyors from the MDAR and/or United State’s Department of Agriculture (USDA) later this growing season, checking trees in the area to determine the extent of the infestation. Members of the community who believe they’ve seen a spotted lanternfly, can report any sightings. The reports can be made on the Massachusetts Natural Resources Collaboration website at <https://massnrc.org/>.



Spotted Lanternfly, in flight, bright red underwings exposed.



Spotted Lanternfly, adult at rest, side view.

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Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, City Manager Fidel Maltez, photographer Darlene DeVita, and City Councilor Lisa Santagate wish Harvard student Jimmy Merino (second from right) good luck before his interview for the National Youth Award.



City Manager Fidel Maltez is pictured with director Armando Rivera of Teatro Chelsea following a rehearsal.



Pictured at the Chelsea Table at the Civic Action Fair in Denver are, from left, Keila Velez, Dan Cortez, Darlene DeVita, Jennifer Hassell, Police Chief Keith Houghton, Sgt. Star Chung, Officer Nicole McLaughlin, and City Manager Fidel Maltez.



Professional dance instructor Luis Arango Meneses and his outstanding dancers who performed a splendid dance number at the Cultural Entertainment Showcase.



City Manager Fidel Maltez wishes Jimmy Merino good luck in his interview for the National Youth Award.



Deputy City Manager Devon Fields, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, and City Manager Fidel Maltez extend warm Chelsea greetings to Mavalyn Cuballero of Riviera Beach, Florida.



Armando Rivera and City Manager Fidel Maltez discuss presentation strategy at a rehearsal at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.



Shown greeting Officer Jacob Underwood of the Roanoke Police Department are City Manager's Office Executive Assistant Grace Agosto, Social Media Manager Diane Hercules, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, and photographer Darlene DeVita.

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Two of Chelsea's most talented photographers, Darlene DeVita and Matt Frank, pictured at the All-America City Awards Program in Denver.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton congratulates Loryn Rodgers of Norfolk, Virginia, following her superb operatic singing performance at the Entertainment Showcase.



City Council Vice President Norieliz DeJesus articulated well on municipal topics during the Elected and Appointed Officials forum.

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City Manager Fidel Maltez and Councilors Tanairi Garcia, Kelly Garcia, and Lisa Santagate at the Elected and Appointed Officials Dialogue event in Denver.



Chelsea High basketball standouts Dyke Johnson and Jaliyah Santiago, pictured at the All-America City Awards in Denver.



Shiara Lara, who told the emotional story of her recovery as part of Chelsea's presentation, pictured with Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton.



Deputy City Manager Devon Fields, pictured at the Elected and Appointed Officials forum with Huntsville (Alabama) Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs Randy Barbour, Riviera Beach (Florida) City Councilwoman KaShamby Miller-Anderson, and Riviera Beach Housing Authority Commissioner Joseph Anderson.



Build The Base Coach Damian Strait, pictured with students Jaliyah Santiago, Xavier Felipe, Jeslani Felipe, and Dyke Johnson after Chelsea received the All-America City Award.



Chelsea Police Officer Damian Strait and Roanoke Police Officer Jacob Underwood.



Social Media Manager Diana Hercules and Executive Assistant Grace Agosto of the City Manager's Office.



Tallahassee Mayor John Dailley and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.



The incomparable director of the All-America City Award Program, Rebecca Trout (center), pictured at the Civic Action Fair with members of the Chelsea contingent, from left, City Councilor Kelly Garcia, Police Sgt. Star Chung, La Colaborativa President and CEO Gladys Vega, Deputy City Manager Devon Fields, City Councilor Tanairi Garcia, and City Council Vice President Norieliz DeJesus.

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Full listing of ship locations released for Sail Boston 2026

Special to the Journal

Sail Boston is proud to announce berthing locations for the July 11-16 festival, where ships from around the world will tie up in Charlestown, Downtown, and across Boston’s Seaport. Following the Meet Boston Parade of Sail on July 11, ships will be led to the berths where they will be based for the remainder of the festival. A full listing is posted below, and the ship map is available for exploring both in the Sail Boston 2026 mobile app, and at www.sailboston.com.

Among the top locations are Seaport, where ships will be within walking distance of the Sail Boston Festival, located at 302 Northern Avenue. The Amerigo Vespucci of Italy and Libertad of Argentina will rest just steps from the Festival. A temporarily built “Wharf 8” will be accessible by the Boston Harborwalk behind the Leader Bank Pavilion, and host Ernestina Morrissey (the State Ship of Massachusetts), Juan Bautista Cambiaso of the Dominican Republic, Lynx from Nantucket and

HMS Gladen from Sweden. Class A ships Gorch Fock of Germany, Sudarshini of India, and Sagres from Portugal will be berthed at the historic Boston Fish Pier, while the two largest ships in the fleet, BAP Union of Peru and Esmerelda from Chile will highlight the ships berthed at the newly refurbished Commonwealth Pier. Charlestown will host 18 ships, including Mircea from Romania and Dar Młodzieży from Poland at Pier 4, and US Coast Guard Eagle behind the Constitution at Pier 1.

Rowes Wharf at the Boston Harbor Hotel will host Oosterschelde of the Netherlands and Kalmar Nyckel of Delaware, while the Moakley Courthouse will host nine ships from the East Coast, and mostly from Massachusetts. Fan Pier will host four ships, includ-

ing the Mayflower II from Plymouth and Elissa from Texas. The gray-hulled USS Arlington will be located at Black Falcon Cruise Terminal and joined by TS Patriot State, the official training vessel of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Ship viewing from the piers is open from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. from July 12-15, and ship boarding is widely welcomed within these windows and at the Captains’ discretion. Ship viewing and boarding on July 11 will be dependent upon each ship’s arrival time to the berth, and its ability to prepare to host guests. Most ships should be ready for visitation by 5:00 p.m. Boston Fish Pier opens for viewing and boarding at 12:00 p.m. on July 12 and 2:00 p.m. on July 13-15.

To learn more about Sail Boston and the Sail 250

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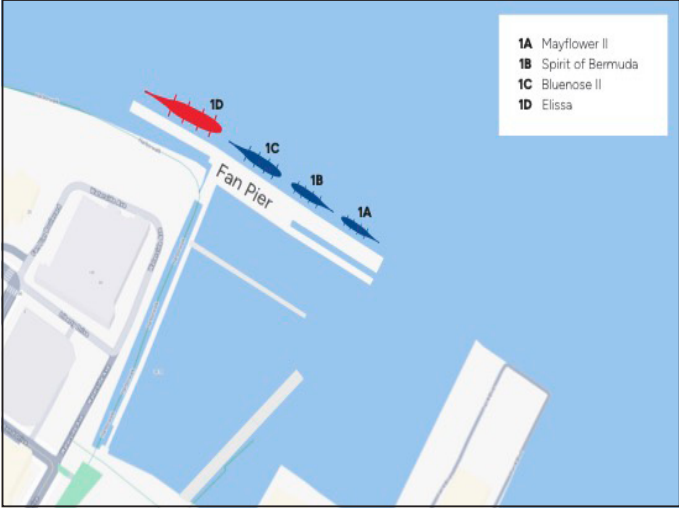
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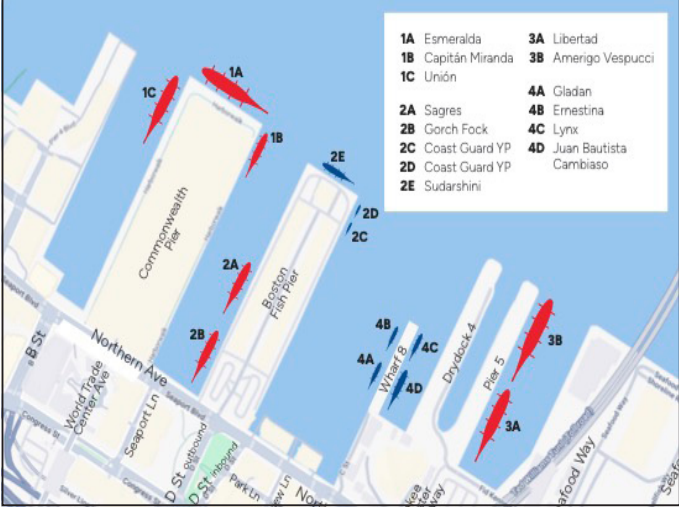
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USS Arlington (LPD 24)		United States	Norfolk, VA	Black Falcon	684'
TS Patriot State		United States	Buzzards Bay, MA	Black Falcon	525' 1"
Gorch Fock	A	Germany	Kiel	Boston Fish Pier	292'
Sagres	A	Portugal	Lisbon	Boston Fish Pier	293' 8"
INS Sudarshini	A	India	Kochi	Boston Fish Pier	177'
USS Constitution	A	United States	Boston, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 1	305'
USCGC Eagle	A	United States	New London, CT	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 1	295'
Dar Młodzieży	A	Poland	Gdynia	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 4	357'
Mircea	A	Romania	Constanta	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 4	266' 4"
American Eagle	B	United States	Rockland, ME	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	123'
Angelique	B	United States	Camden, ME	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 6	130'
Bloodhound	B	United States	Provincetown, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	98'
Hindu	B	United States	Provincetown, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	80'
SSV Tabor Boy	B	United States	Marion, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	115'
Tyrone	B	United States	Rockland, ME	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 6	73'
When And If	B	United States	Key West, FL/Salem, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	80'
Columbia	A	United States		Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 6	171'
Liberty Clipper	B	United States	Boston, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	125'
Malabar II	C	United States	Vineyard Haven, MA	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	42'
STV Vela	B	British Virgin Islands	Gorda Sound	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 8	112' 1"
Virginia	B	United States	Bath, ME	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 6	65'
ARC Gloria	A	Colombia	Cartagena	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 11	212' 3"
BAE Guayas	A	Ecuador	Guayaquil	Charlestown Navy Yard – Pier 11	257'
Capitán Miranda	A	Uruguay	Montevideo	Commonwealth Pier	210'
Esmeralda	A	Chile	Valparaíso	Commonwealth Pier	371'
BAP Unión	A	Peru	El Callao	Commonwealth Pier	378' 11"
Bluenose II	A	Canada	Lunenburg, Nova Scotia	Fan Pier	143'
Elissa	A	United States	Galveston, TX	Fan Pier	205'
Mayflower II	A	United States	Plymouth, MA	Fan Pier	106'
Spirit of Bermuda	B	Bermuda	Hamilton	Fan Pier	118'
Adventure	B	United States	Gloucester, MA	Moakley Courthouse	137'
Ardelle	B	United States	Gloucester, MA	Moakley Courthouse	72'
Bowdoin	B	United States	Castine, ME	Moakley Courthouse	88'
Denis Sullivan	B	United States	Milwaukee, WI	Moakley Courthouse	137'
Harvey Gamage	B	United States	Portland, ME	Moakley Courthouse	138'
Isabella	C	United States	Gloucester, MA	Moakley Courthouse	51'
Lewis H. Story	C	United States	Essex, MA	Moakley Courthouse	35'
Pride of Baltimore II	A	United States	Baltimore, MD	Moakley Courthouse	157'
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Kalmar Nyckel	A	United States	Wilmington, DE	Rowes Wharf	141'
Oosterschelde	A	Netherlands	Rotterdam	Rowes Wharf	164'
Amerigo Vespucci	A	Italy	La Spezia	Seaport Pier 5	331'
ARA Libertad	A	Argentina	Buenos Aires	Seaport Pier 5	341' 3"
Ernestina-Morrissey	A	United States	New Bedford, MA	Seaport Wharf 8	156'
HMS Gladen	B	Sweden	Stockholm	Seaport Wharf 8	129'
Juan Bautista Cambiaso	A	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Seaport Wharf 8	178' 6"
Lynx	B	United States	Nantucket, MA	Seaport Wharf 8	122'
Adirondack II	B	United States	Boston, MA	N/A	80'
Adirondack III	B	United States	Boston, MA	N/A	80'
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Collision caused hazardous fuel spill, road closures on Eastern Avenue

Early in the morning of Tuesday, June 23, Chelsea Police received a call for a motor vehicle accident in the area of 256 Eastern Avenue involving a fuel truck and a car.

Responding officers discovered a black Honda sedan trapped underneath the fuel truck. The two passengers, who suffered minor injuries, were able to exit the vehicle on their own. The fuel truck driver did not report any injuries on scene, according to police. The occupants of the sedan were then sent to the hospital for further medical attention.

The fuel truck was carrying a full load of fuel and did spill some fuel onto the roadway creating a hazardous and potentially dangerous situation.

All traffic on Eastern Avenue was temporarily shut down with nearby businesses evacuated until the scene was made safe by the Chelsea Fire Department and the Mass State Police Truck Team. One lane was later opened to alleviate traffic.

“All parties involved were extremely lucky and I am thankful they will be okay,” said Police Chief Keith Houghton. “Officers on scene working along with the Chelsea Fire Dept. and the Mass State Police did a phenomenal job handling the situation and preventing any further danger to the other commuters. A further investigation will be done to determine if any violations were committed.”



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A collision between a fuel truck and a car on Eastern Avenue last week. No serious injuries were reported as the roads around the incident were closed for a short time.



Everett selected for statewide Bikeshare program to help older adults ride with confidence

The City of Everett has been selected as one of just three Massachusetts communities to participate in a new bikeshare education program designed to help adults ages 50 and older build confidence using bicycles and local bikeshare services.

Made possible through an AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant awarded to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), the Golden Gears program will provide Everett residents with free, hands-on instruction, guided rides, and peer support to encourage safe, comfortable use of bikeshares and other active transportation options.



MassDOT Undersecretary of Transportation Policy Samantha Silverberg speaks during the program launch event at 7-Acre Park.

Everett joins Worcester and Springfield as the inaugural host communities for the Golden Gears program.

Participants will take part in a free two-day “confidence clinic” that includes basic riding instruction, bicycle safety education, access to riding equipment, and bikeshare passes. The program will also feature guided group rides and community conversations where participants can share their experiences and learn from fellow riders.

“Creating transportation options is only part of the equation. We also need programs that help people feel confident taking advantage

of them,” said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. “This initiative gives older adults the support and encouragement they need to try bikeshare, stay active, and remain connected to their community. We’re proud that Everett was selected for this program and grateful for the opportunity to bring these resources directly to our residents.”

The program is intended for older adults who are interested in biking but may be hesitant to get started. Through classroom instruction, hands-on practice, and guided rides, participants will gain the skills and confidence needed to safely use

bikeshare as a convenient option for recreation, exercise, and local transportation.

“This program is intentionally practical,” said Kristopher Carter, MassDOT Chief Innovation Officer. “It is about meeting people where they are, answering questions, providing hands-on support, and helping older adults feel comfortable and confident using available transportation options that may be less familiar to them. Bikeshare can be a convenient and affordable way to connect to trails, transit, local destinations, and community life, and we want more people to

feel empowered to use it.”

The initiative builds on ongoing investments in safer, more accessible transportation throughout Massachusetts while helping older adults take advantage of expanding micromobility options in their communities. In addition to the confidence clinics, the program will include educational resources, participant feedback, and outreach materials that can serve as a model for communities across the Commonwealth.

More information about clinic dates, registration, and eligibility will be announced as it becomes available.

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Chelsea to host “Fiesta Fútbol & Freedom” in honor of America’s 250th birthday

In honor of America’s 250th birthday, the City of Chelsea will host Fiesta Fútbol & Freedom, a free Independence Day themed FIFA World Cup watch party featuring Revolutionary War reenactments, a fife and drum corps, water activities, and a live broadcast of the Team USA v. Bosnia and Herzegovina match on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, from 5 –10 p.m. in Chelsea Square.

The Independence Day themed festivities will kick off promptly at 5 p.m. and the event will culminate with USA’s World Cup match on the big screen at 8 p.m. No registration required.

Water, ice packs, and shaded tent areas will be available to the public at no charge during the event, which will take place while a heat watch is in effect. Chelsea will not host watch parties on Friday, July 3, or Saturday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

The City of Chelsea launched its series of free World Cup watch parties, branded Fiesta Fútbol, in June and has shown dozens of matches on its 16’ x 9’ LED screen in Chelsea



A fife and drum corps, which performed in Chelsea in 2025 during its Battle of Chelsea Creek programming, and will return to Chelsea Square on July 1 during Fiesta Fútbol & Freedom.

Square, located in the heart of its downtown at 179 Winisimmet Street.

Fiesta Fútbol has transformed Chelsea Square into a vibrant outdoor gathering space for the World Cup tournament. Thousands of visitors have enjoyed the City’s outdoor large-screen viewing experience, which includes local food vendors, music, and community programming that reflects the energetic cultures and traditions of the city’s diverse community.

Chelsea was awarded a \$175,000 grant to host Fiesta Fútbol from the Healey-Driscoll Administration through the Massachusetts

Sports and Entertainment Events Fund Grant Program, which is administered by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT). Chelsea was one of 25 communities across the Commonwealth to receive funding, with events taking place throughout June and July.

Fiesta Futbol matches are broadcast entirely in Spanish by the City’s official event partner with NBCUniversal Telemundo Enterprises—Telemundo.

For more information, including the complete Fiesta Futbol watch party schedule visit www.discoverchelsea-ma.com/fiesta-futbol.

FOR KIDS ONLY ANNUAL SUMMER STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT MILLER FIELD IN WINTHROP



Members of the FKO team, Director of Operations Chris Crombie, “Jimmy the Bus Driver” Nigro, Co-Founder and Former Executive Director Debbie Kneeland Keegan, and Transportation Manager Bill Burke.

For Kids Only After-school (FKO)’s summer program has a staff of 275 young leaders, that serve over 1,300 children in Chelsea, Everett, Peabody, Revere and Winthrop. This summer, children will embark on taking an 'Adventure Together' with field trips, special events, and plenty of activities!

Last week, in partnership with Project Adventure, FKO hosted their annual summer training and kick-off program at Miller Field in Winthrop, giving the staff a day to bond over group projects and individual accomplishments.



A game of cornhole is always a good choice of skills, shown is Kenny Pacheco and Derek Perez.



The Meat Market cooking up a storm for lots of hungry staff, shown in photo from the Meat Market Sandro and Cheryl Cimino with Joe and Nick Cimino, also is FKO Facilities Manager Reinaldo Vittini and Executive Director Brianna Flannery.



Elyse Lambert, Derek DeLisi, and Corrine Previte are a part of the FKO staff.



FKO Leadership Staff and Group Leaders.



Enjoying a game of Stack-em, Brisa Perez and Dianne Diaz.



Brianna Flannery and Debbie Kneeland-Keegan with members of the FKO staff last week at Miller Field.



Reinaldo Vittini, Maria Pimentel, Phil Ketrelakes, Natasha Mason, Felicia Rocha, Larry Keegan, and Bobby Rouse. Heading up the development program last week at Miller Field.



Staff members from FKO enjoying a coffee break in-between the mornings activities.



The 2026 Staff Members of the For Kids Only Afterschool program at Miller Field last week.



FKO offers developmental programs for their entire staff, allowing them to become leaders, and making their after-school programs better for their clients.

Shown right, Co-Founder, Former Executive Director, and current Strategic Advisor at FKO, Debbie Kneeland-Keegan with the Director of Staff and Programs Natasha Mason.



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GreenRoots, Mass Audubon, TND celebrate acquisition of Forbes site

By Adam Swift

GreenRoots, Mass Audubon, and The Neighborhood Developers celebrated the acquisition of the Forbes site at the property on Monday morning, marking a significant milestone in a collaborative effort to transform the property into a vibrant community asset.

Together, the three organizations envision a climate-resilient waterfront destination that expands public access to the Chelsea waterfront while creating much-needed open space, affordable homes, community services, nature-based programming, and opportunities for future generations to connect with nature and one another.

In March, Mass Audubon officially took ownership of 18 acres, 11 months after The Superior Court approved the initial offer for the property. The site of the former Forbes Lithograph Manufacturing Company was placed in receivership at the request of the City of Chelsea in late 2024, a legal step that opened a window of opportunity for the partnership to actively pursue the acquisition of the property.

In the decades before the acquisition and partnership between the three organizations, the Forbes site was on the cusp of major residential development from foreign developers and suffered a major nine-alarm fire in late 2024.

The speakers on Monday noted that the property is now on track to addressing some of the biggest needs for Chelsea residents, from affordable housing to waterfront access to environmental resiliency.

The abandoned industrial site will be rejuvenated to provide open space and waterfront access, increase climate resiliency, and provide up to 225 units of affordable housing. When the project is ready to be open to the public, the community will be able to access nature-based programming, camps for kids, urban bird walks, community events, and recreational opportunities such as hiking and kayaking where Chelsea Creek and Mill Creek converge.

“Today we celebrate this win for the community of Chelsea with the community of Chelsea, because this community is resilient beyond comparison,” said GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni. “When I went fishing here for the first time I had to trespass to get here, and now, through this partnership, Chelsea kids will never have to trespass again to access the Chelsea Creek waterfront.”

Bongiovanni said that the development and protection of the Forbes site is something that has always been on her and GreenRoots’ radar.

“It is an incredible habitat and it is really awesome to have it, so it was like if we could ever, wouldn’t that be amazing?” she said. “And here we are today.”

The initial purchase price of \$8 million serves as a down payment for this multi-year, multi-million-dollar project. The total cost, including real estate, environmental testing, planning and design, and construction, will run an estimated \$68 million, according to the project partners. Those project partners, along with Chelsea officials, are pursuing a variety of state, federal, and grant funding (including a federal \$850,000 Mystic River Watershed Communities grant) while simultaneously raising private funds and donations.

“This is a crucial milestone on a once-in-a-lifetime project that will be a national model of urban waterfront redevelopment,” said Mass Audubon President and CEO David O’Neill. “Communities like Chelsea have been overlooked and stripped of so

many of the positive benefits that nature and green spaces bring, which is why we’re dedicated to and passionate about bringing accessible open space to one of the most densely packed municipalities in the Commonwealth.”

The Neighborhood Developers Executive Director Rafael Mares said the project provides a number of things the city needs.

“Chelsea is an amazing city and we deserve more green space, we deserve more affordable housing – it makes the neighborhood more climate resilient – so all of that can be done in one space at one time, right now,” said Mares.

Mares said that by creating homes alongside open space, the Forbes development can help ensure that Chelsea residents who have deep roots in the city can remain part of its future, while also expanding access to the waterfront to everyone.

The event was also attended by Senator Sal DiDomenico, Representative Judith Garcia and Rebecca Tepper, Secretary of the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, all three of whom had a hand in securing over \$3.5 million in funding for Chelsea Creek Sanctuary.

“It’s been 20 years since it has been a blighted site, and all of a sudden, here come



State Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking on the Forbes property.



Mass Audubon President and CEO David O'Neill.



GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni.



The Neighborhood Developers Executive Director Rafael Mares.

three organizations that have proven themselves able to get things done,” said Garcia. “They said, you know what, we can open the space and we can make it a sanctuary and we can build 225 affordable homes, and I think that is

what our residents are clamoring for.”

As a state representative, Garcia said two of the biggest issues she hears about from constituents are housing affordability and access to green space.

DiDomenico said the project

is transformational and generational for Chelsea and the region.

“When you have a blighted site that was very, very hard to acquire, and turn it into something spectacular for the community – affordable housing and activating this

part of the waterfront that has been largely forgotten,” he said. “So now we are going to clean up this land, create affordable housing, and activate this land for young people and ... senior people ... so it really is a special, special day.”



Photos of abandoned buildings and wind turbine on the Forbes property, which is being redeveloped by GreenRoots, Mass Audubon, and The Neighborhood Developers.

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section
2-7 (b) and (d) of the
Chelsea City Charter notice
is hereby given that at a
regular meeting of the
Chelsea City Council held
on June 22, 2026, the
City Council voted after a
second reading to adopt
the following order:
Ordered, that the Chelsea
City Council authorizes
transfers from Salary
Reserve to the following
accounts:
Treasurer-Regular
Salary-0114551-510200-
\$8,970.00
Treasurer-Overtime-
0114551-510400-
\$2,220.00
Permitting & Land Use-Reg-
ular Salary- 0117051-
510200-\$10,000.00
Emergency Mgmt.-Over-
time- 0123051-510400-
\$45,000.00
Veteran’s Services-Regular
Salary- 0154351-510200-
\$1,171.00
Retirement-Contributory-
0191151-518000-\$3,513.00
Snow Removal-Over-
time- 0142351-510400-
\$29,217.00;
Be it Further Ordered, that
the Chelsea City Council
authorizes an appropria-
tion from Sewer Enterprise
Retaining Earnings to the
following account:
Sewer Enterprise-Regular
Salary- 601051-510200-
\$13,400.00;
Be it Further Ordered, that
the Chelsea City Council
authorizes an appropria-
tion from Water Enterprise
Retaining Earnings to the
following account:
Water Enterprise-Regular
Salary- 601051-510200-
\$13,400.00
Copies of the orders are
available at the Office of
the City Clerk, City Hall,
500 Broadway, Room 209,
Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
7/2/26 C

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is hereby given that at a
regular meeting of the
Chelsea City Council held
on June 22, 2026, the
City Council voted after a
second reading to adopt
the following order:
Ordered, that the Revised
Code of Ordinances of the
City of Chelsea as amend-
ed, be further amended
as follows: That Chapter 2,
Article V Finance Division 1
Generally Section 2-200 be
amended by changing the
name of Revolving Fund
4407 to the Chelsea
Recreation Revolving
Fund in accordance with
the provisions of Section
53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of
the General Laws.
Ordered,
Chelsea Recreation Revolv-
ing Fund (#4407):
Aggregate expenditures
from the fund shall not
exceed \$200,000 in a

single fiscal year;
All money received after
the fund has reached a
balance of \$200,000 shall
be credited to the General
Fund;
Elder Affairs Revolving
Fund (#3802)
Aggregate expenditures
from the fund shall not
exceed \$1,000 in a single
fiscal year;
All money received after
the fund has reached a
balance of \$1,000 shall
be credited to the General
Fund;
Emergency Management
Hazardous Material Revolv-
ing Fund (#4615)
Aggregate expenditures
from the fund shall not
exceed \$30,000 in a single
fiscal year;
All money received after
the fund has reached a
balance of \$30,000 shall
be credited to the General
Fund;
Vacant, Unsafe Buildings
and Nuisance Properties
Revolving Fund (#4627)
Aggregate expenditures
from the fund shall not
exceed \$30,000 in a single
fiscal year;
All money received after
the fund has reached a
balance of \$30,000 shall
be credited to the General
Fund;
Tax Title Foreclosure
Properties Revolving Fund
(#4631)
Aggregate expenditures
from the fund shall not
exceed \$100,000 in a
single fiscal year;
All money received after
the fund has reached a
balance of \$100,000 shall
be credited to the General
Fund;
Chelsea Public Library
Revolving Fund (#4201)
Aggregate expenditures
from the fund shall not
exceed \$20,000 in a single
fiscal year;
All money received after
the fund has reached a
balance of \$20,000 shall
be credited to the General
Fund;
Ordered, that the Chelsea
City Council hereby
authorizes the establish-
ment of a revolving fund
for the School Department
in accordance with the
provisions of Section
71F of Chapter 71 of the
General Laws, subject to
the following conditions:
1.Only proceeds received
by the City, pursuant to
the provisions of M.G.L.
c. 71 section 71F shall be
credited to the fund;
2.Aggregate expenditures
from the fund shall not
exceed \$250,000 in a
single fiscal year;
3.All proceeds received in
a single year after the fund
has reached a balance of
\$250,000 shall be credited
to the General Fund;
4.Expenditures from this
fund shall be authorized
by the School Committee
or their designee and shall
not exceed the available
balance of the revolving
fund;
5.Such funds shall be
expended only for pur-
poses directly associated
provisions of M.G.L. c. 71
Section 71F;
6.No expenditure may be
made from such revolving
fund for the purposes of
paying
full or part-time employ-
ee’s wages or salaries
unless the revolving fund
is also charged for the
costs of fringe benefits
associated with the wages
or salaries so paid;
7.The School Department
shall provide a report
including all receipts and
expenditures of this fund
to the City Manager on a
quarterly basis and to the
City Council on an annual
basis in accordance with

the provisions of Section
53E1/ of Chapter 44 of
the General Laws;
8.This revolving fund
requires authorization
for each ensuing fiscal
year, and
9.This fund is hereby
authorized until June 30,
2027.
Copies of the orders are
available at the Office of
the City Clerk, City Hall,
500 Broadway, Room 209,
Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
7/2/26 C

LEGAL NOTICE
Ciao! Pizza and Pasta,
LLC. d/b/a Ciao! Pizza
and Pasta
59 Williams Street, Chelsea
MA
Chelsea Licensing Commis-
sion, July 16, 2026
Notice is hereby given
that a Public Hearing will
be held by the Chelsea
Licensing Commission on
Thursday, July 16, 2026
at 6:00 p.m. in the City
Council Chambers, Chelsea
City Hall, 500 Broadway,
Chelsea, MA, to consider
an Alteration of Licensed
Premises Application for
Ciao! Pizza and Pasta,
LLC. d/b/a Ciao! Pizza
and Pasta at 59 Williams
Street, Chelsea MA. Please
be advised that you must
notify, via Certified Return
Receipt mail, all abutters
to the licensed premise.
CHELSEA LICENSING
COMMISSION
6/25/26, 7/2/26 C

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2-7 (b) and (d) of the
Chelsea City Charter notice
is hereby given that at a
regular meeting of the
Chelsea City Council held
on June 22, 2026, the
City Council voted after a
second reading to adopt
the following order:
Ordered, that, pursuant
to M.G.L. c. 44, Section
53F3/4, the Chelsea City
Council hereby approves
the FY26 PEG Access
Budget as follows:
-\$267,975 for Chelsea
Cable Television;
-\$85,000 for Chelsea
Public Schools; and
-\$130,000 for the City of
Chelsea
Copies of the orders are
available at the Office of
the City Clerk, City Hall,
500 Broadway, Room 209,
Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
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is hereby given that at a
regular meeting of the
Chelsea City Council held
on June 22, 2026, the
City Council voted after a
second reading to adopt
the following order:
Ordered, that the Chelsea
City Council act upon the
report of the Community
Preservation Committee
on the FY2027 Community
Preservation budget, in ac-
cordance with MGL Chapter
44B, Section 6, and reserve
for appropriation the

following amounts from
estimated FY2027 receipts
as recommended by the
Community Preservation
Committee:
1. \$128,508- 10% of
estimated revenues for
the acquisition, creation
and preservation of open
space;
2. \$128,508 - 10% of
estimated revenues for the
acquisition, preservation,
rehabilitation and resto-
ration of historic resources;
3. \$128,508 - 10% of
estimated revenues for
the acquisition, creation,
preservation and support
of community housing;
4. \$835,300 - 65% of
estimated revenues to the
Budgeted Reserve.
And appropriate from
FY2027 estimated
revenues:
5. \$64,253 - 5% of
estimated revenues for CPC
Administrative Expenses.
Copies of the orders are
available at the Office of
the City Clerk, City Hall,
500 Broadway, Room 209,
Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
7/2/26 C

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is hereby given that at a
regular meeting of the
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on June 22, 2026, the
City Council voted after a
second reading to adopt
the following order:
Ordered, that pursuant
to Section 4-3(1) of the
Chelsea City Charter,
the Chelsea City Council
approve the cost items
set forth in the collective
bargaining agreement
negotiated with the United
Steelworkers, Local 9427,
covering City management
level employees memorial-
ized in the Memorandum
of Agreement for the
period of July 1, 2026
through June 30, 2029,
dated June 11, 2026
Copies of the orders are
available at the Office of
the City Clerk, City Hall,
500 Broadway, Room 209,
Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
7/2/26 C

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is hereby given that at a
regular meeting of the
Chelsea City Council held
on June 22, 2026, the
City Council voted after a
second reading to adopt
the following order:
Ordered, that the Zoning
Ordinances of the City of
Chelsea be amended to
include a new Section 34-
189 - Fitzpatrick-Prattville
Smart Growth Overlay
District (SGOD), which is
attached, and that a public
hearing be scheduled to
discuss the proposed zon-
ing amendment pursuant
to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40A.
Ordered, that the following
petition for the adoption
of amendments to Chapter
34, Article VII, Section
34-156 – Inclusionary
Housing of the Zoning
Ordinances of the City
of Chelsea be forwarded

to the Chelsea Planning
Board for a recommen-
dation pursuant to Mass.
Gen. Laws c. 40A.
Copies of the full orders
are available at the Office
of the City Clerk, City Hall,
500 Broadway, Room 209,
Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
7/2/26 C

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2026-11
Notice is hereby given
in accordance with the
Massachusetts Zoning Act,
Chapter 40A that a Regular
Meeting of the Chelsea
Zoning Board of Appeals
will be held on:
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Council Chambers. 3rd
Floor, 500 Broadway
6:00 p.m.
With reference to the
application of:
James D’Amico
For Variance seeking
approval to construct a
new two-family home
which does not meet the
minimum requirements lot
area, side yard setback,
frontage and rear yard
setback at the premises
known as:
52 Suffolk Street
A copy of the application
and petition is available
for review at:
City Clerk’s Office during
normal business hours:
Monday, Wednesday and
Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
– Tuesday,
8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8
a.m. to noon
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LEGAL NOTICE
CHELSEA CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
In accordance with the
Massachusetts Wetland
Protection Act, the Chelsea
Conservation Commission
will hold a Public Hearing on:
Wednesday, July 15, 2026,
6:00 PM
via Zoom video conference
to review the Notice of
Intent submitted by Emily
Granoff, City of Chelsea
for temporary swamp mat
placement in salt marsh
for construction access
to the Slade’s Mill Dam
within the Mill Creek at
112 Clinton Street.
Register to join here:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3KVO0l6QTQWKhB_mREaWXQ
Number+ +1 646 558
8656 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 833 9928
3653
A copy of the Notice is
available for review in the
Department of Permitting
and Land Use Planning,
Rm 106, City Hall, during
City Hall business hours.
Per Order
Stephen Sarikas
Chair
7/2/26 C

LEGAL NOTICE
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COMMISSION
In accordance with the
Massachusetts Wetland
Protection Act, the Chelsea
Conservation Commission
will hold a Public Hearing on:
Wednesday, July 15, 2026,
6:00 PM
via Zoom video conference
to review the Notice
of Intent submitted by
Eversource Energy for the
installation of one 115-ki-
lovolt hybrid gas insulated
switchgear circuit breaker,
approximately 350
linear feet of underground

electric duct bank, one
electric manhole, associ-
ated concrete foundations
and electrical grounding
upgrades at 282R Eastern
Avenue.
Register to join here:
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Per Order
Stephen Sarikas
Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
In accordance with Section
6-3 (b) of the Chelsea
City Charter notice is
hereby given that at a
Regular Meeting of the
Chelsea Traffic and Parking
Commission held on May
5, 2026 the Commission
voted to approve the
following regulations:
To add a bus/bike/right-
turn lane on Washington
Avenue, and the restriction
of a right-turn on Washing-
ton Avenue to Fifth Street.
To remove the handicap
sign at 309 Spruce Street
due to failure to update
the expired placard on file.
Jeannette Cintron White
Parking Clerk
7/2/26 C

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court Probate and
Family Court
Suffolk Probate and
Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
Docket No. SJ25P0245PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF CONSERVATOR’S AC-
COUNT
In the matter of: Louise
Chudnofsky Of: Chelsea,
MA (Protected Person/Dis-
abled Person/Respondent)
To the named Respondent
and all other interested
persons, you are hereby
notified pursuant to Rule
72 of the Supplemental
Rules of the Probate &
Family Court, that the First
Annual account(s) of Robin
S. Broady of Boston, MA as
Conservator of the prop-
erty of said Respondent has
or have been presented to
the Court for allowance.
You have the right to object
to the account(s). If you
wish to do so, you or your
attorney must file a written
appearance and objection
at this court on or before
10:00 A.M. on the return
date of 07/16/2026. This
day is NOT a hearing date,
but a deadline date by
which you have to object
to the account(s).If you fail
to file the written appearance
and objection by the return
date, action may be taken
in this matter without
further notice to you,
including the allowance of
the account(s). Additionally,
within thirty
days after said return
date (or within such other
time as the Court upon
motion may order), you
must file a written affidavit
of objections stating the
specific facts and grounds
upon which each objection
is based and a copy
shall be served upon the

Conservator pursuant to
Rule 3 of the Supplemental
Rules of the Probate &
Family Court.
You have the right to send
to the Conservator, by
registered or certified mail,
a written request to receive
a copy of the Petition and
account(s) at no cost to
you.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this
proceeding may limit or
completely take away the
above-named person’s
right to make decisions
about personal affairs or
financial affairs or both.
The above-named person
has the right to ask for a
lawyer. Anyone may make
this request on behalf of
the above-named person.
If the above-named person
cannot afford a lawyer,
one may be appointed at
State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D
Rivers, First Justice of this
Court.
Date: June 18, 2026
Stephanie L Everett, Esq
Register
7/2/26 C

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
2027-09
CENTRAL FIRE STATION
EMERGENCY PREEMPTION
TRAFFIC SIGNAL
The City of Chelsea,
Massachusetts, through its
Chief Procurement Officer,
is seeking sealed bids for
all labor and materials for
“CENTRAL FIRE STATION
EMERGENCY PREEMPTION
TRAFFIC SIGNAL”.
Invitation for Bids will be
available on or after July
2, 2026 by visiting the
City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php.
Bids must be sealed and
clearly marked “CENTRAL
FIRE STATION EMERGENCY
PREEMPTION TRAFFIC
SIGNAL” and submitted
to the Office of the Chief
Procurement Officer no
later than 11:00 AM on
Thursday, July 16, 2026.
A non-mandatory site-visit
will occur on July 8, 2026
at 10:00 AM at Fay Square,
45 Washington Ave.,
Chelsea, MA 02150.
Each bid must be accompa-
nied 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 Enter-
prise Plan, we are inviting
all qualified women and
minority business firms to
respond.
The City of Chelsea is
an Equal Opportunity
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This Invitation for Bids is
in accordance with M.G.L.
Chapter 30, 39M.
Ledia Koco
Chief Procurement Officer
7/2/26 C

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Bruschetta and Crostini Summer



Crostini can be as simple as this homemade caponata on a slice of melba toast.

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

It was in a little place called Trattoria Toscana on Jersey Street in Boston that we developed our love for bits of toast topped with delicious things. Their menu described: chicken liver pat , sausage & spinach, and saut ed portobello mushroom crostini.

Ed loves anything on bread of any sort, and these delicious bites entered our summer food rotation because they are easy to make, perfect for putting a spotlight on the flavors of the season, and they don't require you to heat up the kitchen.

You can toast the bread on a grill outside, in a toaster oven, or air fryer. You can even purchase your base layer ready-made. Topping can be homemade, made ahead, or come from the supermarket or specialty grocer. If you want to take these tidbits to a potluck, cookout, or picnic, you can pack the bread element and toppings separately and let guests spoon what they want onto their snack.

Bruschetta Vs. Crostini

The Deluxe Food Lover's Companion offers their definition of bruschetta: "From the Italian *bruscare* meaning 'to roast over coals,' this traditional garlic bread is made by rubbing slices of toasted bread with garlic cloves, then drizzling the bread with extra-virgin olive oil. The bread is salted and peppered, then heated and served warm."

Crostini uses smaller pieces of bread and simple toppings, while bruschetta uses thicker, rustic bread and more elaborate toppings.

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We've enjoyed our own takes on these adaptable creations and would describe them as deliciousness on bite-sized pieces of bread. We've made them sweet or savory. We've used up leftovers from other meals, regardless of their cultural origins.

Build Your Own Favorites

We dare you to take on our Summer Bruschetta and Crostini challenge in one of two ways. If you're a home cook, go to the kitchen and see if you have items you can turn into delicious toasts. For example, we love smoked trout or salmon on toast for supper some nights.

If you're a shopper, wander around your favorite store and pick up ingredients you love and would like to serve on toast. Decide if you prefer bite-sized

or open-faced sandwich style for your meal. Pat s with mustard and pickles make a fun change from veggie options.

As we move into local tomato season, we feature plenty of bruschetta and crostini with tomatoes as the star of the show. However, we prefer to chop the topping because it is easier to eat. One favorite is a BLT bruschetta with a layer of whipped ricotta, topped with chopped tomato and lettuce, and sprinkled with bits of bacon. In general, we find it harder to enjoy larger pieces of anything that might slide off when you bite. Another tomato season favorite is mashed avocado toast with chopped tomato and herbs.

Later in the season, we'll make a batch of tangy caponata, that fabulous Sicilian mixture of roasted eggplant,

celery, tomatoes, olives, capers, and pine nuts, with a sweet-and-sour sauce made from vinegar and sugar. It is a perfect topping for a simple seasonal crostini.

While summer is a great time to enjoy bruschetta and crostini, we hope you will like it enough to carry on into the Holiday Season and winter months. You might set up a do-it-yourself tray of toppings and toast when you are entertaining.

And remember, toppings don't have to be cold: saut ed mushrooms, warm Thanksgiving leftover bruschetta, or reheated Indian takeout can become something new on a bit of toast.

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

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827-835 Broadway Chelsea L	Maverick Chelsea LLC	829 Broadway	\$3,550,000
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Giovanny Zuniga receives Community All-Star Award

Special to the Record

Mystic Valley Elder Services is proud to announce that Giovanny Zuniga received the nonprofit agency's Community All-Star Award. The awards program recognizes individuals whose efforts impact the lives of older adults and people with disabilities.

Mystic Valley Elder Services (Mystic Valley) named 11 people as All-Stars, one for each of the communities the organization serves. Zuniga received the award for Chelsea.

Mystic Valley presented the awards on June 4 at its Legacy50 Summit, an event that served as a fundrais-

er and a celebration of the agency's 50th anniversary.

"Our community has been integral to the growth of our agency over the past 50 years. It seemed fitting to celebrate our milestone by honoring people who enrich the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities," said Lisa Gurgone, Chief Executive Officer.

Columbia-born Giovanny Zuniga is a Transit Justice Organizer with GreenRoots. He is a trusted advocate for older adults, working to improve transportation access, mobility independence, and civic participation. Through culturally responsive outreach, he reduces transpor-

tation barriers and helps residents access resources such as Senior Passes, Low-Income Eligible Passes, and The RIDE.

Mystic Valley invited the public to nominate Community All-Stars, with the goal of spotlighting individuals whose outstanding contributions help build age-friendly and disability-positive communities. Members of Mystic Valley's Development Committee had the difficult task of selecting the 11 winners.

The other recipients are Rosemary Ardagna (Medford), Susan Becker (Melrose), Anthony Carbone (Everett), Gene Ferullo

(Stoneham), Mary Ellen Keough (Winthrop), Janis Mamayek (Wakefield), William Reedy (Revere), Julio Salado (Malden), Roberta Sanchez (North Reading), and Joanne Wooldridge (Reading).

Visit www.mves.org/community-all-star-awards for more about Zuniga and the other award winners.

Established in 1975, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides a wide range of resources and care for older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers. For more information, please call 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.



Giovanny Zuniga, pictured on the right, receives Mystic Valley Elder Services' Community All-Star Award. At left is award presenter Edward Rocha, a Mystic Valley Board member.

Revolution 250 distributes copies of the Declaration of Independence at the Massachusetts State House as part of Declaration Delivery Day

Special to the Record

Revolution 250 Executive Director Jonathan Lane alongside historical reenactors and printer Gary Gregory met with state representatives at the Massachusetts State House on Thursday, June 25, to deliver hand-printed copies of the Declaration of Independence as part of Declaration Delivery Day.

Historian and printer Gregory has printed hundreds of copies of the declaration at the Museum of Printing in Haverhill using 18th-century techniques, recreating a labor-intensive process similar to that used in 1776. The effort brings to life a lesser-known chapter

of Revolutionary history, the distribution of the Declaration across all Massachusetts cities and towns just weeks after the Founding Fathers drafted the original document on July 4, 1776.

After its adoption, more than 300 printed copies of the Declaration were sent to parishes throughout the state, where they were read aloud to residents by their ministers, and recorded into official town records. Over one hundred of the original copies remain preserved today, with more still being discovered.

Lane, Gregory who portrayed Ezekiel Russell, and other historical reenactors portraying James Warren,

Mercy Otis Warren, and William Sever, met with State Representatives Kate Donaghue and Sean Garballey at the House of Representatives Chamber.

Copies of the declaration were handed off to both representatives for distribution in each of their districts. Lane and the reenactors then entered into the House Chamber for photo opportunities and a tour of the State House afterwards.

As part of Declaration Delivery Day, the newly printed reproductions will be distributed to all 351 Massachusetts by July 4, echoing the original journey of the Declaration as it moved from town to town 250 years ago.

"250 years ago, copies of the Declaration of Independence carried a revolutionary message from town to town across Massachusetts, informing ordinary citizens about the birth of a new nation," said Executive Director Lane. "By recreating that journey today, we are not only honoring the people who first shared these historic words, but also reminding ourselves that the principles of liberty and civic-engagement remain as important now as they were in 1776. It was a privilege to place these reproductions into the hands of our state representatives and help continue this historic tradition."



Shown (left to right) are Michael Welch portraying James Warren, Gary Gregory portraying Ezekiel Russell, State Representative Sean Garballey, State Representative Kate Donaghue, Michele Gabrielson portraying Mercy Otis Warren and Doug Ozelius portraying William Sever.



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