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TAKING PART IN HERITAGE WEEK



PHOTOS BY MATT FRANK
The USS Constitution set sail Friday, Aug. 30, in the Mystic River abutting Chelsea and into Boston Harbor as part of the US Navy's Heritage Week. Officers Select come from all over the world to learn about the Constitution, to do community service around the region and to learn about the history of the Navy.

Leonard Florence resident re-captures part of her life through the garden

By Seth Daniel

When Melissa King was diagnosed with ALS in 2014, there were a lot of things the professionally-trained chef thought she would have to give up as time went on. Slowing losing her ability to walk and talk, when she moved into the Leonard Florence Center for Living in 2018, she thought her life-long love of gardening and growing fresh produce had long been gone from her life.

However, as she toured the grounds, she noticed a few unused planting areas on the patio, and with the help of other residents and staff, she has re-ignited her passion for gardening and reaped a bountiful harvest. "I thought of the idea and decided to talk to Coty Miller about it," she said. "He brought it to the admin-

istration and they said ok. I noted the beds when I took my tour before I moved in. My grandparents passed down the rich tradition of gardening to me. I thought that part of my life was behind me. Thankfully, I was able to continue planting in this rich tradition that I had passed down to me. It makes me very happy to see visitors and residents getting really interested in the garden."

Miller, who handles programming and resident services at the Leonard Florence, said the initiative was all on King.

"She came to me and to Mr. (Barry) Berman and asked if we could have a garden," he said. "We were 100 percent behind it and moved forward quickly to get it started. She's the first resident here to start her own garden, and it's been exciting."

The garden was planted in June and is just now bearing fruit.

In the garden, staff have taken to using King's produce in food for the residents, including parsley, sage, cilantro and basil. They have also used the tomatoes, which King says are her favorite and have been a pick-me-up.

"I like making sauce, eating plain tomato and mayo sandwiches, or BLTs," she added.

King said they will be giving first-dibs on the harvest to those that have helped to water or weed the garden. The rest will go on a table for anyone to choose.

If folks are lucky, there might be something left by next month, when the annual Walk for Living takes place.

The garden has been bringing quite a bit of excitement and publicity for the upcoming Walk for Living on Oct. 6, and King is preparing her garden for everyone to see.

"I'm doing the walk under Team Melissa's Muscles," she said. "I have a lot of people signed up. Last year, I had just arrived and I had no idea how big it was. So, I'm rolling for the first time this year. My dog Chi-Chi is going to be walking too. I've been out doing the walking route everyday training for the big day. Ha Ha."

Community Preservation looking for administrative help to meet timeline

By Adam Swift

With a pilot round of projects approved by the City Council, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is moving forward with plans to fund bigger preservation, open space, and housing projects.

But first, the CPC will need to continue the search for a consultant to help with the process as it becomes more time consuming for the committee volunteers and City staff.

Earlier this summer, the CPC put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for administrative services to help manage the Community Preservation Act (CPA) projects, funds, and proposals, but no one replied to the RFQ.

"The summer tends to be a tougher time (to get responses)," said Karl Allen, the city's economic development planner. "But we can renew it."

While no one filled out an RFQ, Allen said there were about two dozen people who retrieved a copy from the city's website. He also noted that there was one potential applicant,

but she said she would not be able to begin work until around Thanksgiving.

Chelsea voters approved the adoption of the CPA in November 2016. It will provide hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to be used for the creation and acquisition of affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and recreation. The CPA trust fund currently has a balance of just over \$2.2 million before any money was spent on the recent round of pilot projects.

CPC Chair Jose Iraheta noted that the committee was looking to bring another round of CPA projects forward to the council by next March. Pushing back the acquisition of administrative services could delay that timeline, unless the CPC is willing to take on more work, Iraheta said.

"We are already in a tight timeframe to begin with," he said. "We need a willingness to take on some of the work if we want to meet the timeline."

Several CPC members said they were willing to take on more work to help push forward with a more

aggressive timeline, including working on public outreach and holding a public hearing on CPA progress later in the fall.

"I think some of the outreach we can do in advance," said Allen.

If eligibility forms for projects are available by January, Allen said they could be reviewed in time for applications for projects to be filled out in February, and still meet the goal of having the projects before the City Council in March for funding approval.

CPC members agreed that the RFQ for administrative services should be reposted, with Allen reworking the timeline to get projects before the council next March.

In other business at last week's CPC meeting, the committee discussed finalizing the committee's bylaws. The committee also held off on the election of officers until those bylaws are finalized.

The committee also approved using some administrative funds for the design and production of promotional materials.

A Band in Demand MSF experiencing a surge in popularity

By Cary Shuman

MSF stands for Music Special Forces, but they are also the initials for Michael Salvatore Firicano, the leader of the band that he founded in 2010.

The band has had personnel changes through the years but has maintained a loyal and enthusiastic following, performing almost every weekend throughout Massachusetts and New England.

One of its recent performances at Eastie Pride Day at Pier's Park was a homecoming for Firicano, an East Boston native who is the band's lead vocalist and a guitar player.

MSF energized the crowd in a wide-ranging

two-hour set on a beautiful summer day.

"That park is beautiful with a view right on the water," said Michele DeForest, who joined the band two-and-a-half years ago as a lead vocalist. She has since added keyboardist to her resume.

The other members of MSF are Cliff Goodman, drummer, Roy Turner, guitar, and Ray Kelly, bass guitar.

"We're a multi-genre band – we do everything: rock, pop, disco, dance, country, and it's by both male and female artists. We do stuff like Heart, Whitesnake, Led Zeppelin, Bruno Mars, Taylor Swift," said Firicano.

Each MSF performance is known for its con-

cert-style intensity and high energy that gets the crowd rocking from the opening song. It is not uncommon to see band members going out in to the audience.

"We really take people on a musical journey," said Firicano, who began his lifelong affinity for music at the age of 12. "I loved music and my family had a giant collection of all kinds of records. And I would just put them on and discover. And my older brother, too, would be getting me in to classic rock and things like that. I was definitely a Beatles fan and became a classic rock fan."

In the 1990s, Firicano became a member of a cover band and then expand-

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ELL teacher Harrington earns the inaugural Butterfly Award

Special to the Record

Sarah Harrington, English Language Learner (ELL) teacher at Chelsea High School, was the recipient of the first-ever Butter-

fly Award during the Convocation program Aug. 26 at the school.

Deputy Supt. Linda Breau and Assistant Supt. Sarah Kent, who are both former ELL teachers, presented the award to Harrington.

The Butterfly Award is given by the family of Carolyn Arond in her memory each year to a teacher who exemplifies the qualities and attributes that Carolyn brought to her professional practice. Namely, creative ideas, innovative instructional practices, and strong support of colleagues.

"Carolyn Arond exemplified the Chelsea Public Schools' motto, 'We welcome and educate'," said Kent. "Throughout her professional career, Carolyn believed in creating a welcoming, safe and nurturing environment for her students."

Kent related that "Carolyn was also a creative teacher, one who took initiative and, as a result, brought joy to children in the classroom and the school."

"Carolyn was a nature



Chelsea High ELL teacher Sarah Harrington (third from right) receives the first-ever Butterfly Award for her creative ideas, innovative instructional practices, and strong support of her colleagues. The award is given in memory of former educator Carolyn Arond. Taking part in the presentation are School Committee Chair Jeanette Velez, Supt. of Schools Dr. Mary Bourque, Deputy Supt. Linda Breau, Assistant Supt. Sarah Kent, and Supt.-Elect Dr. Almi Abeyta.

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ST. ROSE de LIMA



Madalena Reyes offers homemade cookies to attendees.



Karla Valladares and Mara Estrada enjoying the festival.

The Saint Rose de Lima Festival was held in Chelsea over the weekend. Members of the church gathered to celebrate, share food, and enjoy one another's company. Vendors brought a variety of cultural foods to sell in order to raise money for the church.

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



Fernando Valasquez and Maria Melara Iraheta offers Pina Colada pineapples.

Shown to the right, Elma Contraras and Claudia Iquianda makes freshly shaved snow cones at the festival on Saturday.



Marta Cumes dices fresh beets for an enchilada.

FESTIVAL



The Gonzalez family cooking food from their Mexican heritage



Maria Arce flipping pupusas as they cooked on the grill.



Attendees preparing food from Honduras as part of the Saint Rose de Lima Festival.

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| 22 Willow Street Fee Ownr | Willow Place LLC | Suffolk St | \$32,000,000 |
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The MSF Band is pictured on stage after they wowed the crowd with their musical talents at the International Sand Sculpting Festival on Revere Beach. From left, are band members Ray Kelly, bass guitar and keyboards, Cliff Goodman, drums, Michael Salvatore Firicano, lead vocalist and guitar, Michele DeForest, lead vocalist, and Roy Turner, guitar.

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ed his repertoire to other genres, eventually working alongside female singers.

Michele DeForest brings another dimension to MSF

Michele DeForest attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), one of the best engineering schools in the country. She received her degree in Electrical Engineering and currently works in the scientific field. She has lived in the Boston area for ten years.

While a student at RPI, the Long Island (N.Y.) native became a member of an a cappella group, the Rusty Pipes, who twice made it to the Northeast ICCA semifinals.

DeForest met Firicano through an online advertisement and the on-stage chemistry has brought the band to another level.

“Michele has been amazing,” said Firicano. “I think out of all the musical combinations I’ve been part of – she’s made it the best combination.”

Firicano said Michele stood out in the auditions for the band. “One of the other candidates was very, very good and she had been in a band and played the guitar, but there was something that I saw in Michele that made me go with Michele over someone with more band experience and I was really glad I went that way.”

Though this was her maiden voyage in to a band, DeForest has developed in

to “a total natural,” according to Firicano. “If you see Michele perform, you think she’s been doing it for 25 years.”

Michele is enjoying her association with the band. “They’re great – they put up with me always wanting to do the pop and dance songs – that’s my wheelhouse,” said the attractive and personable singer. “That’s what I bring, as far as diversity, to the band. With Ray (Kelly) coming on and doing some keyboards – I took piano lessons when I was younger – I’ve started to dabble a little bit with keyboards, and the band has made me a little bit more confident. “And Michael has been really supportive, whether it’s working with my schedule or finding gigs,” added DeForest.

A busy schedule

MSF followed up its Eastie Pride Day performance with a gig that very night at Brodies Seaport in Salem.

They have been averaging 4-5 appearances a month, recently appearing at Fort Revere Bastille Day in Hull. They were also a featured band at the International Sandsculpting Festival on Revere Beach.

They performed at Bill Ash’s on Revere Beach Friday.

“We always have a really great time and that’s like my home base,” said Firicano. “Growing up in East Boston there were never really any venues for bands,

so I would go over to Revere, and Bill Ash’s was where I started playing my first cover shows in 1990 – and I’ve been playing there ever since.”

The band is also receiving gigs for private parties and weddings.

Lauding his bandmates

Firicano said in addition to Michele’s stellar contributions to the band’s increasing popularity, he is proud of the other members’ work.

“Roy Turner is from Gloucester and he’s a phenomenal guitarist, totally dedicated to his craft and lives for playing,” said Firicano. “When he’s not playing shows, he’s home practicing or making music videos to post on Facebook.”

Also getting a shoutout is Cliff Goodman of Salem, “a very talented drummer who plays all around the North Shore.”

“You’ll find Cliff at the local blues jams all the time,” said Firicano. “He’s totally dedicated to playing music.”

New band member Ray Kelly of Dudley started string bass at the age of 10. He played in the Greater Boston Youth Symphony from 1980 to 1984 and majored in Music and Sound Recording Technology at UMass Lowell.

“He used to work at Bose Corporation for many years,” said Firicano. “He’s a very qualified guy.”

(To learn more about MSF, please visit MSF

Night Shift Brewery plans major expansion in Everett and Philadelphia

By Seth Daniel

With most of their brands growing significantly with local beer drinkers this year, Night Shift Brewery announced late last week that they plan a major expansion at their Everett brewery immediately and an even larger expansion into Philadelphia in 2020.

Night Shift’s corporate headquarters and coffee division are located in Chelsea on Second Street.

Night Shift has been growing at such a rapid pace over the last two years in particular that volume and brewhouse space has been a major issue for them, and now they’ve unveiled their plan to take them to the next level of production.

First and foremost, that plan includes a huge brewhouse expansion at their Everett brewery on Santilli Highway.

“In Everett, we are expanding and upgrading our brewing system from the 20 barrel brewery we started with in Everett and upgrading it to a 60 barrel system and it’s going to really change how much we can produce here,” said Michael Oxtan, co-founder of Night Shift. “It will give us a lot more volume in Everett.”

A barrel is around 30 gallons, and the new Everett system will mean a 50 percent increase in production here.

That, he said, will mean more availability locally on tap and more beer in liquor stores, as the company has not been able to keep up with demand for several years – producing as fast as they can.

“We’re going to produce about 30,000 barrels with the new system,” he said. “It will be about a 50 percent increase in what we’re producing in Everett right now.”

He said that expansion was achieved by re-purposing storage space at the brewery and converting that unused space into a new brewhouse with significantly more space than before – though it does put them at the end of the expansion rope in their Everett building.

That’s why the second piece of their expansion includes building out a huge brewhouse and tap room in Philadelphia.

Oxtan said his two partners, Rob Burns and Mike O’Mara, are from Philadelphia, so part of the story there is a return to home with their award-winning product.

Still, another piece is slowly creeping into a new Northeast market.

“The plan is to start building a huge production facility and tap room in the Philadelphia area,” he said. “We are hoping to open it as soon as we can in 2020 and ultimately build something that could produce a lot of volume and a new market for us to expand. We really began the search four years ago for a second facility.”

Oxtan said Philadelphia is a logical next step for the company, and they have slowly edged out to New Hampshire, Maine and Connecticut. They also believe that Pennsylvania and Philadelphia are good beer markets for their local flavor and customer-oriented style.

He said the space was not easy to come by even though Philadelphia has a lot more warehouse/indus-

trial property than Greater Boston.

“Even with the abundance of warehouses down there, there wasn’t anything that met our needs initially,” he said. “We really found the perfect location.”

Both of the expansions, he said, are based on the frenetic demand for their product, and a philosophy to not “push” their beer on consumers, but have consumers “pull” it into the marketplace.

“We’ve focused significantly on the local drinker,” he said. “We’re tried to grow out brand deep and not wide. Massachusetts is a focus. Our focus on being local has really made us a really well-liked beer amongst local beer drinkers. We consistently try to have our growth drawn by demand by our drinkers and not an internal target. It’s a pull and not push relationship.”

While their tried and true labels like Santilli and Whirlpool are still selling fast, the greatest demand lately has been their ‘Lite’ beer offerings – both Nite Lite and Lime Lite. That demand is a departure from the traditional preferences of local craft brew drinkers who often are seen as preferring strong, hoppy beers.

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POLICE Briefs BY SETH DANIEL AND PAUL KOOLLOIAN

SHOTS FIRED

On Aug. 25, at 1:08 a.m., officers responded to the area of 43 Central Ave. on the report of a Shot Spotter activation. Upon the officers’ arrival, they heard a second gunshot and responded to 18 Maverick St. Officers observed a male that fit the description of the male firing the gun and placed him under arrest. CPD Detectives responded and executed a search warrant at 18 Maverick St. and seized the firearm and other evidence.

Carlos Rodriguez, 37, of 18 Maverick St., was charged with disorderly conduct, intoxicated licensee carrying a firearm, improper storage of a firearm, and five counts of discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building.

RAN A STOP SIGN, CLASS B DRUGS

On Aug. 19, at 4:36 p.m., while on patrol on Grove Street, a CPD officer observed a white vehicle traveling down Grove Street and proceeding through a stop sign.

The car was pulled over. The operator was found to be operating the vehicle with a suspended license.

PHOTO BY PAUL KOOLLOIAN

Police responded on Monday night, Sept. 2, to a very serious motor vehicle accident on Washington Avenue where a car struck two poles and a retaining wall. The operator was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

While in custody, the officers uncovered illegal prescription drugs in the man’s possession.

Jonathan Arce, 32, of Revere, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, stop sign violation and possession of a Class B drug.

STREET FIGHT

On Aug. 19, at 10:43 p.m., a CPD officer noticed two parties fighting in the middle of the Street on Hawthorne in front of the Phoenix Academy. Both males involved were placed under arrest.

Jose Flores, 32, of Lynn;

and William Rivera, 46, of 643 Broadway, were both charged with assault and battery.

STOP YELLING!

On Aug. 24, at 4:33 p.m., a CPD officer while in the area Bellingham Square observed a female party that was shouting at a male in the area of McDonald’s. The officer warned both to stop their behavior and to move on. The female continued her behavior and was placed under arrest for being a disorderly person.

Bianca Cabral, 18, of East Boston, was charged with disorderly conduct.

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THE REAL AMERICAN CARNAGE

Whenever a mass shooting occurs -- which is to say, fairly regularly somewhere in America these days -- investigators scour for clues as to the “motive” of the gunman.

Often, as was the case in El Paso two weeks ago, the shooter espouses some sort of political ideology, whether it be homegrown white nationalism or foreign-based anti-Americanism.

On occasion, individuals with mental illness are the perpetrators.

But just as often, as was the case in the country music shooting in Las Vegas two years ago, there is no discernible motive, other than that the shooter simply is unhappy and frustrated with his lot in life.

That appears to have been the situation with this past weekend’s shooting spree in Texas by a 36 year old man who was fired from his job and who was described by his neighbor as a loner.

In short, the shooter fit a certain profile -- a young, white male with no money, no wife or girlfriend, no children, and no prospects.

However, each and every one of these shootings, regardless of the perpetrator’s motive, have two things in common: Innocent Americans are being shot while going about their daily lives and the shooter had military-style weaponry that allowed him to kill and maim dozens of Americans with a single pull of the trigger.

About 13,000 innocent Americans are slaughtered by guns every year in this country. (There also are about 26,000 suicides by guns each year).

To put that 13,000 figure into perspective, that is almost twice the number of American soldiers who have been killed in the entirety of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Cumulatively over the past 15 years, 7000 American soldiers lost their lives in our Mideast wars, while 200,000 innocent Americans have been killed by gunfire right here in America. In addition to those who died, more than one million Americans have been shot and wounded in the past 15 years.

When President Trump used the term, “American Carnage,” in his Inaugural Address, it was not entirely clear what he was referring to.

However, given that more Americans are shot, killed, and maimed by guns every year on their home soil than anywhere else in the world, our American Carnage is indeed, very real.

WHEN WILL IT BE OUR TURN?

Hurricane Dorian, the fifth Category 5 hurricane to hit the U.S. in the past four years, has captivated many of us for the past week as we watched the latest forecasts to see where it would strike the American mainland.

The increasing intensity of tropical storms has been predicted for decades by those who have studied the effects of climate change caused by the burning of fossil fuels that is heating up the planet.

Superstorm Sandy was an example of the catastrophic effects that can occur when a huge storm strikes our heavily-populated urban areas in the northeast. The Boston area was largely spared from Sandy’s wrath (though we did have extended power outages), but we have to face the reality that given the acceleration of the effects of climate change and rising sea levels, it will be our turn, sooner rather than later, for a catastrophic weather event to visit us with devastating force.

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NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

CHELSEA PAW RAID ON SEPT. 7

The second Chelsea Paw-Raid will take place on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m.

The gathering for dogs and their friends will start at City Hall and proceed down Broadway to the new Mystic Overlook Park, where there will be a party under the Mystic/Tobin. It is presented by Chelsea Prospers and the Downtown Initiative.

CALL FOR ART TO CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 - October 15. Seeking paintings, photography, or drawings to be displayed in the Chelsea City Hall Gallery, 500 Broadway. Artwork should match the theme Celebrate Hispanic Heritage and this is a family/community art exhibit. Artwork eligible for consideration should be brought to Chelsea City Hall – Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division Rm 100, 500 Broadway, Chelsea before September 11.

For more Information email recreation@chelseama.gov or call 617-466-4073.

BOSSON STREET BLOCK PARTY

The annual Bosson Street Block Party sponsored by the City and TND will take place in the park on Sept. 7 from noon to 3 p.m. Rain date is Sept. 8.

20th ANNUAL KIWANIS TRACK AND FIELD

The 20th Annual Kiwanis Track and Field day is Sept. 14 at the Mary C. Burke Complex. Set up will be at 8 a.m. and registration starts at 9 a.m. The races will begin at 10 a.m.

The Kiwanis are looking for volunteers to enjoy a rewarding day by helping to bring a day of sprint races, games, activities and breakfast to hundreds of kids and families.

For more information call (617) 331-8686 or email chelseakiwanisclub@gmail.com.

HOUSING COURT CHIEF AT COLLABORATIVE

The Chelsea Collaborative would like to announce that due to scheduling conflicts the Housing Court Expansion Breakfast has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, at 8:30 a.m. The New location is at Chelsea City Hall.

Keep in mind that, On Monday, September 30, 2019, the Eastern Division of the Housing Court will hold regular sessions in the Chelsea District Court, 120 Broadway. The court will be in session every Monday at 9 a.m., except for holidays, and will cover the cities of Chelsea and Revere, the town of Winthrop, and East Boston.

Breakfast will be provided on Wednesday, September 11 at 8:30 a.m. and please RSVP by replying to: Norieliz de Jesus at NorielizD@chelseacollab.org

SENIOR BOCCE BOWL TOURNEY SEPT. 28

The 3rd Annual Bocce Bowl Tournament, consisting of Revere seniors vs. Chelsea seniors, will take place on Saturday, September 28, at 9 a.m. at Voke Park. (rain date is Saturday, October 5, 2019). Voke Park is located at 546 Washington Ave., Chelsea, MA, just down the street from The New Bridge Café. Come root for Chelsea seniors as they compete to capture the coveted Bocce Bowl trophy.

ONLINE PAYMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PARKING

Beginning July 1, the City of Chelsea will offer an online payment portal for residential parking stickers and visitor passes. Residents can create an account and then sign in. For any questions, contact assistance@chelseama.gov or call 617-466-4054.

EVENING ON THE CREEK

Join GreenRoots in Celebrating 25 years of Fighting for Social and Environmental Justice

and our 4th Annual Evening on the Chelsea Creek Fundraiser with music, food and lots of dancing. Friday, September 6, at 5:30 p.m. at their Chelsea Creek Headquarters on Marginal Street.

FREE WATER METER REPLACEMENT

The City of Chelsea’s DPW is continuing its water meter replacement program for both residential and commercial customers. As part of this effort, meter service technicians from the DPW may be visiting a property to remove the old meter and replace it with a new meter. All DPW meter service technicians travel in marked City of Chelsea vehicles and have City of Chelsea identification badges. Whenever a water meter technician visits a property, one should ask to see the City issued ID. Installation of a new meter will typically take less than 30 minutes. The new meters will eliminate most estimated bills. Reliable readings will also allow customers to identify leaks that may result in higher than normal bills. There is no charge for the new meter.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

Seniors 65 or older having trouble keeping up with real estate tax increases may wish to take advantage of the tax deferral program. This program allows seniors to defer taxes on their real estate, up to 50 percent of the fair market value of the property, provided they agree to repay the City upon death or resale of the property. The City has increased the income eligibility limits to this program and reduced the annual rate of interest on deferred taxes to 4 percent. Seniors who are interested should contact the Assessor’s Office at 617-466-4010.

CHELSEA HILLS WALKS

The Chelsea Hill Community has updated its schedule and has new meeting times. Chelsea Hills will now

be meeting every first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Starbucks at the Mystic Mall. As for their walks, they will have them every second Saturday at 10 a.m. and every fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m. Locations vary, so please check the Chelsea Hills Facebook page or subscribe to email list.

CHELSEA STREET BRIDGE APP

For those seeking real time information about the Chelsea St. Bridge closures, Massport is operating a Twitter account which alerts drivers whenever the bridge is opening for shipping and closed to traffic. The Twitter account is @LoganToChelsea. This real time information supplements the new vehicular warnings systems now currently active on Broadway and Williams St.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

With support from the City, the Chelsea Collaborative will again be offering citizenship classes to Chelsea residents eligible to become a U.S. citizen. Classes include a free citizenship preparation course and application assistance. To learn more about the requirements for these classes and how to apply, please call the Chelsea Collaborative at 617-889-6080 ---Monday- Thursday 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Classes will be at the Chelsea Collaborative located at 318 Broadway.

MASSPORT NOISE COMPLAINT LINE

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SENIOR WATER AND SEWER DISCOUNT

Chelsea senior citizens are reminded to sign up for the new Senior Discount for water and sewer charges. Any senior 65 or older who owns and occupies his/her own home may apply. The discount is 10% off the monthly bill.

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Schools Health Manager Marie Washington and the Health Team.



Maddie Piccul, Suhey Roman, Brianna Cantone, Kaley Beauchamp, Jamie Connors, and Haley Travaglia, all of the Early Learning Center.



REACH Director Linda Alioto-Robinson, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and Brown Middle School Principal Linda Barber.



Joe Sinnott, Lindsay Dutcher, Elaine Ortiz, and Jose Ortiz.



Christine Keenen, Kati Phelan, Kate Schubmehl, Assistant Superintendent Sarah Kent, and Renee Arsenault.



Supt. of Schools Dr. Mary Bourque, with State Rep. Dan Ryan, and his daughter, Audrey.



School Committee Chair Jeanette Velez, CHS Principal Lex Mathews, and Ilana Ascher, lead history teacher and mentor.



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino and Louise Casey Campanella.



Joey DiGaetano and teacher and CHS coach Gena Restiano.



Eduardo Pineda and Evelyn Manning.



Jay Seigal and Ted Freeley.



Sokolowski School teachers Vasiliki Kokonidis, Allison Flaherty, and Emma Rossi.

enthusiast and integrated her passion in to her work,” said Kent. “She initiated the idea of a Butterfly Garden at the Mary C. Burke Complex, hence the name of this honor.”

“The contributions Carolyn made to her students and to the Chelsea school community made a difference,” continued Kent. “Those who knew Carolyn know this to be true. Like the “Butterfly Effect,” Carolyn had, and continues to have a positive impact on all.”

Breau told the gathering of educators that there were 12 “outstanding nominations” for the award from all grade levels.

“Sarah was nominated by both an administrator and a teacher,” said Breau. “Some of the things her nominators said: a great and positive effect on the school community...like Carolyn Arond, Sarah made students feel they belong here..she is a pioneer in developing discussion routines for ELS...she works tirelessly to revise

and improve her lessons embedding language development into her content... and she supports teachers offering her time to educate them on the needs of ELs.”

Harrington was also credited with creating student-led Spanish classes for educators that celebrates and affirms the language skills of our students while meeting a clear need in our schools.

“This has been a successful program for several years now and is having a true “butterfly effect” in our district and beyond,” said Breau.

In addition to the plaque, Harrington also received a \$500 award that can be used for professional development opportunities or for materials and activities that will enhance and support student learning.

Harrington received a tremendous ovation from her colleagues as she left her seat in the CHS bleachers and walked to the podium in the packed gymnasium to accept the award.



Kathleen McGlynn, Lindsay Doyle, Virginia Leigh, Sam Factor, and Nicole Ellis.



School Committee member Yessenia Alfaro, Collaborative Executive Director Gladys Vega, and Flor Palacios of the Collaborative.

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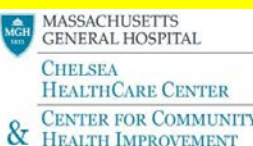

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Harvard’s Dr. Carol Kauffman leads faculty leadership training program at Malden Catholic

On Aug. 26, Dr. Carol Kauffman, the Founder and Executive Director of the Institute of Coaching at Harvard Medical School and the Director of Faculty Coach Training at Massachusetts General Hospital, gave a leadership presentation to Malden Catholic’s faculty and staff. Dr. Kauffman has been a leadership coach for over 25 years and was excited to help the Malden Catholic staff become better leaders, both professionally and personally.

Dr. Kauffman says she was drawn to Malden Catholic because of her interest in developing leadership programs for millennials and younger people.

“A coach approach is very powerful for leaders at every stage in development” Dr. Kauffman said. “We have a much more complex, fast-moving, unpredictable world...so if we have a group of people who have an idea of where they want to go then they can have a much greater impact.”

When asked why learning leadership skills at a young age are so important, Dr. Kauffman said they are crucial because these are skills that will be used throughout life.

“Learning to lead when you are a young person is crucial, and one of the people you are learning to lead is yourself” Dr. Kauffman said. “If you can begin to get a sense of what actually matters to you and to other people...then you will be able to guide the direction of your life much better than if you don’t have that.”

Presenting alongside Dr. Kauffman was Julie Carrier, a bestselling author, leadership mentor, and former



Left to right: Principal Lisa Cenca, Dr. Carol Kauffman, leadership mentor Julie Carrier, and Headmaster John Thornburg.

Senior Management Consultant in leadership training and development for the Pentagon. Carrier was featured on MTV’s #1 hit positive show, “MADE,” to share her message about how girls can improve their self-confidence through coaching.

Carrier followed up Dr. Kauffman’s answer about the importance of leadership by saying, “We are all aware of how powerful leadership development is for adults, and it’s even more powerful when we take those principles, ideas, and practices and we teach them to young people.”

Carrier continued to add that by taking these ideas and mindsets that they are learning important skills before they face other challenges in life as they get older. Carrier took an educational approach to learning these ideas at a young age.

“They are saving a lot of baggage in relearning because they are learning it the right way first” Carrier added. Carrier continued to stress the importance of teaching leadership in an academic setting.

In attendance was Lisa

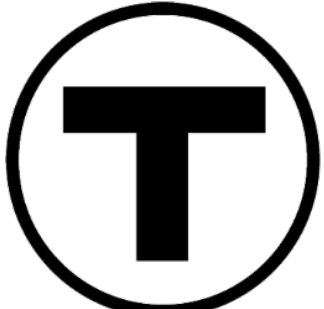
Cenca, Principal of the Malden Catholic School for Girls, who raved about Dr. Kauffman’s coaching approach and how teachers can bring this into the classroom.

“Carol helped us to think about coaching our students rather than just teaching them. She challenged us to work on how we get our students to recognize their talents and live them out.”

Theology teacher Deirdre Foley was very fortunate to have Dr. Kauffman at Malden Catholic, and is excited to use the skills she learned moving forward.

“Her method of Coaching by Numbers will benefit both the staff and students here at MC immensely” Foley said. “I am excited to use these skills moving forward to enhance my career here at Malden Catholic.”

Malden Catholic was incredibly honored to have Dr. Kauffman working with its faculty and staff on increasing their leadership skills. Headmaster John Thornburg believes Dr. Kauffman’s presentation was crucial, because of its importance in leadership skills to both staff and students.



CHELSEA

Public Information Meeting Chelsea Commuter Rail Station

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Chelsea City Hall, City Council Chamber
500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150

The MBTA is building a new, fully accessible Chelsea Commuter Rail station next to the final SL3 stop in Chelsea. When complete, the new station will connect the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Lines to the SL3, which began operating in April 2018.


Work began early in August and is expected to be completed in 2021. The current Chelsea Commuter Rail station, at Arlington Street in Chelsea, is not accessible to people with disabilities, and is inconvenient for transfers to other modes of transportation. The MBTA is investing \$32 million to construct the new Chelsea Commuter Rail station, including full high-level platforms for boarding, canopies and benches, new sidewalks, security cameras, passenger assistance telephones, lighting, and more.

We invite you to attend a public meeting to learn more about this construction project and related impacts.

For project questions or comments, please email us:
ChelseaStation@mbta.com.

Sign up to receive email alerts on the project website:
www.mbta.com/ChelseaStation

The meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited proficiency in English. Accessibility accommodations and language services will be provided free of charge, upon request, as available. Such services include documents in alternate formats, translated documents, assistive listening devices, and interpreters (including American Sign Language). For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation and/or language services, please email ChelseaStation@mbta.com or call 617-357-5772 x18. **Spanish interpreters will be available.**



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

Reunión de información pública Estación de trenes de cercanías de Chelsea

Fecha: Jueves 19 de septiembre de 2019
Hora: 6:00 p. m.
Lugar: Chelsea City Hall, City Council Chamber
500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150

La MBTA está construyendo una nueva estación de trenes de cercanías completamente accesible en Chelsea al lado de la última parada de la línea plateada 3 (SL3) en Chelsea. Cuando se termine de construir, la nueva estación conectará las líneas de trenes de cercanías Newburyport/Rockport con la SL3, que comenzó a funcionar en abril de 2018.

La obra se inició a principios de agosto y se calcula que terminará en el 2021. La estación de trenes de cercanías actual de Chelsea, ubicada en Arlington Street en Chelsea, no es accesible para personas con discapacidades y es inapropiada para hacer conexiones con otros medios de transporte. La MBTA está invirtiendo \$32 millones para construir la nueva estación de trenes de cercanías de Chelsea, que incluye andenes elevados al mismo nivel que los trenes para embarcar, marquesinas y bancos, aceras nuevas, cámaras de seguridad, teléfonos de asistencia para pasajeros, iluminación y más.

Lo invitamos a asistir a una reunión pública para enterarse más acerca de este proyecto de construcción y sus efectos.

Para hacer preguntas o comentarios acerca del proyecto, escribanos a: ChelseaStation@mbta.com

Inscríbase para recibir notificaciones por correo electrónico en el sitio web del proyecto:
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La reunión ofrece accesibilidad para personas discapacitadas y para aquellas con poco dominio del idioma inglés. Se proporcionarán adaptaciones para la accesibilidad y servicios de idiomas de forma gratuita, previa solicitud, si estuvieran disponibles. Dicho servicios incluyen documentos en formatos alternativos, documentos traducidos, dispositivos de escucha asistida e intérpretes (incluida la lengua de señas estadounidense). Para más información o para pedir adaptaciones razonables y/o servicios lingüísticos, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a ChelseaStation@mbta.com o llame al 617-357-5772 ext.18. **Habrán intérpretes disponibles.**

NET GAINS

Eight teams, ages 13-20, competed in The Movement Playoff Game on Aug. 16, at Highland Park, with the four winning teams – orange, yellow, army green, and pink – continuing on to the semi-finals.

“The goal of the game is to engage young people in a positive way during summer weekends,” explained The Movement Co-Founder Damali Vidot, City Council President. “We build relationships and community in hopes to deter them from participating in negative activity.”

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



School Committeeman Henry Wilson, Council President Damali Vidot, Anthony Flores, Troy Arnold, Jr., Councillor Calvin Brown, and Melissa DeJesus.



Malcolm Norman.



Jamison Guillaume going up for a layup.



Jose Cruz defending Manny Resto.



Jacquari Younge smiling at Jamison Guillaume.



Dan Cortez, School Committeeman Henry Wilson, Councillor Leo Robinson, Cesar Cortez, and neighborhood boys



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plete a plot-by-plot survey documenting every single building and Eastie is at the top of the list for this new program.

Poff said during the last round of funding in the spring, Eastie got a good amount of CPA funding grants for projects throughout the neighborhood.

There was \$950,000 to the Grace Apartments development, which recently received Boston Planning and Development Agency Approval. Developed by the East Boston Community Development Organization (EBCDC), Grace Apartments will be a new, 42-unit residential building serving low-income seniors located on 187 Sumner Street. The project will also renovate 17 income-restricted units on the site’s existing building.

According to plans submitted to the BPDA by the CDC the proposed project involves the construction of a new 39,067 square foot, 42-unit, seven-story building and the renovation of an existing 26,800 square-foot building currently on the same site in Maverick Square.

Another \$735,200 will go to the proposed Aileron development to build seven housing units, including four affordable units. Overall the East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, NOAH’s architect, Eastie-based Joy St Design, and the CDC has joined forces to create a 41-unit project that includes a mixed-use,mixed-income, ownership/rental housing and gallery spaces for Eastie artist community and community at large.

NOAH’s project, dubbed ‘Aileron,’ will include eight ownership units, half workforce and half market, in one building with 33-units occupying a larger building next door. Of the 33 units in the larger building 17 will be set aside for artist work/living space.

Eastie also receives \$600,000 for a new playground at the East Boston Early Education Center. The new playground for ELC includes integrated classrooms for students with disabilities in KO and first grade.

The Nantucket Lightship, Boston’s only floating museum docked at the Boston Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street received \$575,000 to restore the historic ship’s rusted hull.

There was another \$500,000 to create a new park to connect the renovated Boston Housing Authority Orient Heights development to the surrounding neighborhood.

Finally \$300,000 came through to build a fully accessible dock and dock house at LoPresti Park. This dock will create access to the waterfront for youth and an adaptive sailing program at LoPresti Park across from the Boston Housing Authority Jeffries Point development for those with handicaps.

Poff said applications are accepted twice per year. The deadline for this fall’s funding cycle is Sept. 27, 2019, at 4 p.m.

For more info residents can visit www.boston.gov/community-preservation/how-apply-community-preservation-funds.

SINGER FAMILY HONORED BY COUNCIL

REVERE - The Revere City Council presented Certificates of Merit to Revere Police Officer Joseph Singer, his children, Mia and Domenic, and his niece, Jayna, for their efforts in saving a four-year-old boy from drowning at Sandy Beach in Winchester last September.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna made the presentation on behalf of the Council to Singer for his quick and heroic actions on that day.

Singer received a standing ovation as he made his way to the podium.

McKenna said she was speaking from her heart when she told the audience, “Joe Singer is a an American hero, he really is. He doesn’t want the praise. He doesn’t want the credit and it took me one year to get him up to get this certificate.

McKenna described the Sept. 1, 2018 incident in which Singer’s rapid response, after being alerted of the emergency by his children and niece, helped save the child’s life.

“Mia stepped on a little boy that was submerged on the bottom of the lake,” related McKenna. “So right away the kids ran to alert Joe. Joe ran in to the water and he saw the boy and he pulled him out of the water. He did CPR right away and he was calling for help. Crazy enough there was a cardiologist on that beach that day. Joe called the EMTs and assisted with the defibrillator and they got a pulse. At the hospital with God’s help and everybody praying, the kid made a remarkable recovery and he’s running around now and he’s 100 percent fine.”

McKenna said she believes in fate “and these four people [Joe Singer, Mia Singer, Domenic Singer, and Jayna Singer] were at a place in time where they were supposed to be.”

McKenna concluded her remarks by noting that Joseph Singer was her student when she was a teacher at Revere High School.

“He has proven to be one of the finest people I know,” said McKenna.

Council President Arthur Guinasso, who led the presentation ceremony, graciously called for a brief recess so that Singer’s family could participate in photos with the Council. Mayor Brian Arrigo also personally congratulated Singer and the children for their lifesaving efforts.

Roland Brown

July 22, 1938 - Aug. 31, 2019



Roland E. Brown passed away on Saturday, Aug. 31 at the Exeter Center in New Hampshire. He was 81 years old.

Born in Burlington, Vermont, a son of the late Harold and Flora (Whitcomb) Brown, he came to Chelsea at the age of 14 with his mother and stepfather, the late John Morehouse. He graduated from Chelsea High School and married his childhood sweetheart and love of his life, Barbara T. DeGregorio in 1957.

He was a career veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he attended Control Tower Tech School. His specialty was as an air traffic controller. He held several duty assignments overseas and stateside at US Air Stations from Germany to Tennessee and Tacoma, WA and served during the early Vietnam Era. His wife accompanied him to these varied assignment’s. Three of his five children were born at US Air Force Bases, two in Germany and one son in Tennessee.

He was honorably discharged and first returned to Chelsea before moving to Revere. He worked as a civilian air traffic controller at Logan Airport for several years. He concluded his work career as a warehouse foreman working for Quinlan Printing in Boston.

A resident of Exeter, NH for the past 15 years, he spent most of his life residing in Chelsea, Revere and briefly in Rowley before settling in Exeter NH with his wife.

In his lifetime, his wife was his world and he was forever devastated with her passing four years ago. He was strongly devoted to home and family and enjoyed all kinds of outdoor



activities, hunting, camping and fishing to name a few. After retirement, he briefly took the position of Range Officer at Danvers Fish and Game Club.

Roland was predeceased by his parents, wife and siblings. He was the beloved husband of 58 years of the late Barbara T. (DeGregorio) Brown; devoted father and father-in-law of John W. Brown of Newburyport, Dawn L. Covey and her late husband, Anthony of Port Huron, MI., Terrence “Terry” M. Brown and his wife, Jeanne Roselli of Boxford, Michael E. Brown and his wife, Teresa of Atkinson, NH and Theresa M. Tidmarsh and her husband, John of Rowley; dear brother of the late Kathleen Brown, Raymond Brown and Patrick Brown and he is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

His Funeral will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, at 9 a.m. followed by services in the Woodlawn Chapel, 302 Elm St., Everett at 10 a.m. Interment will be private. Funeral home fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral home.

Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown MA 02472.

Stella Janiak

Active at Chelsea Senior Center and St. Stanislaus Parish

Stella S. (Kloss) Janiak of Lynn, formerly of Chelsea, passed away Tuesday morning, Sept. 3 after a short illness in the peaceful surroundings of her Lynn home, comforted by the presence of her loving family and in the tender arms of her daughter. She was 89 years old.

Born, raised and a lifelong resident of Chelsea, she graduated from local schools.

She married to Walter S. Janiak (CPD Patrolman Ret.) in 1958 and together they raised a family of two sons and three daughters.

Stella worked for a time at Chelsea Clock, was a teacher’s aide with the Children’s Community Corner, a home health aide and part time floral designer. She still devoted her life to home and family. For a short period, Stella and Walter owned and operated a White Hen Pantry store in Malden before enjoying her full retirement. Stella also enjoyed summers at the family cottage in Goffstown, N.H., traveling with her husband to Europe, Poland, Italy and French Morocco. She was an active member and participant at the Chelsea Senior Center joining celebrations, dances and trips with her fellow seniors. She was also a longtime parishioner and communicant at St. Stanislaus Church. Stella and her husband moved to Lynn four years ago to be close with family in their golden years.

Stella was widowed two years ago, the beloved wife “My Sweetheart” of 59 years to the late Walter S. Janiak. She was the forever devoted and loved mother of Deborah Berardino and her husband, William of Londonderry N.H., Lisa Correnti with her companion, William M. Cohan of Lynn and Lisa’s late husbands; Paul Spada and Roy F. Correnti, Laurie Cataldo and her husband, Gregg of Chelsea, the late Michael Drigotas and Alfred “Butchie” Drigotas; cherished grandmother of



Annmarie Dasaro, Tanya and Anthony Fierro, Michael and Adele Drigotas, Christopher Drigotas, Alisha Spada, Blasé Cataldo and fiancé, Mariah Salah and AutumnRose Cataldo and adored great-grandmother of Natasha Dasaro, Jay and Ayane Brennan, Alexis Brennan and Logan Brennan. She is also survived by her precious great-great-grandchildren: Gianni, Gino, Scott, Emily and Fiona.

Visiting hours will be held at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway Chelsea on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Her funeral will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 11 from the Welsh Funeral Home at 8:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Stanislaus Church, 163 Chestnut St., Chelsea at 9:30 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. The funeral home is fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral home. Should friends desire, contributions in her memory may be made to The MGH development Fund, 125 Nashua St., Ste 540, Boston, MA 02114-1101. For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFuneralHome.com

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Anthony Memorial - Frank A.Welsh & Sons Chelsea. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit; www.WelshFuneralHome.com

Charise Heater

March 13, 1975 — Aug. 27, 2019

Charise L. Heater of Franklin passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 27. She was 44 years old.

Born in Melrose and raised in Billerica, the loving daughter of William and Diane Howard of Franklin, she moved with her family to Somerville New Jersey where she attended high school and graduated from Somerville High School. She excelled in school and was the Captain of the H.S. Color Guard, president of the Thespian Society, a member of the school Key Club and a High School Peer Leader. She placed 6th in a world competition held by Field of View.

She earned her BS degree in English Education from West Chester University, PA and earned a Master of Arts degree in Medieval Literature from Kutztown University, PA. She taught at the Pen Argyl Middle School, Nazareth PA. She also taught middle and high school English with Newton and Beverly school systems and directed two high school musicals.

She was the beloved mother of McKenna and Ivy Heater of Franklin, loving daughter of William and Diane Howard of Franklin, dear sister of Kimberly Woodruff and her husband,



Michael of Lawrenceville, NJ and adored aunt of Mia and Zachary Woodruff. She is also survived by her aunts, uncles and several extended family members.

Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the WelshFuneral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Funeral Services will be conducted in the funeral home immediately following the visitation at 11 a.m. Interment will be private. The Funeral Home is fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral home.

Should friends desire, in lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society c/o St. Mary’s Church, One Church Square, Franklin, MA 02038

Carmella Wagner

Dec. 27, 1928 – Aug. 31, 2019

Carmella Wagner, 90, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 31 at the Cottages at Dartmouth Village, an assisted living facility in Dartmouth.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was a daughter of the late Dominic and Rose (Ginoffe) Monziona. She graduated from Chelsea High School and married Norman Wagner in the late 1940’s. She resided in Chelsea for most of her life and raised two sons.

She worked outside of her home as a telephone operator, beginning with NE Tel & Tel Co. and continuing with NYNEX and Verizon. Throughout her career, she was stationed at the Chelsea and Malden Central Telephone Exchanges. She served as a union representative, traveled across the country fulfilling her duties and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

She retired to West Yarmouth in the 80’s and became active in community life there, volunteering at the local senior center and the American Red Cross, tutoring young children in reading and as a member of the Garden Club of Yarmouth.

She relished relaxing on Cape beaches reading in her lounge chair while enjoying her favorite Dunkin’ Coffee.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, one son and several siblings. She was the beloved wife of the late Norman Wagner, loving mother of Paul Wagner and his wife, Darlene



of Lunenburg and the late Richard M. Wagner, dear sister of Dominic Monziona of Hallandale, FL, Lillian Frongillo of Moreno Valley, CA, Angela Smith of Danvers, Lucy Hazelton of Hallandale FL, the late Joseph J. Sr., Michael and William Monziona, Eleanor Puleo, Rose Ambrogi and Mary Tosches. She is also survived by her grandson, Sandy Wagner and by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and extended family members.

Visiting hours will be held at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, Sept. 6 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Visitation will be followed by a Funeral Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere at 12 noon. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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CASA AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT PARTNER FOR RECOVERY MONTH
WINTHROP - Every September, communities across the country partake in Recovery Month, a national observance founded to educate Americans on the lifechanging treatments and services available for those who have a mental or substance abuse disorder. While this month is critical for bringing awareness to societies everywhere, professionals in the medical and mental health fields, believe that recovery awareness and tackling risky behaviors in youth, is something that every community could benefit from on a daily basis.
“There are a lot of things to do to help young people who have struggles, but I personally feel that development and risky behavior in youth is something a lot of people don’t have skills to handle,” said LeighAnne Eruzione, Executive Director of CASA (Community Action for Safe Alternatives.)
Eruzione’s passion for recovery came from her own personal experience, when a friend of hers got addicted to pain medication after receiving a prescription for an injury. Recognized as an accomplished athlete with a healthy home life, Eruzione’s friend was similar to the many others who have ultimately lost their lives as a result of what started out as an innocent addiction.
“My friend was taking prescription drugs regularly and I missed all the signs,” said Eruzione. “I consider myself to be responsible and yet someone was doing this right in front of my face and I didn’t see it. I wanted to go into this field and bring this to the forefront, because I realized how easy it is to not recognize the signs of opioid addiction. For me, that was eye-opening.”
The number of opioid-related deaths in Massachusetts has had a drastic increase over the last seven years, jumping from 733 confirmed deaths in 2012 to 1,995 confirmed deaths in 2018.
Winthrop Public Health Nurse, Meredith Hurley, recognizes the shared purpose of prevention and recovery and the overall health of a community.
“Addressing primary prevention issues is key to building a healthy community,” said Hurley. “It’s important to provide our youth with healthy coping mechanisms and we need to expand recovery month, so it is something that we focus on throughout the year. The goal of starting now is to continue awareness and get more community invested in the dialogue. From there, we can present new opportunities, trainings and community events.”
Both Eruzione and Hurley believe that you can’t just focus on one month. The complexity of the issue can’t be truly embraced in 30 days.
“Our goal is to bridge the gap,” said Eruzione. “We feel like opiates and heroine is a valid concern in our community. The majority of individuals struggling with opiate addiction are around the median age of 55 years old, but it’s important for us to remember that these older individuals didn’t wake up one day addicted to drugs.”
Eruzione said that these lifestyles typically start years earlier with alcohol and marijuana.
“Alcohol consumption for a developing brain is a risky behavior, limited adult supervision is a risky behavior, marijuana consumption is a risky behavior, taking prescription drugs that someone has not prescribed is a risky behavior. The notion that certain parts of adolescence is a rite of passage is not setting up youth for success. There needs to be a cultural shift in how adults are supporting and encouraging young people and our joint mission is to start creating the dialogue on these key issues. For CASA and the Health Department, that starts with recovery month and their hope is the conversation with grow and foster throughout the year.”

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Sixth-grader Ashley Alvarado Martinez and seventh-grader Alexa Martinez with little brother Nelson Martinez.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

The Chelsea Back to School Bash took place on the playground of the Williams School on Thursday, Aug. 22, and hundreds of returning students and their parents flocked to the event for a day of fun, information and giveaways. The annual event is put on by parents and parent coordinators throughout the district, and is hosted by the schools.

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Kaia Robinson Briggs and her grandfather, City Councillor Leo Robinson.



Andres Cruz helps out the Wright School Wolf (Javen Diaz) to the playground.



Kya'La Rocker of Off Broadway Dance gets ready to perform with her friends.



Pollo Campero Kelly Rahbain, the Pollo Campero chicken, Ana Chavez Pollo Campero, and Yolanda Valles of Chelsea Public Schools.



Firefighter Kevin DeJesus of Central Fire hands out safety coloring books.



Cara Cogliano and Yesenia Perez of the Chelsea Community Connections.



From the Berkowitz School, Pamela Rivera, Principal Adam Deleidi, and Monica Caparelli-Marengni.



Victoria Melera and Ameliana Gravellese, both of the Clark Avenue School.



Security Augustin Jimenez and Bea Cravatta, of Recreation and Cultural Affairs Division.



Wendy Oliveira and Nery Castro of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center gave a new pencil pouch to second-grader Naomi Rosario.



Stephanie Rodriguez and Council President Damali Vidot.



Chief Brian Kyes, Supt. Mary Bourque, Supt.-elect Almi Abeyta and Chelsea High Principal Alexander Mathews.



Police officers Dan Delaney and Dave Batchelor with Ron Robinson, who was promoting the Lewis Latimer Society's Chelsea Science Festival.



Mike Sandoval and Man Wai of the City of Chelsea handed out excellent new canvas bags – complete with the Chelsea City Seal on them.



Edmund Villanueva accompanies his daughter, third-grader Melissa Villanueva, and son Emerson.

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