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REAL ESTATE

Chelsea schools shine bright among urban districts

By Cary Shuman

It's an across-the-city success story, a cause for celebration for parents of Chelsea schoolchildren, a nod for a "great job" by the hard-working principals and teachers at all the schools – from the John Silber Early Learning Center to Chelsea High School – and a final tribute to the exceptional leadership of retiring Supt. of Schools Dr. Mary Bourque – and her administrative team at City Hall.

Here are some of the noteworthy accomplishments for a school system that has, for one reason or another, not received its due recognition statewide for what Dr. Bourque called, "this little scrappy school district, the Chelsea public schools and how it is really pushing and redefining urban education":

Chelsea achieved the highest categorization earned by the state's urban districts, that of "Substantial Progress Toward Targets"

Grades 3-8 English Language Arts average student growth percentile exceeded the state target

Chelsea's criterion Reference Target Percentage increased 12 points and is the highest in the District 5 Partnership

Chelsea High School's mathematics average student growth percentile increased 14 points and Advanced Placement Calculus scores outperformed the state and the globe

Chelsea English Language Learners improved 13 points showing "Substantial Progress"

Chelsea's "Lowest Performing Students" improved 22 points in elemen-

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PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Sophia, as a Fortnite character, Laura, as Captain Marvel, and Isabel, as a unicorn during the City's 15th annual Halloween Party on Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Williams School. The annual tradition drew in many families getting ready for Halloween today, Oct. 31. See more photos on page 8.

Sound barriers on Chelsea Curves will provide residents noticeable relief

By Seth Daniel

At the top of the new barriers being placed as part of the Chelsea Curves state highway project, one can see bolts on the top that seemingly will one day hold something.

What they will hold is peace and quiet for Chelsea residents alongside the highway – a peace that hasn't been known in that noisy part of the City for a generation.

As part of the Chelsea Curves project, sound barriers have been approved and will be installed along the edges on both sides of the highway roughly from County Road to the start of the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. Those barriers will protect residents from the dirt and grime of the highway, as well as the constant drone of cars on pavement.

But it wasn't always the case.

Councilor Roy Avelaneda said recently that when he was reviewing the plans for the Chelsea Curves – a matter he was

very concerned with due to the state's original desire to close the Fourth Street on-ramp – he noticed that there were no barriers.

Having previously worked at the state Department of Transportation (Mass DOT), often going out and talking about mitigation in wealthier suburban communities, he knew that sound barriers (sometimes known as a snow fence) were very much a possibility if Chelsea put

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Residential tax bills to rise modestly

By Adam Swift

Chelsea property owners will see a modest increase on their property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2020, with owners of commercial and industrial properties and apartment complexes of nine or more units shouldering a larger burden of the City's overall tax bill.

Monday night, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino presented an overview of the FY2020 tax rates and the valuation of Chelsea properties.

The City Council's annual tax rate classification hearing is scheduled for Nov. 25. At that time, the Council is expected to vote on two recommendations from Ambrosino, including a 175 percent tax burden shift onto commercial and industrial properties, and a 31 percent residential property tax exemption for Chelsea homeowners who live in the city.

If those recommendations are approved by the Council, the residential property tax rate would be \$13.46 per \$1,000 of valuation, while the commercial tax rate would be set at \$27.18.

While both those rates are lower than for FY19,

there will be an increase in the average tax bills because of the recent revaluation of Chelsea properties that saw assessed property values increase across the board. The average increase in assessed values ranged from 11.5 percent for single family homes to nearly 40 percent for apartment complexes of nine or more units. The averages ranged from 12 to just over 15 percent for 2, 3, and four-family homes and condominiums.

"With adoption of the maximum 175 percent shift and the ability to increase the residential exemption, the City Council will be able to keep tax increases reasonably modest for all owner occupants," said Ambrosino.

While the Council can increase the residential exemption to as much as 35 percent, Ambrosino is recommending it increase only 1 percent from the current 30 percent rate.

"This remaining 5 percent is the most effective tool for lowering residential property taxes and should be reserved for years with high increases," he said.

Cutting to the chase, if

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Incoming Supt. Almi Abeyta holds final Community Conversation

By Adam Swift

In two months, Almi Abeyta will fully take over the reins of the Chelsea Public Schools from retiring Supt. Mary Bourque.

But Abeyta has been doing anything but laying low since coming to Chelsea in the fall. Monday night, she held the final of four community conversations at the Clark Avenue Middle School.

A cross section of parents, students, and school staff listened to Abeyta talk about her background and educational goals for Chelsea, and broke off into working groups to discuss the pros and cons of the school system.

"I'm asking for the strengths and what the Chelsea Public Schools need to work on and invest in," said Abeyta.

Abeyta, who came to Chelsea after working at Somerville High School and in East Boston elementary schools, said the community conversations will help inform strategic planning and budgeting for the schools.

Abeyta, who comes from a long line of educators, including a grandfather who met her grandmother while working at a one-room schoolhouse in Colorado, said she has been impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the Chelsea community.

At one table during the breakout sessions Monday night, several Chelsea High

students discussed their perceptions of the public schools. Some of the usual suspects were listed as challenges, including less than thrilling school lunches, as well as staff turnover.

But even more strengths of the schools were listed, including district diversity, the REACH program, and the school libraries.

"This has been a great opportunity to learn about what the community values, and there has been a good turnout at the forums," said Abeyta.

As part of the transition plan put in place when Abeyta was hired this summer, she will be shadowing Bourque through Dec. 1. On Dec. 1, Bourque will take a step back and Abeyta will begin making school district decisions.

Bourque's last day is Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, 2020 will be Abeyta's first official day as superintendent.




Incoming Supt. Almi Abeyta at the final Community Conversation meeting on Monday, Oct. 28, in the Clark Avenue Middle School. The Conversations have been going very well all this month, and are paving the way for her to take the reins from Supt. Mary Bourque in December.

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NEWS Briefs

BY SETH DANIEL

ALL SOULS DAY ON NOV. 2

The Chelsea Prospers will host an All Souls Day, Dia de Esperanza, on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 3:30 p.m. Chelsea’s Dia de Esperanza reflects on loss through several Central American traditions. The event is inspired by the Sumpango Kite Festival in Guatemala as well as Ecuadorian traditions. Through a community art project and mini festival, Dia de Esperanza seeks to facilitate community conversations about both personal and community experiences of loss and change. The event will take place from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 456 Broadway, with music, refreshments and activities for all ages.

14th ANNUAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY

In memory of Dr. Elisha Hornblower “Skip” Atkins and Robert “Duke” Bradley, the Chelsea Public Library presents the 14th Annual Family Literacy Day. It will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Join in on activities, guest readers, music, and a performance by Off Broadway Dance Studio. Free backpack full of books for every child in attendance

while supplies last. Questions? Call the library at 617-466-4350.

CONVERSATION WITH THE CITY MANAGER

Meet Chelsea’s City Manager; learn more about the work the City is doing and find ways to participate in activities and events taking place in the City. Share your ideas, suggestions, and opinions in an informal setting on Wednesday, November 6, 6-7:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. Come to the Williams Building, 180 Walnut Street. Call (617) 466-5233.

HOW TO MAKE CHELSEA A MUSIC CITY

Musicians, entrepreneurs, business owners, and innovators are welcome to share their ideas on how to make Chelsea a Music City! Participate in discussions about the importance of music in urban areas, what a Music City is, and how music friendly policies in the city could enable cultural development and potential economic and employment benefits. Thursday, November 7, 6:30-8:30pm at the Williams Building, 180 Walnut Street. Live performance and refreshments! Walk ins are welcome or

go to: recreation.chelseama.govwhere you can register online or in person at the Williams Building, 180 Walnut Street, Monday-Friday, 4-8:30pm and Saturday 9-4:30pm. Call (617) 466-5233.

WATER LEAK ALERTS

The City of Chelsea is offering a free service to residents to help efficiently manage water usage and lower monthly bills. The service also notifies residents if usage indicates a possible leak. Register for this service at <http://chelsea.aquahawk.us> or call 617-464-4041 for more information.

PLASTIC BAG BAN COMING SOON

The City will officially ban plastic bag sales in the City on December 17. As of that date, retail establishments will no longer be able to utilize plastic bags for packaging of goods to customers at checkout. The goal of the ban is to improve the environment and to eliminate litter in the City. The City will be providing businesses with a supply of reusable bags to begin with. Questions can be directed by email to Fidel Maltez at Fmaltez@chelseama.gov.

ARMED ROBBERY WITH FIREARM

On at 2:45 p.m. on Oct. 20, officers responded to the area of 216 Broadway (Humberto Market) for a report of an armed robbery involving a firearm. Officers were able to identify the vehicle involved utilizing the city camera system. The suspect vehicle was spotted a short time later with a male entering the drivers’ side door. CPD detectives arrived and secured the vehicle and questioned the suspect. They placed him under arrest for Armed Robbery. Detectives seized evidence of the robbery after conducting a search warrant.

Virgilio Castro Carranza, 39, of 99 Central Ave., was charged with two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, two counts of armed assault to rob, and two counts of receiving stolen property over \$1,200.

GROUP ATTACK

On Oct. 15, at 9 a.m., officers responded to the in-

tersection of Highland and Gerrish Avenue for a report of an assault in progress. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a witness who saw the attack of the victim by six Hispanic males, who all exited from a van and then proceeded to assault the victim.

Officers identified all six involved and placed them under arrest for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Ray Bennett, 19, of Winthrop; Kevin Gomez-Solis, 25, of 149 Addison St.; Fernando Cruz, 22, of Medford; Alexander Pleitez-Molina, 22, of Somerville; Jaylen Zayas, 19, of 9 Park St.; and Orlando Herrera, 25, of Lynn; were all charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

ARMED MAN APPREHENDED IN CHELSEA HIGH

On Oct. 15, at 11:30 a.m., the CPD officer assigned to Chelsea High School was

directed to a classroom where a male, who was not a student, walked into a classroom. The male was known to the officer and not a student. He was arrested for trespassing and illegally carrying a knife on school grounds.

Douglas Amaya Alvarado, 18, of 69 Central Ave., was charged with trespassing and carrying a dangerous weapon on school grounds.

SHOOTING PEOPLE WITH BB GUN

On Oct. 17, at 2:15 p.m. a CPD officer was dispatched to the area of Division at Cross Street for a report of a person shooting a BB Gun at multiple cars and nearly striking the victim as he entered his car. Officers received information on the suspect and placed him under arrest at 167 Walnut St. The BB-gun was seized.

A 17-year-old juvenile from Chelsea was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

POLICE Log

Broadway, Chelsea, was arrested on a warrant.

Brayner Escobar, 21, 94 Chestnut St., Chelsea, was arrested for possessing to distribute Class B drugs and immigration detainer.

Darwin Solis, 42, 107 Essex St., Chelsea, was arrested for possessing open alcoholic beverage in public and possessing Class B drug.

Monday, 10/14

Johnny Godoy, 24, 136 Shurtleff St., Chelsea, was arrested on a warrant.

Tuesday, 10/15

Ray Bennett, 19, 100 Beach Rd., Winthrop, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Kevin Gomez-Solis, 25, 149 Addison St., Chelsea, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Fernando Cruz, 22, 72 Alexander Ave., Medford, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Alexander Pleitez-Molina, 22, 30 Canal Ln., Somerville, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Jaylen Zayas, 19, 9 Park St., Chelsea, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Orlando Herrera, 25, 3 Brightwood Terrace, Lynn, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Douglas Amaya Alvarado, 18, 69 Central Ave., Chelsea, was arrested for trespassing and dangerous weapon on school grounds.

Adele McCabe, 34, Homeless, was arrested on a warrant.

Elizabeth Quinn, 36, 2 Woodville Way, Hopkinton, was arrested on warrants.

Jose Castro, 44, address unknown Chelsea, was arrested on a warrant.

Wednesday, 10/16
Israel Martinez, 33, 411 Broadway, Chelsea, was arrested on a warrant.

Juan Tapia Hernandez, 39, 83 Addison St., Chelsea, was arrested for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Jairon Cespedes Valdez, 37, 140 Middle St., Lawrence, was arrested for distribution of Class A drug, possessing to distribute Class Drug and on a warrant.

CandyCerosé Torres, 47, 17 Franklin St., Lynn, was arrested on a warrant.

Thursday, 10/17

Darwin Solis, 42, 107 Essex St., Chelsea, was arrested on a warrant.

David Anaya, 48, 272 Broadway, Chelsea, was arrested for trafficking in heroin/morphine/opium and possessing Class B drug.

Juvenile offender, 17, Chelsea, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon.

Sunday, 10/20

Albin Hernandez, 37, 466 Broadway, Chelsea, was arrested on a warrant.

Leland Butler, 40, 107 Park Drive, Boston, was arrested on a warrant and violation ordinance of alcoholic beverages/marijuana/THC

Virgilio Castro Carranza, 39, 99 Central Ave., Chelsea, was arrested for fire armed robbery, armed assault to rob, receiving stolen property (2 counts) armed assault to rob and firearmed robbery.

Developer seeks demo of King Arthur’s

By Seth Daniel

The King Arthur’s building is just barely in Chelsea, but since the 1970s, it has been a thorn right in the middle of the community’s conscience.

Now, those reminders of bad times past at the former strip club and motel in the industrial district are about to come down with the wrecking ball – to be replaced by a recreational marijuana store.

GreenStar Herbals will be before the Conservation Commission on Nov. 7 for a hearing on their Notice of Intent to demolish the for-

mer King Arthur’s building. The building is actually in the waterfront flood plain and has to provide flood storage areas and other water infiltration systems.

Con Com Chair John DePriest said it is a milestone worth noting.

“The Con Com will most likely approve,” he said. “The new building they are building is smaller so it would be able to provide for parking and landscaping. You’ll still have the other old buildings around it that don’t look great, but at least you have this building and the old building will be gone. You have to start somewhere.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said it was a milestone to get rid of that building, and he was glad to see some new investment there.

“The City has been very supportive of that project, and it’s about time that old building was gone,” he said.

There is no timeline for the demolition, if approved, but it expected to come sometime in the new year or late this year.

The new operators would be opening a recreational marijuana retail store on the site, a store that still needs several state and City approvals.

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tary and middle schools and 19 points in high school.

Dr. Bourque said the road to today’s successes began in 2011.

“We’ve been underfunded all these years, that’s why the Mass. Student Opportunity Act (that would add \$1.5 billion to education funding over the next seven years) was so important,” said Bourque. “But during these years of underfunding, we’ve always gone after grants and the grants helped us to do the turn-around work in our schools.”

Bourque said Chelsea is seeing “a march towards deep transformational change” in the schools.

“Our AP schools have been slowly increasing, our overall criterion reference scores increased in 2018 and 2019 and our English Language proficiency scores continue to increase,” said Bourque.

Chelsea High students are making their mark with their excellent scores in

Advanced Placement tests, particularly in Calculus, which certainly illuminates the superb mathematics department at CHS. Eighty-six seniors took AP exams last year.

“We’ve been working hard year in and year out toward these achievements,” said Bourque. “The last four years we’ve has about seventy-two percent of students going on to two-or-four-year colleges. The last three years, we have had over \$4 million given in scholarship and awards. That goes beyond what other districts do.”

Being able to overcome challenges

There are challenges in the school district. As Bourque notes, for every 100 students who enter in the Chelsea school system, approximately 25 leave within 12 months for various reasons.

“Yet, we’re able to move the needle on opening the doors of opportunity for the students,” said Bourque.

The superintendent said that classroom size “is in a good, reasonable 22-25 student-to-teacher ratio. There are 6,400 students in the district. The school system is seeing an influx of parents with school-age children moving here from East Boston, where rents for apartments have been soaring.

Superintendent says a team effort is producing great results

What does Dr. Bourque

attribute to the improved scores system wide and the increasing number of graduates going on to excel in college? One of many shining examples is 2018 CHS graduate Deedee Hernandez, who is now a freshman at prestigious Dartmouth College.

“It’s our teachers, our administrators, our academic coaches, our district coordinators, our assistant superintendents – everybody is just working coherently, everybody is in the boat rowing in the same direction. I’m very proud of our schools.”

Assistant Supt. Kent said, “I would just stress the fact it’s a progression – our students do come and go and we do have a lot of mobility - the high school does have wonderful scores but it’s coming from a whole system of employment. The success is being built from the ground up.”

Superintendent-Elect Dr. Almi Abeyta will be succeeding Dr. Bourque at the helm of the Chelsea school system. She is ready to carry on the excellence and pursue even greater heights for the district.

“There are a lot of systems and structures in place,” said Abeyta. “The academic work on the instructional side is strong so my job will just be to carry it to the next level. My goal is to continue to work and to make sure we’re steering the ship in the right direction that it’s already been going in.”



Supt. of Schools-Elect Almi Abeyta, Supt. of Schools Mary Bourque, and Assistant Supt. Sarah Kent, pictured at their administrative offices at Chelsea City Hall.

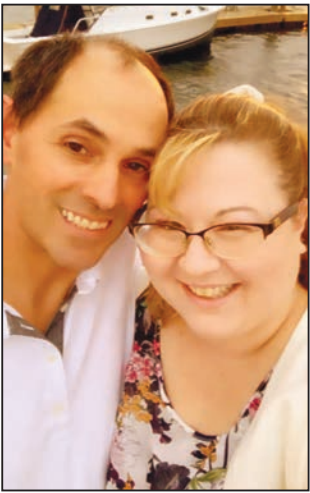
CHELSEA HIGH CLASS OF 1989 HOLDS 30TH REUNION

The Chelsea High School Class of 1989 held its 30th Reunion on Sept. 7 at the Chelsea Yacht Club.

The guests reminisced about their glorious days as students at Chelsea High School.

John Montes and Carolyn Boumila-Vega, who was the freshman and sophomore class president, organized the reunion.

Friends of the Class of 1989 also enjoyed being guests at the reunion.



Paul Bourgea and his wife, Kathryn.



Classmates enjoy their 30th reunion.



Friends of the Class of 1989, Hassell, Sandy Mojica, John Montes, and John Hassell.



From left, Carolyn Boumila-Vega, Anthony Kosuk, Heather (LaLiberte) Guthrie, Edna Cosme, Sandy Mojica, John Montes, Ray Cross, John Triolo, John Saunders, Chanvantey Samon, and Joe Bertocchi.



John Saunders, Heather Guthrie, John Montes, and Carolyn Boumila-Vega.



Carolyn Boumila-Vega, John Montes, and John Triolo.



Friends of the Class of 1989, Chuck Zucco, Marsha Fernsten, and Heather Guthrie.



These classmates catch up on old times at CHS.

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the Council approves the two recommendations, the FY20 tax bill for a single family home at the median assessed value of \$357,500 will be \$2,645. That is down 1.6 percent over the average FY19 bill.

For condo owners, the

average bill will go up 6.5 percent to \$1,937.

Owners of two-family homes will see a 4.3 percent jump to \$4,191, and owners of three-family homes will see a slight decrease to \$5,553. Four-unit owner occupied properties can ex-

pect a .5 percent increase in the tax bill to \$6,688 for the median assessed value of \$659,241.

Ambrosino said City Hall will be open late for several nights before the City Council votes so that property owners can check

the new assessed valuations of their properties.

Ambrosino noted that in addition to the residential exemption rate, Chelsea does offer other assistance on property taxes for residents, especially for those 65 and older.

District 1 Councillor Bob Bishop noted that one of his pet peeves about the assessment process is that owners of large apartment complexes are taxed at residential rates, while owners of smaller commercial properties face the burden

of the 175 percent tax shift.

“I’ve advocated that income producing apartments of more than four units should be taxed at the commercial rate,” said Ambrosino. “But that would take a Constitutional amendment.”

VOTE NOV 5

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AVELLANEDA

Councilor-At-Large



Started Memorial Day Flag Planting.

Background

- Life Long Chelsea Resident
- Homeowner
- Small Business Owner
- Former District 7 Councilor
- Former Ex. Dir. Chelsea Chamber of Commerce
- Former Planning Board
- Former License Board
- State Senate Legislative Aide
- Asst. Director Leg Affairs Mass DOT
- Mass Democrat Delegate
- Licensed Real Estate Broker
- Babson College, BA
- Boston University, Real Estate School Graduate

Council Accomplishments

1. Led ban on Nip Sales in Chelsea, which led to 600+ less police, fire & ambulance calls for service and cleaner safer streets in Chelsea.
2. RT 1 Sound Proofing Snow Wall.
3. Kept 5th ST Ramp Open.
4. Helped Overturn an Illegal Water Rate Discount Program that led to higher water bills to condo owners.
5. Advocated successfully for Chelsea senior bus program.
6. Started the Chelsea Sq. Memorial Day Flag Planting for military remembrance.
7. Had the City begin displaying the names of Chelsea Neighborhoods & Squares to encourage civic pride.
8. Lobbied State to approve sponsored home rule petition to increase home tax exemption.
9. Shared Bike Program.



Advocated for Senior Bus Shuttle.

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BE SURE TO VOTE TUESDAY

This Tuesday, Nov. 5, is election day in cities and some towns across the state for local offices, including mayoral and council contests.

Not too long ago, local elections in Massachusetts routinely drew voter turnouts of 80-90 percent, almost equivalent to, if not exceeding, presidential elections. However, in recent decades, voter turnout typically has been no more than 30 percent for municipal elections.

We find it ironic that local elections attract the attention of only a fraction of the voters who turn out for the state and national elections. Local government, and those whom we elect to serve in those posts, have much more of an impact on our daily lives than do our state and federal governments.

Local government is in charge of our public safety departments, our schools, our trash collection, the condition of our streets, and almost everything else in between.

The quality of life in our hometown communities affects our families and ourselves -- and our property values -- far more directly than what transpires at the state and national levels.

So we urge all of our readers to get out and vote on Tuesday. The aphorism about the weather -- that we all complain about it, but can't do anything about it -- does not apply to our local government.

We do indeed have the ability to affect what happens at our local government level -- but only we if take the time to vote.

Your opinions, please

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LETTER to the Editor

I OFFER MY SUPPORT

To the Editor,
As Suffolk County District Attorney, I am pleased and honored to offer my unqualified support for Chelsea City Councilors Roy Avellaneda, Joe Perlatonda, Giovanni Recupero, and dean of the council Leo Robinson.
Chelsea is fortunate to have such dedicated public servants at the city's helm. Their support in my campaign was critical to my election and I look forward to continuing our work together in making Chelsea an even safer, more vibrant and inclusive community.

Like the city itself, these councilors are diverse and have great pride in Chelsea. They know and love the community and are dedicated public servants. They have my unwavering support and I hope the residents of Chelsea vote for their re-election.

Rachael Rollins
Suffolk County
District Attorney

I SUPPORT DAMALI VIDOT

Dear Neighbors,
In just a week, on Tuesday, November 5th, we will have the opportunity to exercise our right to vote. I've had the honor to represent District 2 on the Chelsea School Committee for the past 8 years and I humbly ask for your support as I'm seeking re-election. Chelsea residents we must come out to vote. It is our Civic duty and responsibility to choose who we feel is the best candidate to represent us both on School Committee and City Council. To represent me on the Chelsea City Council I will be voting for Damali Vidot.
I support Damali Vidot for Chelsea City Councilor, At Large. She is from our community, she knows our community, and she has proven that she will fight for our community. She is a true champion for the people, all people, of Chelsea.
Damali has been an activist all of her life, and that translates to her leadership style as President of the City Council. She is unafraid in boldly advocating for housing equity and responsible development, infrastructure improvement and accessibility, youth engagement and empowerment, environmental justice, and providing a platform for all to be involved in our political process.

I trust Damali. I trust Damali because I trust her process. She knows how to get things done and has the resources and networks to do so. Damali knows the importance of collaboration - with local businesses, organizations, and regional leaders- when providing

solutions for Chelsea's specific needs.

I feel safe and confident knowing a fellow mother, the only woman serving At-Large, is in office looking out for our families and our children. Having raised both of my children in Chelsea, I know firsthand the value of leaders and role models who prioritize youth development. It really does take a village to raise a child, and Damali has been working to empower our kids -- have you heard of The Movement Basketball League - and prioritizing the betterment of our education system for over twenty years. Damali's mission is one built on transparency, empathy, and inclusivity. I stand with Damali because I know she stands with us.

I hope you will join me in re-electing Damali Vidot for Chelsea City Council, At Large, on Tuesday, November 5th. Damali is first on the ballot! See you at the polls.

Jeanette Velez -- School Committee District 2
Franklin Avenue

WE SUPPORT DAMALI VIDOT

Dear Friend and Voter:
We write today to request your support and consideration for City Council President Damali Vidot. As Chelsea residents and community leaders, we strongly support Damali for re-election, for many reasons, some of which include:
As a mother, she has first-hand knowledge of and prioritizes the needs of our Chelsea's youth who face so many challenges.
As a homeowner, she knows about property taxes, the drivers of gentrification and how difficult it is to make ends meet, especially for those who are elderly, disabled and low-income.
As a community activist, she knows how to fight for the needs of our community.

As a lifelong Chelsea resident, she knows that Chelsea is a place where generations come together to make a difference, to make improvements.

As the first female to be City Council President for two consecutive terms, she knows how to be a role model for young women looking to make a difference.

As a small business owner, Damali understands the challenges facing our local mom and pop stores. She works with them to ensure their success while meeting the cultural & economic goals of the city.

In the four short years Damali has been on the Chelsea City Council, she positively impacted life for all Chelsea residents by:

Leading the re-creation of the Chelsea Youth Commission, now active and

staffed
Working with the City Manager to revamp and create the City's Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department which supports youth jobs, community events and a centralized system for permitting parks and schools facilities.

Meeting with the General Manager of the MBTA to demand better public transportation for Chelsea residents. This won a Chelsea Public Transit Task Force, free fares into Boston on the commuter rail and Silver Line.

Supporting the City of Chelsea's successful bid to win a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize.

Worked together with community and academic partners to bring a Noise Study to Chelsea to engage residents in monitoring noise from the airport and related industries.

Fought for a strong Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance that provides deeper affordability for Chelsea homes.

Founded The Movement basketball league in partnership with community leaders, which provides Chelsea youth a positive recreational outlet. Organized Free Back-to-School Haircuts event for dozens of Chelsea youth with Yamir Rodriguez and local barbers and hairstylists.

Stood with Puerto Rican families devastated by Hurricane Maria and fought for PR's debt relief to help rebuild the Island and get families back into their homes.

Signed on as an Affiant in Conservation Law Foundation's lawsuit against Everett's Exxon Mobil facility that is placing hundreds of Chelsea and Everett residents' lives at risk of climate impacts.

In short, as a lifelong resident, mother, activist, and homeowner, Damali Vidot understands the needs and concerns facing our community. Damali is supported by and has been endorsed by dozens of elected officials and unions. As community leaders, we too support her and we hope you will join us in voting for Damali Vidot on Tuesday, November 5th.

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WE SUPPORT MARK ROSSI

DEAR EDITOR
To our fellow Chelsea residents and voters,
We are writing to encourage you to consider Mark Rossi for one of your three votes for Chelsea City Councillor at Large. We all know Mark Rossi through different paths. But we all agree that Mark is a dedicated, passionate and intelligent person. His work as a lawyer and his time on the Licensing Commission show his ability to interpret and create effective law and policy. Mark's role as an adoptive father and his dedication to the Human Rights Commission and Affordable Housing Trust Fund demonstrate his empathy for his neighbors with varying needs and vulnerabilities. His extensive pro bono work is a testament to his desire to do the hard work without the fame. Mark Rossi is more than our friend and neighbor. Mark is a leader. Chelsea needs and deserves a leader like Mark, especially at this pivotal time for the city. This time of rapid development is leading to a housing crisis, fueling infighting among our elected officials. We need someone like Mark on City Council to help elevate the conversation and affect real change with notable results. This can only occur with comprehensive ideas and creative solutions from a qualified candidate. We join the Fire Fighters Local 937 and many many others in endorsing Mark Rossi for Chelsea City Councillor at Large! For these reasons and more we encourage you to vote for Mark Rossi for Chelsea City Councillor at Large on November 5th. He is third on the ballot. For rides to the polls or questions, please call 617-466-9310. #ImwithMark

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together a uniform advocacy front.

"I was at one point with Mass DOT and going out and discussing mitigation with communities and saw firsthand some things they built out during large projects, particularly with sound mitigation," he said. "When they did work or expanded the highway, the neighbors often complained about noise and Mass Highway would install very expensive sound walls. You can see them today, many of them in the suburbs and on the 128 corridor."

However, they weren't in the Chelsea plans. Instead, they had a chain link fence that wouldn't have helped

anyone.

"I felt the opportunity existed for them to put these up in Chelsea, but they had no intention," he said. "I told them if they did it in Beverly and Danvers, and I had information that they did, then they could do it in Chelsea. They weren't expecting that...I always say Chelsea is one of the communities that gets shorted when it comes to the mitigation and benefits that other communities get. This is the one time when maybe we got what we wanted. It's a significant cost and a lot more work."

With City Manager Tom Ambrosino also calling for the sound walls, and others

in the neighborhoods and business community lending support, MassDOT relented and told Avellaneda they would include them in the project.

"Instead of chain link, they are putting an enhanced snow wall with acoustical properties -- officially speaking," said Avellaneda. "Officially it can't be called a sound wall but because of we called for them to put them up as part of community mitigation in the February 2017 agreement, they are part of the project now."

Avellaneda said from his experience, and from the word of the highway engineers, there will be a great

difference on the ground in terms of noise.

"There will be a noticeable difference in the sound," he said. "It actually will make a difference and at some point we should contemplate a wall along the Chelsea Street corridor between the Bridge and the curves -- maybe an acoustical wall."

He said Chelsea's lack of amenities like a sound wall for the Curves and Bridge go back to old construction that hasn't been updated.

"Today, that Tobin Bridge and highway would not be built the way it was," he said. "It would never pass environmental reviews."



GUEST OP-ED

Huge education funding increase will be a game-changer

By Roberto Jimenez,

Chelsea’s children deserve the best education we can provide for them. However, our school budgets have not been keeping up with the increasing cost of educating our students. Although Massachusetts is number one in education in the nation, not all students have equal access to this educational quality. Gateway cities like Chelsea have, for many years, been underfunded by our state government, which means our students don’t have access to resources that would empower more of them to find successful careers and become active leaders in our community. However, it looks like things are about to change.

Over the past month, both chambers of the State Legislature unanimously passed the Student Opportunity Act, which would boost education funding in Massachusetts by \$1.5 billion. Final numbers are not

available yet, but Chelsea will likely receive over \$30 million in additional funding after the bill is signed into law. This has been a hard-fought victory, and over the past year, I have been advocating for this change: I have met with our legislators, been part of demonstrations on Beacon Hill, and written about why we so urgently need this. My desire to secure these resources for our students ultimately led me to run for School Committee At-Large.

More money means that we can hire more teachers and give our students the individualized attention that they need. It means that our English language learners and students with special needs will see improved supports that will help them get ahead faster. Ultimately, it means more opportunities for our children to grow up understanding that if they work hard they will be able to achieve anything they set their minds to. The School

Committee has a responsibility to make sure the funding is used in ways that will actually improve our students’ lives.

I have advocated for increased educational funding tirelessly since before deciding to run for office. This bill is a huge win for our students, and it comes with no increase to your taxes. If you believe in supporting all of our students throughout their K-12 experience, I encourage you to call your State Senator and State Representative to tell them you support the Student Opportunity Act, and to come out and vote for Roberto Jiménez Rivera on Tuesday, November 5. If elected, I will make sure our district uses this funding wisely, and I will continue to fight for our students and our schools.

Roberto Jimenez, is a candidate for School Committee seeking election.

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Leo’s goal is to build a better Chelsea.

Leo ha trabajado duro durantes más de treinta años como Concejal de la ciudad para representar a los residentes de Chelsea de manera profesional, honesta y valiente. Leo ha establecido un historial de logros claro y comprobado como un líder que comprende las necesidades de sus residentes, tiene compasión por los empobrecidos y es sensible a todos los residentes de Chelsea. El objetivo de Leo es construir una mejor Chelsea.

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GUEST OP-ED

An Olympian’s guide to the boardroom

By Michael G. Wilson

I’ve hit rock bottom more times than I can count.

As a gymnast, I overcame injuries that would have ended many other athletes’ careers -- only to watch my Olympic dreams slip out of reach. As a businessman, I built a successful start-up -- and then lost it all.

The main thing I’ve learned? Setbacks can be productive if you’re willing to learn from them. Today, as I lead a successful company, I constantly inform my decision-making with the lessons I learned as an athlete and entrepreneur.

First, never give up. When I was 12, I trained under gymnastics coach Ralph Reeves, the toughest coach I ever had. I would spend hours perfecting my craft -- getting up on the pommel horse as I tried not to look down at my cracked and bloodied hands. Upon finishing each routine, Coach Reeves would utter one word: “Again.”

As the Junior Olympic Games approached, it looked like my hard work was about to pay off. Then, I blew out my knee and tore my ACL, MCL, and meniscus while training. Refusing to let my injury determine my fate, I went

on to win my first national championship.

I eventually graduated from the University of Oklahoma as a five-time All-American and NCAA champion with a spot on the Olympic roster. But due to President Jimmy Carter’s boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, I never got a chance to participate.

I was devastated, but I picked myself up -- again -- and transitioned to the business world. More setbacks awaited.

Second? Forgive others. In the mid-1980s, I started my first company. But before I knew it, the relationship I had with my business partner soured and I found myself broke, divorced, and living in a tiny apartment on a loan from my ex-father-in-law.

That episode would have been enough for a logical person to never open another business.

Call me illogical. After this incident, I went on to build and sell multiple successful companies. I say this not to brag, but merely to prove my bona fides to other entrepreneurs who are just starting out and facing their own challenges.

It’s crucial to forgive your colleagues, your subordinates, even yourself. I didn’t dwell on losing my Olympic dreams; I moved


on to compete as a businessman. And I didn’t vow revenge on my ex-partner, I forgave him.

Finally, trust but verify. As an athlete, I had to trust and listen to my body, my doctors, my coaches and trainers to overcome my injuries. After my experiences, I’ve learned to pay very close attention to what people are saying -- and more importantly what they aren’t saying -- in the boardroom. Reading body language and getting to know people before you do business with them is just as important as studying their qualifications on paper.

Today, as I lead a business, I spend countless hours strategizing for and planning out my board meetings. Sometimes my preparation lasts three times as long as the actual meeting. But as I learned throughout my athletic experience, preparation is the best way to ensure success.

If you’re an entrepreneur, you will eventually experience a business setback. It’s inevitable. But the next time you do -- pause, make a game plan, and think to yourself, “again.”

Michael Wilson is the CEO of Healthcare Highways. This piece originally ran on InnovationMap.com.





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CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$10,000 POT-O-GOLD DINNER

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce held its annual \$10,000 Pot-O-Gold Dinner Oct. 23 at Anthony’s, Malden.

With a Halloween theme, several guests came attired in splendid costumes. The hall was also decorated beautifully in Halloween fashion.

The guests enjoyed a social hour followed by a sit-down dinner and dessert.

There were 10 finalists for the \$10,000 grand prize before the final four opt-

ed to split the prize, with each receiving \$2,500. The winners were: Shelagh Mahoney-McNamee, Molly McNamee, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, and Colwen Hotels.

Event Chair Susan Gallant and her committee did a great job organizing the annual event, which is the Chamber of Commerce’s major fundraiser of the year.

Congratulations to the Chamber on a fun-filled evening.



Representing One North, who won the Funniest Costume Award, Caitlin Bishop (Thing 2), Josh Syska (Cash in the Hat), and Ally Sterns (Thing 1).



Joseph Vinard presents the winnings in the 50-50 raffle to Ledia Koco,



Starbucks Couple, D. Bruce Mauch of Chelsea Clock Co. and his wife, Gayle Mauch.



Chamber of Commerce President Joseph Mahoney and his wife, Carolyn Mahoney.



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Ricky Velez, technical director of Chelsea Community Cable Television, who broadcast the event, and Renee Caso-Griffin, owner of two Dunkin stores on Everett Avenue.



Former Chamber of Commerce President Dennis Cataldo (second from right) as Gomez, with Morticia (far right), and the rest of the Addams Family, easily one of the best group costumes of the event.



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MyRWA adds staff to help communities prepare for extreme weather

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) has announced that it has hired a specialist to help watershed communities prepare for climate resilience and social change, with one of those key communities being Chelsea.

“Far too often when we talk about preparing for climate change we focus on buildings and infrastructure and we leave out the people,” said Patrick Herron, Executive Director of the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA). “We are thrilled to announce that Melanie Gárate is joining our staff to help integrate public health and social resilience best practices into community preparedness efforts.”

Gárate’s position was created as part of the \$1.3 million in funding MyRWA has helped secure for regional climate resilience efforts through the 16-community Resilient Mystic Collaborative. As Climate Resilience Project Manager, she will work closely with public health departments, service providers and community leaders to help municipalities identify priority actions and investments to protect people’s health, housing and ability to work during and after heat waves and big storms.

As part of these efforts, she will also work with MyRWA’s Greenways Director to increase community engagement in designing waterfront parks and paths to help people stay cool in the summer and provide safe, beautiful, active transportation opportunities.


“I am excited and humbled to join MyRWA in this capacity,” said Gárate. “I look forward to using my research background and lived experience as a Chilean-American immigrant to help incorporate the values and needs of those who typically do not have a seat at the table into our collective efforts to prepare the Mystic for climate change.”

Gárate is an experienced marine ecologist and educator with a BS in Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences from UMass Boston and an MS in Marine Ecology and Climate Change from the University of Rhode Island. Fluent in both Spanish and English, she received a National Science Foundation Research Fellowship to study mangrove ecology in Puerto Rico. As an educator with the New England Aquarium and Mass Audubon, she taught environmental education and conservation science in both Spanish and English.


A photograph of three women dressed in costumes. The woman on the left is dressed as the Wicked Witch of the West, wearing a black pointed hat, a black cape, and a black dress with a large black belt. The woman in the middle is dressed as Dorothy, wearing a blue and white checkered dress over a white blouse, holding a small basket containing a stuffed dog. The woman on the right is dressed as the Wicked Witch of the West, wearing a white pointed hat with a red jewel, a white dress with gold stars, and a large pearl necklace. The background is a plain wall with a skull decoration on the right.

A group of six people, three men and three women, are posing for a photo at a dining table in a restaurant. The table is set with plates, glasses, and a centerpiece. A sign on the table reads "14 \$10,000". The people are smiling and appear to be enjoying their time together. The background shows other tables and chairs in the restaurant.

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RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION HOST XV ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

The City of Chelsea’s Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division hosted the XV Annual Halloween Celebration on October 27 at the Williams Building, where a Tyrannosaurus was chased by a tiny, hug-seeking dinosaur, and a small shark fished for monsters. Families enjoyed haunted puppet shows, decorated bat and pumpkin cookies, and danced in a musical Halloween symbols game.



Four-year-old Bruno Pineda, as Captain America.



Rosalin and Mila Vega, as Princess Cinderella.



Marie Jules, Arianna Valeus, and Lavi Lopez.



Jayanna Newson decorating a bat cookie.



Boston University volunteers: Juan Zapata, Bryant Liriano, Kierfer Rosa, David Guarin, and Mile Arellano.



Six-year-old Christopher Munoz, dressed as Harry Potter, playing Addams Family Toss.



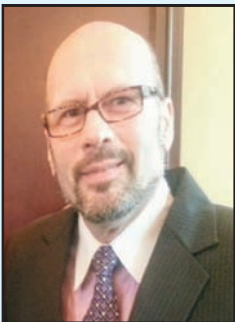
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I have always put Chelsea residents first and will continue to do so.

Chelsea’s safety and future has always been and will continue to be my number 1 priority.

As a leader of Chelsea, I was one of the first City Councilors to ensure city’s safety by having the police officers walk a beat and have LED lights installed throughout the City.

Education is also a must for our children’s future. I believe and have always supported as well as fought to allocate more money in our budget, so that our children receive the education they deserve.

Cleanliness of our City is crucial and challenging. However, I had solar power barrels put throughout the City to keep Chelsea clean and attractive for all of us to enjoy.

Housing in Chelsea tends to be a big issue which I am still working on, both for the affordable and the market rate housing.

Changing our residential parking program is also on my agenda, in order to have a better system in place. That way, it can accommodate the growing number of vehicles.

I also have helped lower the water rate and am also fighting to find solutions to lower our taxes.

There is so much more on my plate that needs to be done, but without your vote, it is impossible to attain these challenging undertakings.

Remember when you go to the polls on Tuesday November 5, 2019: a Vote for me is a Vote for you.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 617-855-8688 should you need a ride to the polling station.


District 3 City Councilor Joseph Perlatonda



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Sports

CHS Roundup

CHS FOOTBALL TEAM HOSTS CATHEDRAL TODAY

The Chelsea High football team will host Cathedral High in the consolation bracket of the state football tournament this evening (Thursday) at Chelsea Stadium.

The opening kickoff is set for 4:30.

The Red Devils dropped a 34-0 decision to Whittier Tech last weekend.

“We have a short week, so we need a good week of practice,” said CHS head coach Rasi Chau in anticipation of tonight’s contest.

Both Chelsea and Cathedral will be seeking their second win of the season in tonight’s matchup. The Red Devils are 1-6, with a 34-0 victory over Minuteman to their credit, while Cathedral notched a 30-0 triumph over Atlantic Charter School.

REYES WINS CAC MEET

For the third year in a row, a Chelsea runner has captured the Commonwealth Athletic Conference individual championship at the CAC League Meet.

Red Devil senior Jazmany Reyes, following in the footsteps of former teammates Jose Leclerc (2017) and Justin Turner (2018), outran the field in Saturday morning’s All-CAC Meet that was hosted by Greater Lowell.

“Jazmany ran a great race,” said CHS head coach Don Fay. “He ran with the lead pack of about six or seven runners. In the last half mile of the race he took control of the race and ran to victory. When we were passing out bib numbers before the race, his bib number was ‘1’, which was a good precursor for what was to come!”

The Red Devils were looking to defend their 2018 league meet title, but were edged by the two teams that had defeated them during the regular

season. Greater Lawrence was the winner of the meet and Essex Tech took second.

CHS sophomore Ian Padilla was the second Red Devil to cross the line, coming across in ninth place overall, just missing all-star status by one spot.

Junior Oscar Amaya was the next finisher for the Red Devils in 11th place.

“At this point we were virtually even with Gr. Lawrence and Essex Tech,” said Fay. “However their fourth and fifth runners finished before ours.”

Ruben Padilla ran well, finishing in 19th place, while senior Joseph Serva crossed the line in 27th place, finishing as Chelsea’s fifth runner.

“All five boys ran personal bests from when we were here three weeks ago, but we are lacking a little in depth, which caught up to us at the league meet,” noted Fay.

In the girls’ race, CHS juniors Percy Melgar and Sade Rosales ran virtually the whole race together. Percy finished in sixth place with a clocking of 22:42 and Rosales finished eighth in a time of 22:57.

“Both girls secured all-star status with their placing,” said Fay. “Both Percy and Sade worked hard all season and ran a tough race. They should be proud of their accomplishment.”

CHS sophomore Gabby Rivera finished in 39th place for the Lady Red Devils. This Saturday both the boys and girls will compete in the Frank Mooney State Coaches Invitational Meet that will be held at the state training center in Wrentham.

CHS BOYS SOCCER DEFEATS MALDEN, 8-4

The Chelsea High boys soccer team unleashed its most potent offensive barrage of the season to record an 8-4 victory over Malden last Thursday.

Fredy Valle, assisted by Gabriel Garcia, got the

Red Devils off and running with a goal at 7:05. Alex Uceda made it 2-0 just 50 seconds later with his ninth marker of the year .

Delmer Romero, the Red Devils’ leading scorer, notched his 22nd goal of the 2019 campaign six minutes later, assisted by Valle, to increase the CHS advantage to 3-0.

However, Malden came storming back. The Golden Tornadoes responded with three unanswered goals of their own within a six-minute span to bring the game back to level at 3-3.

The Red Devils counterpunched, with Romero finding the back of the Malden net two minutes later, assisted by Angel Contreras, and Darwin Tupul (his fifth of the year), assisted by Gabriel Garcia, scoring before the end of the half to restore the Chelsea advantage, 5-3.

Contreras reached the back of the Tornado net 10 minutes after the intermission to up the count to 6-3 and Romero notched the hat trick with an unassisted goal a few minutes later to make it 7-3. Malden added a goal late in the contest, but Romero answered with his fourth goal of the game, his 25th of the season, to account for the 8-4 finale.

This past Monday the Red Devils took on Somerville, the champion of the Greater Boston League this season, and came out on the short end of a 7-3 decision.

The Highlanders grabbed a 1-0 lead at 21:38, but Romero, assisted by Valle, responded to even the score, at 30:22. Somerville retook the lead at 36:50, but Valle answered back just 25 seconds later to leave matters at a level 2-2 at the half.

Somerville regained the advantage on a corner kick shortly after the intermission and then added three more goals within four minutes to move out to a commanding 6-2 lead.

Jordan Pena Viera got one back for Chelsea, unassisted, for his eighth goal of the season, but that would be as close as the Red Devils would get the rest of the way.

Coach Mick Milutinovic and his crew, who finished their regular season as champion of the Large Division of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference and with an overall record of 11-3-4, now will await word of their seeding and first round opponent in the Division 2 North sectional of the state soccer tournament.

The Red Devils will be among the top-seeded teams and should have a home game in the first round.

CHS GIRLS SOCCER DEFEATS MINUTEMAN

The Chelsea High girls soccer team celebrated Se-

nior Night last Monday under the lights at Chelsea Stadium in appropriate fashion with a 3-2 victory over Minuteman Regional.

The Lady Red Devil seniors, Marissa Rivera, Carolina Bonilla, Kathelyn Menendez, Stefany Castillo, Kimberly Larios, Lisandra Molina, Danali Mejia, and Alejandra Ponce, were honored before the game in recognition of their contributions to the CHS girls soccer program.

“The girls were super excited to play this game and come away with a win,” said CHS head coach Randy Grajal.

Stefany Castillo took advantage of a mistake by a Minuteman defender to score the first CHS goal and Elena Ruiz made it 2-0 when she took advantage of a breakaway and delivered a beautiful shot from the top of the box to reach the back of the Minuteman net.

Chelsea took the 2-0 lead into the intermission, but Minuteman drew within 2-1 shortly after the start of the second half. However, Damaris Erazo responded a few minutes later when she struck the ball from 25 yards out with a powerful shot that beat the Minuteman keeper. Elena Ruiz earned the assist.

Minuteman refused to give up and scored a goal with 10 minutes to go to make things interesting, but amidst an up-and-down battle in the waning minutes, neither team was able to score again before the ref’s final whistles.

“The group was very proud of their win and very happy to have defeated such a good opponent to celebrate their Senior Night,” said Grajal.

Two days later the Lady Red Devils hosted Whittier Tech and came up on the short end of a 2-0 decision.

“Whittier scored both of their goals in similar fashion,” noted Grajal. “One of their girls was able to outrun our defenders to take a shot on our goalie.

“Defensive midfielder Danali Mejia played a great game covering their most dangerous forward,” Grajal added.

Last Thursday Chelsea made the long trek to Greater Lawrence Tech and engaged in a hard-fought contest that ended in a 1-1 deadlock.

Nancy Galdamez scored the CHS goal, assisted by Elena Ruiz.

“We controlled the game, but failed to score a second goal,” said Grajal. “Greater Lawrence was able to tie the game in the second half after we tried to clear a ball and it ricocheted off of one of our players to go in the goal.”

Grajal and his crew, who now stand at 6-10-1 on the year, were set to conclude their season this past Monday against Somerville.



PHOTOS BY EMILY HARNEY

The Chelsea boys and girls cross country teams held a home meet at Admirals’ Hill on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The squad meet featured Chelsea, Essex Aggi, Nashoba, and Shawsheen. The girls team had to take a forfeit due to a low number of runners, and the boys team beat Shawsheen and Nashoba, but came up short against Essex. Jose Olivar. is shown.



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Sandra Faccadio

Of Revere, formerly of the
North End of Boston

Sandra (Cavallo) Faccadio of Revere, formerly of Boston’s North End, died on Oct. 19.

She was the loving daughter of the late Pellegrino and Theresa (Tedesco), beloved wife of Dominick Faccadio of Revere, devoted mother of Dominick and his wife, Gia of Salem NH and Gia Faccadio of Revere and cherished grandmother of Jayla, Giavanna, Dominick, Gialina and Nicholas.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made



to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway Suite 526, Dallas, TX 75244. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Sophie Hicks

Long time volunteer at Our Lady of Grace
Church and Outreach Program

Sophie (Niemiera) Hicks, a long-time resident of Everett, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 13

at the Park Manor Nursing Home in McKinney, Texas. She was 89

years old and the beloved wife of Leslie Hicks for 67 years.

Sophie was born and raised in Chelsea, the youngest of seven children and the daughter of the late Joseph and Victoria Niemiera. She was also predeceased by her six siblings: Stella, Mary, Alexander, Stanley, Mitchel and Helen.

Sophie attended Chelsea Public schools, graduating in 1948. She and her family were members of the St. Stanislaus Church. She worked as an office clerk for the former Filene’s store in Boston for many years before retiring in 1987.

Sophie was a member and volunteer of the Our Lady of Grace Church and spent many years with her husband lending their service to the Church’s Outreach Program. She will be greatly missed by all who know and loved her.

Sophie was the devoted mother of Susan (Hicks) Clapp and her husband, David of Dennisport, MA and Karen (Hicks) Bourque and her husband, Paul of McKinney, TX. She was the loving grandmother and great grandmother of Brian



and Catherine Bourque of Simsbury, CT and their daughter Thea, Leslie (Bourque) and Craig Groves of McKinney, TX and their daughter Sophie, Eric and Shannon Bourque of McKinney, TX and their children Landon, Carson, and Harper, Stephanie (Clapp) and Mark Omobono of Burlington and their son James, and Kimberly Clapp of Boston. She also leaves sisters and brothers in law along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A service for Sophie was held in McKinney, TX on Sunday, Oct. 20 and a Memorial Mass will be held for Sophie on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Our Lady of Grace Church, 194 Nichols St, Everett, at 12 noon. All family and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Grace Ministries, 59 Nichols St. Chelsea, MA 02150.

Lydia Tamagna

Retired bookkeeper

LYDIA (Lava) Tamagna passed away on Monday, Oct. 28 at the Hathorne Hill Nursing Center in Danvers where she was receiving supportive care over the last few years.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the beloved daughter of the late Serge and Christine (Kachuck) Lava, Lydia graduated from Chelsea High School and completed her education at Bentley College.

She was married to Joseph A. Tamagna and shared 50 years together until the time of his passing in 2011. She was a career bookkeeper and worked at the Cambridge Company and NE Produce before retiring in 1998.

Lydia and her husband resided briefly in Revere but she remained a lifelong resident of Chelsea in her heart. She was a devoted member of the former Nativity of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church in Chelsea, a member of the St. Mary’s Women’s Guild and served as treasurer on the Parish Council.

In addition to her husband and parents, Lydia was predeceased by a nephew, James A. Dunn, Jr. and a niece, Christine Dube.

She is lovingly survived by nieces and nephews: Sandra Walsh, JoAnn Goodridge, Julie Grant, Stanley Broda, Robert Dunn, Kenny Lava and John Lava. She is also survived by several grandnieces and nephews and great grandnieces and nephews.

Her funeral will begin from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. followed by Funeral Matins to be held in the Ever-Virgin Romanian Orthodox Church (formerly St. Mary’s Russian Orthodox Church), 8 Addison St., Chelsea at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Visiting hours will be held at the Welsh Funeral Home today, Thursday, from 5 to 8 p.m. A Panikhida Service will be held in the Funeral Home at 6:30 p.m. The funeral home is fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral home. For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFuneralHome.com

Nathaniel Nunez

Best remembered for his quiet personality,
always smiling face and love of family

Nathaniel Nunez, 39, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Oct. 27 in the Emergency Department at Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett.

The beloved son and step-son of Carmen Cadiz and Oscar Acevedo of Chelsea, he was born and raised in Boston and has been a resident of Chelsea for the past 20 years.

Nathaniel worked as a residential construction laborer. He is best remembered for his quiet personality, always smiling face and love of his family. He enjoyed working on cars and repairing bicycles for his nieces and nephews.

He was the loving father of Aiden Nathaniel Nunez and Aidelis Ester Nunez, beloved son and step-son of Carmen Cadiz and Oscar Acevedo of Chelsea, dear brother of Pedro Juan Nunez of Chelsea, Ana Elise Nunez of Fitchburg and Rigoberto J. Nunez of Lynn and beloved nephew of Abigail Cadiz and Ana Reyes, both of Chelsea. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.



Relatives and friends are kindly invited to gather at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday morning, Oct. 31 from 9 to 10 a.m. Funeral services will be conducted in the funeral home at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield.

The funeral home is fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral home. 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

Ellen Luzzatto

Retired baker, motorcycle enthusiast and
animal lover

Ellen D. Luzzatto passed away suddenly at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital Saturday evening Oct. 26 after being stricken in her Malden Home. She was 70 years old. Born and raised in Chelsea, she was the beloved daughter of the late Eugene and Beatrice “Bea” (Wedge) Luzzatto. She resided in Chelsea for most of her life and has been living in Malden for the last 31 years with her life partner and companion Robert Allen. She was a retired baker, having worked for many years at Calareso’s Farm Stand and Garden Center in Reading. In her lifetime Ellen was a motorcycle enthusiast and lover of animals who enjoyed time with family, going to the beach, listening to Elvis Presley and her canine companion, Dalton. In addition to her parents, Ellen was sadden by the loss of her daughter, Lori Jean McKinley, granddaughter, Jenna Lynn

Glynn and a sister, Elizabeth “Bette” A. Bova. She is survived by her beloved companion, Robert Allen together with his mother, Mary Allen at home in Malden; her loving sisters, Terry G. Luzzatto of Fall River and Frannie M. Glynn of Antioch TN. She was the cherished aunt of Kimberly Rauseo, Rachel Luzzatto Maria Rose Bove, Danielle DeCicco and Bryan Cabral and the late Joseph DeCicco; adored great aunt of Nick Rauseo, Anthony and “JJ” Driscoll and Angelica Esposito. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.. concluding with a Family Reflection and Remembrance Service at 7:30 p.m. For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFuneralHome.com

Vidot receives endorsements
from Massachusetts Unions

The Committee to Elect Damali Vidot is pleased to announce that Damali has received endorsements from several unions and organizations in the region, including SEIU Local 509, 32BJ SEIU, Mass Alliance, and Maria’s List.

SEIU Local 509, a Massachusetts-based union focused on human service workers and educators, has endorsed Damali for their shared belief in advocacy for those who need it most. “Damali Vidot has the expertise and experience needed to serve Chelsea,” said Peter MacKinnon, a career social worker and President of SEIU 509. “She has proven time and again that she is looking out for all residents, especially the most marginalized, advocating tirelessly for fair, quality education and mental health services. We know that she will be a champion for environmental issues, so that Chelsea has a safe and sustainable future. We are proud to endorse Damali Vidot re-election for Chelsea City Council.”

32BJ SEIU, a local union focused on providing equal opportunity support for people of all backgrounds, has also endorsed Damali. “We need leaders in Massachusetts who understand and advocate for the working families in our communities,” says Roxana Rivera, Vice President of 32BJ SEIU. “Damali has proven herself to be a champion for the community. She secures fair and equal housing for all residents, and provides for them a happy and flourishing hometown. Damali is the right choice for Chelsea City Councilor.”

Damali has also received the support of multiple political organizations in the region. Mass Alliance, a Massachusetts based organization focused on progressive political advocacy said, “Mass Alliance is proud to support Damali Vidot for reelection through

our Rising Stars Program. Damali has been a transformative City Councilor, working to engage and uplift communities that have been neglected for far too long,” says Jordan Berg Powers, Executive Director for Mass Alliance. “Damali has shown her dedication to empowering and including all Chelsea residents in the political process through her authentic and transparent leadership, and her grassroots re-election efforts. In previous terms, she has pushed bold, progressive policies that work, and we know she will continue to advocate for a more inclusive Chelsea. Join us in supporting Damali Vidot.”

Maria’s List is an organization focused on endorsing progressive candidates for elected office locally and nationally, particularly women and people of color with the proven values, leadership skills, accomplishments. In an endorsement statement, the founder of Maria’s List, Maria Jobin-Leeds, said, “We need Damali’s leadership in our state. She fights for our communities with an authenticity and deep commitment to equity, justice and belonging. She inspires me and so many she meets and gives me hope amidst the darkness and uncertainty nationally. I am so proud to stand behind Damali and hope you’ll join Team Damali.”

Damli is humbled to receive the support of these unions and political organizations in the region. In a statement, Damali said, “The support I have received throughout this campaign, speaks volumes to the movement we have built over the past few years. I am humbled to receive this support and feel excited to continue to work for the working class alongside these unions, organizations; but most importantly, you. The members of our community here in Chelsea.”

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MAYOR MARTIN WALSH ATTENDS CHELSEA COLLABORATIVE ANNUAL MEETING

The Chelsea Collaborative, under the leadership of Executive Director Gladys Vega, held its 2019 Annual Meeting that focused on anti-displacement initiatives.

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh was the guest speaker and he praised the Collaborative for being a national model in its work with Latino immigrants and other members of the community through its wide array of programs and services.

“This Collaborative is a local group that has a national impact,” said Walsh, the son of Irish immigrants. “Because often times when there’s something wrong, people will look to the Chelsea Collaborative for guidance. Cities around America look to the Chelsea Collaborative for guidance. When there was a bill at the State House that impacted immigrants, it’s the Collaborative that was always front and center.

Walsh noted to the guests at the meeting that his first connection to Chelsea came through his colleague in the House of Representatives, former State Rep. Gene O’Flaherty, who was a great supporter of the Chelsea Collaborative during his legislative career.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Councillor-at-Large Roy Avellaneda, and School Committee members Yessenia Alfaro and Kelly Garcia were among the city officials in attendance at the annual meeting.

Guests also enjoyed a buffet-style breakfast.



Mayor Martin Walsh, with Melinda Vega Maldonado and Collaborative Deputy Director Yessenia Alfaro.



City and state officials welcomed Boston Mayor Martin Walsh to Chelsea for the Chelsea Collaborative Annual Meeting Monday at organization offices on Broadway. From left, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Mayor Martin Walsh, School Committee member Kelly Garcia, Councillor-at-Large Roy Avellaneda, Deputy Director Yessenia Alfaro, Executive Director Gladys Vega, and state Assistant Secretary Juan Vega.



Chelsea Collaborative Executive Director Gladys Vega (second from left), Chief Operating Officer Dinanyili Paulino (far right), Deputy Director Yessenia Alfaro (seventh from left), and Board President Rosalba Medina (back row, second from left) and Collaborative supporters and friends wel-

comed Boston Mayor Martin Walsh to the organization’s annual meeting and breakfast Monday. Mayor Walsh was the guest speaker and he praised the Collaborative for being a national model in assisting immigrants and residents with their wide array of services and programs.

BRUINS *Beat* by Bob Morello

Bruins off to a good start

Taking a page from Sonny & Cher’s songbook: “The Beat Goes On,” the red-hot Bruins, after taking a huge bite out of the San Jose Sharks with Tuesday’s 5-1 attack, now own an impressive record of 9-1-2. Boston has now taken a point out of eleven of their last dozen games... not bad – eh? The team has also started to enjoy some additional goal-scoring, getting help with secondary scoring. Tuesday’s game featured goals from David Krejci (#1), Charlie Coyle (#2), Chris Wagner (#1) and Brandon Carlo (#2), with all but one goal coming from the top line’s, David Pastrnak. Pasta’s league leading 12th goal extended his point streak to 10 games, second only to Brad Marchand’s personal 11 game point streak, and at press time Pastrnak is the top point-getter in the NHL with 24 points.

Not to be overlooked in the umbrella of scoring the Bruins have enjoyed of late, is the solid performances they’ve received from their goaltending tandem of Tuukka Rask and Jaroslav Halak. Rask is definitely in the ‘zone,’ he wasn’t overwhelmed with shots by San Jose, as they were only able to put 17 of them on his net. Having stopped 16 of them, he now boasts a save percentage of .951, to go along with his 1.42 goals-against-average – including two shutouts and a spotless 6-0-0 record. Halak has performed well in his opportunities to play, with a record of 3-1-0, including

a goals-against-average of 2.59, a .919 save percentage, and one shutout.

Tuesday’s win has put the Bruins into a tie with the Buffalo Sabres, each with 20 points, and Boston having played one game less. Encouraging is the strong play of David Backes; he has shown veteran experience on many occasions, such as the sharp pass to Wagner, sending him in on a breakaway to beat Sharks goaltender Martin Jones through the five-hole. Considering the fact that the Sharks hit TD Garden ice with the most effective penalty kill in the NHL at 93.2%, the Bs had no problem in quickly putting two powerplay goals in the San Jose net. Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy approved of the team’s powerplay efforts with, “Skill guys feel good about themselves when they score, I don’t think they care if it’s five-on-five or power play. They want to touch the puck and they want to finish. How it effects the other team, typically they’re going to have to be a little more disciplined, a little more careful about what penalties they take, there’s that effect. I think at home when it’s on, it looks good so you get the fans into the game. It’s typically the first group but tonight I thought the second unit did their part too, throwing it around.”

This season thus far has been rewarding as coach Cassidy summed up the progress to date, “I think these past four, five, six games, we’ve progressively

tightened up, played more our style where teams have got to earn their way out there. I thought at the start of the year we were a little bit too loose, even though our goals against was down. I thought that was a product of probably our goaltenders and then playing the right way once we got the lead. But, I see us more start to finish now, playing that way. I like where we’re at, playing good times.

Amazing to see Joe Thornton still out on the ice celebrating his 22nd year in the NHL. As the Bruins’ #1 pick overall in 1997 at 18 years old, “Jumbo Joe” has done it all, except win a Stanley Cup. Playing the bulk of his career with San Jose, Thornton has career stats that shine: 1,579 games played to date; 413 goals scored with 1,069 assists; and a total of 1,482 points.

After enjoying a couple of days without a game scheduled, the Bruins will be back on Garden ice Saturday (7:00pm), to host the Ottawa Senators who remain at the last to the bottom spot of the Eastern Conference standings (3-7-1), on Monday (11/4 at 7:00pm) the Bs will do battle with the Sidney Crosby-led Pittsburgh Penguins. The three-games in four-days schedule ends with a Tuesday night (7:30pm) confrontation with the Bruins traveling to Canada to take on their 5-4-2 Atlantic Division rival Montreal Canadiens.

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KING TIDE

Tide highlights vulnerabilities on Chelsea Creek for sea level rise

By Seth Daniel

Chelsea GreenRoots has made a cottage industry of planning and preparing others for the possibilities of sea level rise, but on Tuesday afternoon, that rise was on them.

Literally, on them. The King Tides – a naturally occurring phenomenon that takes place due to the position of the moon and Sun – hit Boston around 12:34 p.m. on Tuesday and the GreenRoots building was front and center in the fray.

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) highlighted conditions on the Creek with a chartered boat ride that showed many of the vulnerabilities to area like the Forbes site, the Chelsea Street Bridge, the Mary C. Burke School Complex, and industrial uses like the salt pile and Gulf plant.

While the King Tide was a naturally-occurring phenomenon, it added two feet to the normal tide levels in the Creek and Boston Harbor. That, said advocates, gave a peek into what predicted sea levels might be like in the future. Such high levels, as displayed along the Creek on Monday, could be catastrophic in the future with large tidal storms – inundating huge swaths of land unless some measures are taken, they said.

“As an organization deeply concerned with how our community will be impacted by climate change, we saw the King Tides as an opportunity to see how rising seas are already affecting our neighborhoods,” said Roseann Bongiovanni, director of GreenRoots. “While there are predictions for years out, this week’s tides show how proximate climate change is and how we

need to be prepared now, not just in 10 years and beyond. Together with organizations like Mystic River Watershed Association, the Green Justice Coalition and the City of Chelsea, we’re coming up with innovative solutions to ensure Chelsea is not only prepared, but resilient, in the face of more erratic and damaging weather patterns. The first step in implementing those solutions is to ensure residents are leading the way.”

Chelsea was first alerted to the impending dangers last year during two large high tides that occurred during coastal surge Nor’easter storms. Those storms pushed tidal levels to record highs on two occasions. That produced flooding that nearly compromised the New England Produce Center and the surrounding businesses – which are critical to the region’s food supply chain.

They also flooded areas not typically used to seeing water – such as very high levels on Marginal Street and in the Island End/Marina areas.

Chelsea officials and GreenRoots have come up with several contingencies, including a vast plan in the Island End area to provide coastal resiliency through grey and green infrastructure along the waterfront there.



Erica Wood of the Mystic River Watershed Association showed boat riders a map of the King Tide impact points.



Tugboats on the Creek conducted business as usual during the King Tide.



The Chelsea shoreline was impacted by the King Tide at the Forbes site, where buildings were engulfed with rising tidewater.



The King Tide was especially visible in Chelsea, where the Mary C. Burke Complex was visible just a short distance away from the huge tidal flow.



Chelsea GreenRoots makes an effort to bring attention to environmental changes affecting the community, including the rising water lapping up against their building headquarters.



PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

The shore along the Gulf tanks was covered with water during the King Tide, exposing the potential vulnerability of the petroleum infrastructure on Chelsea Creek and on the Mystic River.



Water reached very near the bottom of the Chelsea Street Bridge. During last year’s tidal surge and Nor’easter, waters shut down operations of the Bridge.



At least one Chelsea man stood along the shoreline of the Creek to view the King Tide.



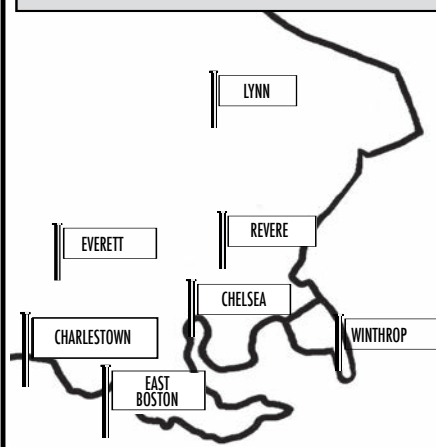
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CHELSEA TURNS OUT FOR CHICK COREA’S PERFORMANCE AT SYMPHONY HALL

A delegation from Chelsea attended the musical performance by legendary pianist and composer Chick Corea Sunday night at Symphony Hall

Corea, who grew up in Chelsea and attended the Williams School, collaborated with double bassist Christian McBride and master drummer Brian



Chick Corea presented a birthday cake to Minna during a private reception after the show.

Blade to delight the capacity crowd that accorded the trio multiple standing ovations.

During the show, Corea surprised his friend, Minna Karas-Marino with a brilliantly orchestrated “Happy Birthday” selection. It was a warm and emotional moment for Minna and her husband, Nick, who were seated in the orchestra section while the crowd cheered in appreciation.

Afterwards, the Chelsea group visited with Chick Corea backstage. Corea presented a birthday cake to Minna Karas Marino and thanked his Chelsea compatriots for their continuing support of his incredible career in music.

It was a memorable night for all, to say the least.



Chelsea friends of Chick Corea went backstage to greet and take a photo with the Grammy Award-winning musician and composer who couldn’t have been more hospitable and welcoming in the reunion with the gathering.



Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson and Patricia Simboli of ACS Development enjoy a post-performance visit with legendary musician Chick Corea who grew up in Chelsea and attended the Williams School here.



The Padulsky sisters, Lynda Padulsky Diamond and Karen Padulsky Poverman, both big fans of Chick Corea, greet the Grammy Award-winning performer after the show.



Friends of Chick Corea, Nick Marino (front), Leenie Bradley, Minna Karas Marino, Butch Bradley, and Leo Robinson stand on the steps of Boston Symphony Hall adjacent to the billboard promoting the “Chick Corea Trilogy” show.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Mark Rossi seeks City Council at-large seat

Mark Rossi seeking election to Council-at-Large seat. The following is his announcement:

My name is Mark Rossi and I am running for Chelsea City Council-at-Large. I live on Clark Avenue with my adopted son, Jeremiah, and our dogs, Daisy and Bruno. Chelsea could well be on its way to be a leading example of equity, safety and progress, and I saw this potential when I moved here a decade ago. Wanting to help steer the city forward I accepted an appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, and I went on to serve on the Human Rights Commission and the Licensing Commission, where I am now chairperson. As an attorney, I have represented neighbors in business, immigration and criminal matters.

Today, however, we are at a breaking point. While my efforts have always focused on bringing Chelsea together, the current City Council leadership is not uniting us for a common good. Instead, what we see are divisive politics, back-room deals, small-town thinking and a Council that works against itself and the interest of us, the residents. And while this alienating, personality-driven politics continues, we suffer. We need qualified, dedicated



Mark Rossi

people who place the well-being of the city above personal and political agendas, and who represent “all” people who call this city home!

Strategy and vision for this city matters, but the Chelsea City Council is lacking voices with legal experience and high-stakes decision-making. As a lawyer, business owner and Chairperson of the Licensing Commission, I encounter issues that, if handled incorrectly, would result in legal disasters. The judgment and demeanor I’ve honed over the years have helped me work around many controversial issues judiciously. I, like other parents, want to raise my son in a city that is also a “community” where everyone has a say, everyone can prosper, and everyone feels represented. When elected to the Chelsea City Council,

this is the experience that will ensure the residents of Chelsea are represented with fair judgement rooted in fact and tempered by experience, not by group loyalty and personal investment.

As residents of Chelsea, there are key things we all need: Chelsea needs to create a safer and healthier community for all of its residents; Chelsea needs controlled economic development; and Chelsea needs to expand educational and youth programs.

As a lawyer, single dad and a leader in this city, I have the experience, drive and grounded humanity to be a unifying and progressive voice on the Chelsea City Council. I promise to be a leader who listens to any resident with concerns or opinions. On November 5th, your vote for me will move our city forward, together, into a more prosperous, equitable future. You have three votes available to you for City Council-at-Large, and I humbly ask you to use one of those votes for Mark Rossi 3rd on the ballot so I can serve you. Visit www.vote4rossi.com with any concerns you have for Chelsea, more detailed information or if you would like to get involved in taking our city to the next level.

Carlisle seeks re-election to School Committee

Rosemarie Randazzo Carlisle is seeking re-election to the District 1 seat on the School Committee. The following is her statement:

Hello to everyone here in our dear Chelsea – I’m Rosemarie Randazzo Carlisle, and I’m running for the District 1 seat on the School Committee. As a lifelong Chelsean, and having served many years on the School Board, I have been privileged to meet and come to know many of you. Together, we have faced many challenges in educating our children, including mine, who attended Chelsea schools themselves.

Today, we can see that, together, we successfully faced such challenges and brought immense improvements to the educational system here through the past few dozen years. Most importantly, I voted to bring Boston University in to assist us in implementing a fully comprehensive curriculum in every grade, and to institute early education for our preschoolers. Additionally, I continually supported rebuilding the physical schools themselves – the biggest expansion of construction ever in our history - the most recent a beautiful and highly optimal campus on Clark Ave.



Rosemarie Carlisle

much work still to do here on behalf of the children who have come under our care. We know that the most important issue facing our children – and thank heaven we have come to put much focus on the matter – is making sure that our youngsters go to schools free from bullying and harassment. From the youngest child to the adults we graduate from high school – children can only learn when they are happy to attend school and learn from our tremendous team of teachers.

We must continue to provide programming that ensures safety for our children and provide the proper channels for young people to move through to remedy any challenges they have in

enjoying the society of their classmates in peace and comradeship.

Right now, we will be transitioning from the leadership of Superintendent Mary Bourque; we must do all we can as a school board to assist in this transition to new leadership in our schools.

Technology and a digital future must be fundamental to the education we provide our students. The future will be difficult enough for graduates to navigate – we must give to them the best advantage we can in going forward into the world of work.

As I have always done, I will continue to be a strong advocate for our talented teachers. The budgets we scrutinize will be changing with the advent of the new state funding formula for schools. We will be fierce in making sure that Chelsea gets its fair share of funds, and that we continue to lead the state in academic improvement.

Thank you for your past support of me and thank you for giving me the opportunity to ask you again for your vote for a seat on the Chelsea School Committee.

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How proud we can be of the hard work we have accomplished and the difficult decisions that have been made in turning around our schools for so many classes that have graduated from our school system since these improvements were put in place. Colleagues such as Morris Segal, Lydia Walata, Liz McBride and Tony Tiro, as well as myself, were tireless in putting our children in the very best position to succeed in life. How proud my own parents, Rose and Ralph Randazzo, would have been to see the world-class school system we have brought to Chelsea. They taught me how important education is – and I carry that forth in my heart every day I have served on the Chelsea School Board.

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