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#### **Community** Center would require major financial commitment

By Adam Swift

Rather than spending top dollar to open a new community center in Chelsea, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino said the City should look to use existing avenues to bring more programs to residents of all ages.

Earlier this month, District 6 Councillor Giovanni Recupero asked Ambrosino to explore the possibility of the City building a community center and a homeless shelter to better serve Chelsea residents.

"With respect to the Community Center, I know this has been an aspiration for the City Council for quite some time," stated Ambrosino. "The constraint truly is funding. If the City wishes to create a Community Center, it will need to make two significant financial commitments."

Those commitments are the acquisition of a site and the long-term financial commitment to staff and equipment.

"The alternative to creating a brand new commu-

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#### **Planning Board** tables big projects due to lack of quorum...again

By Adam Swift

It was a quiet night for the Planning Board Tuesday, as the two biggest projects on the agenda were continued to a future meeting.

A number of residents had filed into the Senior Center to express concerns about a 33-unit residential unit development at 932 Broadway, the former Genesis nursing home, but that proposal was continued because there were not enough board members present to vote on the major site plan review. A quorum of six voting members of the nine member board was needed, and there were only four voting members available at the beginning of the

developer, listed as 932 Broadway, LLC, is looking for approval to renovate the existing building and establish 33 residential units and one commercial unit. The proposal does not meet the City's zoning re-

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State Housing Secretary Mike Kennealy walks down Broadway with TILL President Dafna Krouk-Gordan on Friday afternoon during an economic development tour of the downtown district as part of the Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) program. The TDI program is sparking a unique branding and coordination for the downtown district, and TILL unveiled a new coffee and pastry pop-up shop in its lobby on Broadway.

### State, City leaders note changes in downtown business district during tour

By Seth Daniel

If ever there was momentum for change in the downtown business district, then Friday afternoon was the showcase for that prog-State Housing Secretary

Mike Kennealy (who succeeded former Chelsea City Manager Jay Ash in that position) and MassDevelopment President Lauren Liss joined a host of City, state and business leaders at the Chamber of Commerce the downtown.

The visit was part of a check-up on the Transformative District Initiative (TDI) program that Chelsea has been a part of for the past 18 months, with Fellow Carlos Matos leading the effort in partnership with numerous business leaders and Business Incubator director Deise Paraguay.

"I will start by quoting Einstein in that he said, 'Improvement is more important than knowledge,"" led off Matos in his presentation. "That just struck a Friday afternoon for a short chord in me because in the presentation and a tour of downtown the improvements create a vision of a

better Chelsea and a better downtown district. That's what we're all working towards."

Matos told the crowd they are working hard to create the backdrop for a revitalized downtown, in conjunction with the Chamber, the businesses and the City. He cited the public safety police walking patrols, the public art initiatives led by Chelsea Prospers, the Night Market and Pupusa Fiesta events and the simple color-coding of the old gazebo in Bellingham Square.

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### **Bloom On Baseball**

#### Sox chief baseball officer is a big hit at JGBC Breakfast Series

By Cary Shuman

Boston Red Sox Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom was the guest speaker at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Series Monday at the club.

Bloom's appearance drew a very large crowd, affirming the popularity of the historic American League baseball franchise

in the region. JGBC Breakfast Chair Mark Robinson introduced Bloom, a 36-year-old graduate of Yale University who was previously the senior vice president of baseball operations for the Tampa Bay Rays. Despite being a small-market team, the Rays were quite successful under Bloom's administration, winning 96 games and advancing to the playoffs in 2019.

Bloom spoke about his new position with the Sox before entertaining questions from the audience.

"I knew from the outside that this [Boston Red Sox] was a wonderful organization," said Bloom. "I basically spent the last 15 years of my life trying to destroy the Boston Red Sox with varying degrees of success over that time. I also knew the quality of people in the organization was very high. The reason the Red Sox have been so successful over the past two decades are the great people in the organization and the culture. It's really true that it is a family."

Bloom said it has been a challenging time with the recent departure of manager Alex Cora due to his involvement in the Houston Astros' sign-stealing issue.

"I think the way this was handled was true to the family spirit of the organization," said Bloom. "We will get through this and find the best way to go forward and come out of this

stronger - eventually." Early in the question-and-answer session, Bloom was asked about Red Sox star Mookie Betts' future in the organization, with the questioner mentioning a possible contract of \$421 million (presumably for 10 years).

"I thought that was going to be the first question," Bloom said with a smile. "There's a lot on this topic that I'm not going to be able to discuss for a number of reasons including that I think anything, whether a contract question or a trade question - it's not fair to anybody, including our players, to talk about that "I know how good

Mookie is and how highly people in the organization think of him," said Bloom.

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Chamber of Commerce President Joseph Mahoney asked whether new advances in technology such as the larger screen televisions and a wider range of Linda Alioto-Robinson. entertainment opportunities for people might result in a decrease in the demand for powering children and famtickets to baseball games,

ilies and instilling a sense of even at historic Fenway self-worth among youth," said Cromwell. He's giving

# Rebranded

#### New City storefront improvement program debuts with 'Rodeo'

By Seth Daniel

The old standard Broadway Chelsea awning above Cuscatlán Restaurant was a beacon of mixed message for decades in the Broadway business district.

There was nothing wrong with the look, or the restaurant, but it didn't scream out to be new, exciting and fun.

Rebranded as 'Rodeo' and now with a brandnew storefront, the Chelsea Square restaurant has turned over a new leaf and has found great momentum that they hope carries over into the rest of the district.

"We are excited to partner in the program," said Delny Geldamez, of Rodeo. "We see they're really trying to change the image in Chelsea. Since we did it, we have more American customers and a bigger mix of people coming in.

Added Daniel Magana of Rodeo, "Everybody looks at it and says it's nice. It's different. That's import-

It's brought a lot of excite-

"I want to call out to all the businesses to participate and change their sign too so that the entire street looks different," added Gelda-

Cuscatlán had the same

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Delny Geldamez (center) and Daniel Magana (right) of Rodeo Restaurant in Chelsea Square (formerly Cuscatlán) premiered their new storefront about three weeks ago as the City's first storefront improvement client in the Broadway business district. There are five other businesses on Broadway ready to take the same leap this spring, and there are high hopes the City Council will make the program permanent so others can also take advantage.

# **Black History Month**

#### **CBC President Cromwell announces** Chelsea Trailblazer Award recipients

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea Black Community (CBC) President Joan Cromwell has put together another exciting schedule of Black History Month events for the annual celebration.

One of the most anticipated events will be the special recognition ceremony on Feb. 20 honoring "Chelsea Trailblazers."

Cromwell has announced that six individuals will be receiving the prestigious awards at the celebration. The recipients are: Susan Gallant, Jose Iraheta, Linda Alioto-Robinson, Beverly Martin Ross, Celeste Williams, and the Simboli Foundation.

"They'll be honored Feb. 20 - we have real trailblazers this year as we do every year," said Cromwell. "We want everybody to be a part of this community celebration."

The keynote speaker will be Mohamed Issack Mohamed, a native of Kenya who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Social Work. Mohamed was a student in the REACH after-school program led by

"Mohamed is passionate in his commitment to em-

back to his community and going to share the story of his life from Kenya to Chelsea."

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who has become nationally known in her first term as a member of the House of Representatives, has been invited to the festivities. Pressley has a large following in Chelsea and is a dynamic speaker.

Last year, Pressley attended the Community Cook-Off Dinner held at La Luz de Cristo Iglesia, 738 Broadway. This year's dinner is scheduled for Feb. 17 at 5 p.m.

Other CBC events are the City Hall Art Reception on Feb. 4, the Power of Music in Black History program on Feb. 27 at the Senior Center, and the Evening of Performing Arts on Feb. 28 at the Clark Avenue School.

There is complimentary admission to all CBC Black History Month events.

Cromwell said the CBC was founded in 2013. She has served as president for the past three years. City Solicitor Cheryl Watson-Fisher and School Committee member Henry Wilson were the original co-chairs of the organization. 'We've just had a lot of

great residents supporting our organization and giving 100 percent to the community every day," said Crom-

#### Chelsea Chamber of Commerce President Joseph Mahoney converses with Red Sox Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom at the breakfast.

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nity center is to continue expanding programming within our existing Recreating & Cultural Affairs Department, utilizing school space that we currently have available," according to Ambrosino. "I do believe that with the new space provided by the Clark Avenue Middle School, this may be a more cost effective means for accomplishing the Council's goals."

District 7 Councillor Yamir Rodriguez agreed with Ambrosino's assessment.

"The community center has been a big topic for a lot of us here, but it does come down to money," said Rodriguez. "As Tom said, we can use a lot of the resources we have now."

The city building and operating its own homeless shelter would also require a substantial financial output, according to Ambrosino.

"The city would have to acquire the site, by lease or purchase, and then engage in what would likely be an extremely costly build out given the strict regulatory requirements applicable to shelters," he said.

Ambrosino added that his lack of enthusiasm for a shelter should not be taken as a lack of empathy for the plight of the city's homeless. He said Chelsea currently spends considerable resources for this population, through its direct service contracts with CAPIC and North Suffolk, as well as through weekly HUB roundtables and support for the daily resource center that operates from Iglesia La Luz De Cristo.

"I feel these efforts are both significant and, at the moment, adequate to handle the relatively small number of truly homeless individuals present in our city."

•In other business, Ambrosino updated the Council on increased police patrols in Sector 4 of the city, as requested by Recupero

and District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez.

He presented the Council with a memorandum from Police Chief Brian Kyes highlighting "impact patrols" conducted in Sector 4 during the last quarter of 2019

"A total of 579 such patrols occurred in Sector 4 during that period," Ambrosino stated. "According to Chief Kyes, 'impact patrols' are short term patrols of anywhere from 15-30 minutes, on foot, intended to have a visible impact on the area."

The summary prepared by Kyes showed a drop in robberies and motor vehicle breaking and entering from the third to the fourth quarter of 2019 in Sector 4, and a small increase of breaking and entering to buildings (from nine to 10) in that quarter.

Lopez said there is still an issue with crime in the area and there is a need for more patrols along areas such as Marlboro and Essex Streets.

•New District 1 Councillor Todd Taylor introduced several orders regarding traffic congestion in the Prattville section of the city.

One order asks the Traffic and Parking Commission to look into resolving the extreme traffic backups on Washington Avenue and Route 16, whether by changing the lane configuration or adding more time at the set of lights. He also wants the Commission to look into placing a sign at the intersection of Garfield and Sagamore that reads "No Blocking the Intersection. \$150 Fine."

•New District 3 Councillor Naomi Zabot introduced an order asking the City Manager to look into the purchase of tables, cases, keyboards, and styluses for each of the City Councillors. Lopez moved the order to a second reading, cutting off any debate on the issue on Monday night.

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#### Student Opportunity Act money begins to show in Governor's Budget

By Seth Daniel

After the years-long fight for education funding reform, any major increase is preferable to what existed, but Sen. Sal DiDomenico said this week he is disappointed in Gov. Charlie Baker's State Budget proposal as it relates to the first-round of funding for the seven-year Student Opportunity Act rollout.

Gov. Baker came out with his annual State Budget proposal last week, and while it contains a variety of funding suggestions for programs across state government, nothing was more analyzed than the first round of money from the Student Opportunity Act. The Act was the result of years of fighting, particularly by DiDomenico and other legislators and school officials from urban Gateway communities. It was signed in November, with a promise to roll out \$2.1 billion of new funding over seven years.

Last week marked the first test as to whether the governor was real, and Di-Domenico said so far he's grading the effort as a 'C.'

"I was disappointed to see the low-income numbers not funded at the same percentages as the rest of the items that were addressed, like healthcare, English Learners and Special Education," he said. "They were supposed to be funded at a consistent and equitable manner over seven years... It is a very tricky thing to exclude the low-income kids when you're doing a budget.

You just don't do that. The numbers do look good overall. Everett and Chelsea are happy, but they should have been even happier."

Supt. Almi Abeyta said she is happy with the increases, and said the increases will be used to address middle schools and needy students.

"I am grateful for our legislators who have prioritized public education and proud that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts values equity of opportunity across our state," she said. "We are pleased with the amount that we are projected to receive in the first round. As we work on our budget for school year 2020-2021, we are prioritizing the needs of our neediest students along with the middle grades. We thank all who advocated tirelessly for these funds."

Former Supt. Mary Bouque, who now is the director of governmental affairs for the Massachusetts Superintendents Association, said she was pleased with the governor's prioritization of education – something she fought for over many years while in Chelsea.

"We are pleased with the Governor's prioritization of education and education funding in our Commonwealth; equity of opportunity for all students is a value statement we all are supporting," she said.

Chelsea looks to garner between \$\$10 million to 12 million over last year in additional funding due to the new law. Over seven years, that will equal out to around \$50 million for the district.

However, DiDomenico is worried that it isn't happening as advertised.

The governor's proposal does fully funds the Student Opportunity Act with a total of \$355 million in new spending related to the new legislation. That figure includes \$303.5 million in increased Chapter 70 education funding aid to cities and towns, and \$23.2 million for additional Charter School reimbursement. There is also \$17.3 million in additional support for special education circuit breaker reimbursement. Others provisions include:

•\$10 million for the new 21st Century Education Trust Fund.

•\$1 million for data support.

"We are offering a budget that balances fiscal responsibility with key investments to support our residents ranging from education reform to the Commonwealth's transportation system," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This balanced budget will result in the rainy day fund reaching a historic balance of over \$4 billion and includes a new tax credit to support individuals with disabilities seeking employment. Our plan fully funds the first year of the Student Opportunity Act and will make critical investments in the MBTA, our transportation system and workforce development to keep the Commonwealth on track to support our booming economy. We look forward to working with the Legislature in the coming months."

The problem for DiDo-

menico is that of the four key points in the new funding, low-income students were not funded at the same percentage. Instead, they were funded at 4 percent, while the other three categories were funded at 14 percent. The state administration has told DiDomenico it is because there are new mechanisms for counting "Economically Disadvantaged" students now. That long-standing problem of poor children has now been fixed, but it has become an expensive venture. So, they have countered that by reducing the low-income point of fund-

He said there were around 47,000 kids statewide – likely around 2,500 in Chelsea – that newly qualify as low-income under the new rules. That amounted to a large expenditure.

"That was going to be a big chunk of money if they funded that and the low-income piece in the budget," he said. "It's probably more than they wanted to put in the first year of this implementation."

He said now that the Budget has been submitted to the legislature, he believes they can adjust the numbers to be more equitable.

"He's on the right schedule, but how it's allocated is also important," he said. "The next step for us is trying to get that 4 percent increase on low-income to be funded at a higher percentage in the House and Senate budgets."

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quirements for density, the number of stories, height, parking lot aisle width and number, size, and setback requirements of off-street parking spaces.

•Also on Broadway, the City was granted a continuance for the Salvation Army building redevelopment project.

The City is looking to pre-permit the parcel for

sale and development of the lot for a mixed-used development with 16 residential units and just under 1,000 square feet of commercial

•The Planning Board did grant approvals for two smaller-scale projects on Tuesday night.

Fatima Melara was granted a special permit to construct a driveway and

curb cut at a single-family home on Garland Street, and Hawthorne Street Chelsea, LLC was granted a special permit and variances to convert an existing three-unit apartment complex to four units.

•The board also appointed member Sara Arman as its representative to Chelsea's Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

The CPC helps determine the use of funds provided by the Community Preservation Act. Voters approved the CPA in 2016, and the money from the CPA is used for the creation and acquisition of affordable housing, historic preservation, open space, and recreation.



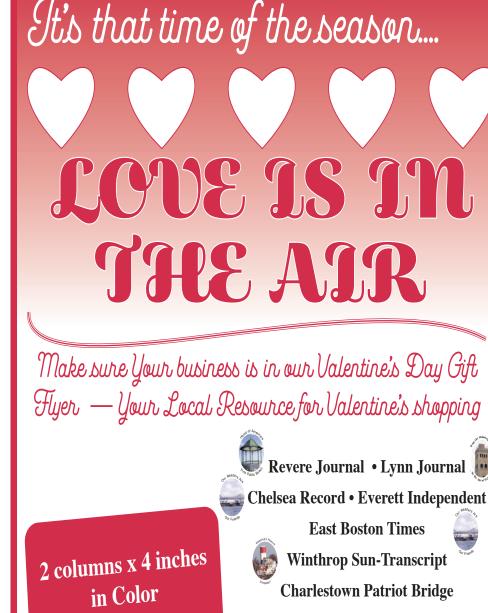
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look since 1993, but they are the first in the downtown district to participate in the City's storefront improvement program, which is now just a pilot program that will encompass five other business storefronts in addition to Rodeo.

"We put out the applications and had more than 20 applications from business owners," said Alex Train, a planner for the City. "We ranked them accordingly and worked with the Chelsea Business Foundation to do that. Now, we have six businesses in the queue for funding. Rodeo was the first and we have five others working with architects on to finalize the design. We're really thrilled with the final product at Rodeo. The other businesses are looking at new banner signs and blade signs which were just allowed under the City's new sign regulations. Many owners are excited and that old ban on signage prevented a lot of owners from upgrad-

Train said the rest of the businesses will follow Rodeo with new, coordinated signage during the course of this winter. By the summer, he expects the entire round of funding and construction to be completed.

That brings the program

to a crossroads.

Though popular with the business owners, and to the public so far, the City Council would have to vote to move the program from a Pilot to a permanent program supported by the City Budget.

back to the Council to see if they want a full program," he said.

"Now we have to go

For now, the changes at Rodeo are permanent and getting great reviews. Asked if she recom-

mended that the program This honor demonstrates be extended and that other businesses use it, Geldamez said, "Of course!"

#### POLICE Briefs By SETH DANIEL AND PAUL KOOLLOIAN

#### ARMED ROBBERY

On Jan. 12, at 6:11 p.m., officers responded to the area of 43 Sagamore Ave. for a report of a juvenile male victim assaulted by a male with a gun. As officers were on route to the area and were notified that up to three males may have been involved in the robbery. Officers did stop two males that were identified by the victim. Officers recovered a replica handgun that was used in the robbery. The two were arrested.

Nathan Rosario, 18, of 363 Crescent Ave., was charged with armed rob-

A 15-year-old Chelsea juvenile was charged with armed robbery and receiving stolen property under \$1,200.

#### **FENTANYL** TRAFFICKING

On Dec. 16 at 9 a.m., Chelsea Detectives setup surveillance in the area of 74 Essex St. in anticipation of a specific male target to be exiting that residence. The detectives were issued a search warrant from a Chelsea District Court Clerk Magistrate. The male when observed leaving his home was placed under arrest on a Malden District Court Warrant. The detectives then performed a search warrant on the address based on probable cause that the male was dis-

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tributing narcotics from the home. The search resulted in the seizure 73 bags of heroin and fentanyl along with US currency. The subject was additionally charged with Trafficking in Class "A".

Riquelvin Lara Peguero, 28, of 74 Essex St., was charged with trafficking in more than 10 grams of fentanyl and one warrant.

#### DON'T HIT ME!

On Dec. 11, at 8:20 p.m., officers responded to Sagamore Avenue on a report of a disturbance. Officers were met by two victims who stated they had a confrontation with a female who claimed that she was nearly struck by the victim's car. Both victims state that the woman dented the hood of the car and claimed or made gestures that she had a firearm. Officers arrested the female who was belligerent during the entire

Krysten Kulch, 33, of 58 Garfield Ave., was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, threatening to commit a crime, wanton destruction of property over \$1,200, assault and battery and one warrant.

#### DRUG DEALING

On Jan. 3, at approximately 11 a.m. Chelsea Detectives set up surveillance on Maverick Street due to neighborhood complaints

of drug dealing. The detectives observed a sale between two males; one being on foot with the second operating a vehicle. Both were approached and placed under arrest or the sale and distribution of a class "A"

Robert McConaghy, 31, of Malden, was charged with possession of a Class A drug.

Wellington Aybar-Bernabel, 24, homeless, of Chelsea, was charged with distributing a Class A drug, possession to distribute a Class A drug, assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and trespass.

#### **BROKE FRONT DOOR**

On Jan. 10, at 8 a.m., officers responded to 88 Broadway for a report of an unknown white female causing damage to the property's front glass door. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the female who appeared to be upset and agitated. The officers spoke with multiple residents who heard and witnessed the female punch and kick the front door causing the glass to crack and break. She was arrested on scene.

Melanie DiPerna, 20, f Northfield, NH, was charged with malicious destruction of property under \$1,200 and one warrant.

#### **CHA Cambridge Birth Center receives** baby-friendly re-designation

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), an academic community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's metro-north region, is excited to share that the CHA Cambridge Birth Center has received the prestigious Baby-Friendly re-designation after a rigorous review process conducted by Baby-Friendly USA, the organization responsible for granting this certification in the United States.

that the CHA Cambridge Birth Center is adhering to the highest standards of care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies. These standards are built on the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding, a set of evidence-based practices recommended by the World Health Organization and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund for optimal infant feeding support in the precious first days of a newborn's life.

"The CHA Cambridge Birth Center has long been a recognized leader in the care of women and newborns in our communities," said Lori Bellwood, DNP, MSN, CNM, Director of the CHA Cambridge Birth Center and Midwifery Services. "This designation is a tribute to our Certified Nurse-Midwives who offer exceptional care and compassion and an outstandingly safe birth option for women."

The Cambridge Birth Center is an intimate, warm, home-like setting right across the street from CHA Cambridge Hospital. The positive health effects of breastfeeding are well documented and widely recognized by health authorities. For example, the Surgeon General's 2011 Call to Action to Support

Breastfeeding stated that "breast milk is uniquely suited to the human infant's nutritional needs and is a live substance with unparalleled immunological and anti-inflammatory properties that protect against a host of illnesses and diseases for both mothers and children."

The CHA Cambridge Birth Center joins a growing list of more than 20,000 hospitals Baby-Friendly and birth centers throughout the world, 604 of which are in the U.S. These facilities provide an environment that supports breastfeeding while respecting every woman's right to make the best decision for herself and her family. Meet the midwives at the Birth Center at one of their monthly evening events. Please call 617-665-2229 to learn

#### Chelsea Cultural Council FY20 grant recipients

The Chelsea Cultural Council (CCC) has announced the awarding of grants totally \$29,035 to 20 local artists, schools and cultural organizations.

The grants were awarded from a pool of funds distributed to Chelsea by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency that supports public programs and educational activities in the arts, sciences, and humanities.

"The Chelsea Cultural Council is tremendously grateful to Governor Baker and the Massachusetts Legislature for their continued support of the Mass Cultural Council and for the generous funding to our local council," said Marlene Jennings, CCC Chair. "This commitment to the cultural arts allows us to experience the spirit of Chelsea through its rich identity reflected in numerous sponsored events and activities throughout the

Awardees for this year

Middle Browne School: BMS Civic Mural,

\$850 Chelsea Community Connections: Chelsea Family Fun Bus, \$2,000

Chelsea Hunger Network: Chelsea Empty Bowls, \$1,000

Chelsea Public Library: CLP Urban Movement, Cultural Center at Wal-

nut Street Synagogue: Film Series: Stories of Immigration, \$2,500 Clark Avenue Middle

School: Eighth Grade Trip to Washington DC, \$2,000 Darlene DeVita: People

of Chelsea Project, \$1000 Edgar A. Hooks Elementary School: Jason Tardy

Productions \$750

Edgar A. Hooks Elementary School: Theatreworks USA Charlotte's Web, \$878 Edwardo Chacon: Theater/Oral History, Chelsea

Ellen Rovner: The Chelsea Gateway Jewish Tours,

City Stories \$2,000

Governor Bellingham-Cary House Association: If This Wood Could Talk, \$1,000

Hondurenos Unidos de MA: Central American Parade /Marching Band, \$1,432

Joan Cromwell: Black

History Month, \$2,000

Lewis Latimer Society & Museum: Chelsea Science Festival, \$750

Libby Schap: Peggy Shippen Project, \$500 Matt Frank: Photogra-

phy& Storytelling- Chelsea Then & Now, \$1,000 Nirvanna Lildharrie: To-

bin Bridge Mural Project, Susy Ismatul: Chelsea

Salsa in the Parks, \$1,500 TheatreZone, Inc. DBA,

Apollinaire Theatre Company: Apollinaire in the Park 2020, \$2,000

The members of the Chelsea Cultural Council are: Marlene Jennings, Chair; Dakeya Christmas, Co-Chair; Devra Sari Zabot, Recorder; Juliana Borgiani, Treasurer; Angelina McCov, and Carolina Anzola. The CCC will seek applications again this fall. CCC Guidelines will be available online as well as the 2021 application beginning September 1, 2020 at https://www.mass-culture.org/chelsea. The deadline to apply is Thursday, Oct. 15.



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#### **GOV. CHARLIE BAKER** AND THE GREAT STATE OF OUR STATE

From the moment that Governor Charlie Baker strode into the House Chamber last Tuesday to deliver his State of the Commonwealth address, it was evident why Gov. Baker, despite being a Republican in a heavily-Democratic state, has rated as the most popular governor in the country ever since he took office.

The governor was greeted by a standing ovation from the legislators, the first of at least 15 that he received on the night, a testament both to his ability to work with a legislature that is comprised of more than 75 percent Democrats in both chambers and the heart-felt degree of respect with which he is held by legislators.

Gov. Baker listed a host of his administration's goals for the future -- most notably in the realms of addressing climate change, health care, public education, and our public transportation issues -- but as is his style, he was quick to point out that he will seek to do so through bipartisan cooperation with the state legislature.

But beyond his ability to work with Democrats, there is a deeper reason why Charlie Baker rates as the most popular governor in the country: His decency, compassion, and dedication to our Commonwealth and its people is readily-apparent and second-to-none.

"People who deal with much greater troubles than ours will rightly question us if we waste our time, and theirs, on the politics of personal destruction," Baker said to a rousing ovation from legislators. "They want us to be better than the yelling they see on TV and across social media. We all know campaigns are contests, and the siren call of sloganeering and cheap shots will be everywhere this year. Let's rise above it."

In short, we have a governor who wants to do the right thing for all of our people; who sees his mission as a uniter; and who is proud of his practical-minded approach to solving our problems.

The administration of Gov. Charlie Baker and Lieut. Gov. Karyn Polito has set the standard for elected officials not only in our state, but at the national level as well.

We are indeed very fortunate to have Gov. Charlie Baker at the helm of our ship of state in these tempestuous times and we look forward to Gov. Baker, together with House Speaker Bob DeLeo and Senate President Karen Spilka, moving Massachusetts forward to tackle the many issues confronting us as we enter the third decade of the 21st cen-

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# Forum



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#### GUEST OP-ED

### Preparing for shocking death

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

The world was shocked January 26, 2020 by the sudden death of Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others. A helicopter that spiraled through a California sky and crashed took the life of one of the world's greatest basketball players. During his career, Bryant had played 20 years for the Los Angeles Lakers leading them to five NBA championships and an amazing 33,643 points. This is currently the fourth highest NBA scoring record.

Some of us remember exactly where we were when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. We remember where we heard John Lennon had been murdered or where we were when Martin Luther King Jr. was murdered or when the Space Shuttle

Challenger flight exploded in space. For years now we will remember where we were and what we were doing the day Kobe was killed.

We are shocked that someone so young, famous, and so loved and idolized by so many could be snuffed out of this life so suddenly at the age of 41. Kobe had a worldwide fan base. He was worth hundreds of millions of dollars. He was loved and adored. He and his daughter were on their way to a basketball game. He was involved in the lives of his children and family. Death often shocks us.

We are not shocked when someone is terminal for a long time. We are not shocked when an elderly person dies. We are sad but not shocked. we are shocked when the young, the rich and the famous are suddenly taken from us

with no warning.

A couple of years ago we were saddened by the loss of my wife's mother. She had been sick a long time but we were not shocked by her death. One morning in 2015 we received a phone call that my wife's father had suddenly died with heart failure while driving his car. My wife fell to the floor in pain, tears and heart wrenching distress. We were shocked beyond belief that her active, hardworking, loving father who seemed to always keep the world turning had suddenly died. Death may always sadden us but may not always shock us. The deaths that shock us leave us reeling, feeling like the floor has been pulled from underneath us and that we will never stop falling and hurting from the pain of someone's sudden death.

Any of us can and may

die suddenly. How can we prepare? We can't. However, we can make every day count now. Love people. Talk to people. Hug people. Say things to people that you won't regret or that you will be glad you said. Live in such a way with people so that when sudden death occurs you or they are not left devastated but can at least feel relieved that you treated each other the right way. Get your Will together, be at peace with God and people and live each day without regret.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

#### GUEST OP-ED

### Let's Save Our World in 2020

By Senator Ed Markey and Roxana Rivera

On December 6—as Greta Thunberg joined a 500,000-person march in Madrid-students around the world held their second climate strike of the year. They walked out of their middle schools, high schools, and colleges, demanding their right to a livable future. Right here in the Commonwealth, they flooded the State House demanding Massachusetts lawmakers take real action on climate solutions before

it's too late. These climate strikes defined 2019, a year we built undeniable and powerful momentum for a Green New Deal. This resolution was introduced with the future of our young people in mind—a future that must include access to clean air and water; a strong economy built on good, union careers in clean energy industries; improvements in transportation and infrastructure; and attention to the black, brown, poor, and immigrant communities most harmed by the climate crisis. As one of the authors of the Green New Deal, and as the local leader of 32BJ

SEIU—a majority-immi-

grant union that was among

the first to come out in sup-

port of this resolution with

our late president Hector Figueroa's December 2018 Op-Ed—we find it inspiring to see these young people fighting for their

More Bay State residents than ever are demanding real solutions to the interconnected crises of climate change and income inequality. The two of us were proud to team up earlier this year with environmentalists, scientists, and community leaders to hold Green New Deal town halls across Massachusetts, discussing the goals of the resolution on a local level. When everyone has a seat at the table where energy and economic policy is created, we can make real, lasting change.

We know there are solutions to rising income inequality, the decline of unions, and the destruction of the earth, but the rich and powerful are standing in our way. We are faced with a president who rules on

fear and who still believes climate change is a hoax, even as climate change-fueled wildfires ravage the entire Australian continent. As we enter into a new decade, the need for comprehensive climate solutions has never been more

pressing. We must create

clean energy careers and

reaffirm our commitment to

reducing carbon emissions. We must help and support the communities dependent on fossil fuel with health care and strong, union jobs in the growing green economy. We must take back our government with elected leaders who believe in science, justice, and equality.

That means putting the needs of our impacted communities front and center in this movement. The black, brown, poor, and immigrant people facing income inequality and racist attacks—among them 32BJ SEIU's cleaners, security officers, and airport workers with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)—are also the ones bearing some of the worst burdens of climate change. They reside in communities like East Boston, Lawrence, and Roxbury, areas with high rates of asthma and other environmentally related health problems. Climate change does affect all of us, but it's hitting marginalized communities harder.

It is because of our hard-working immigrants that we need to not only fight back against President Trump's inhumane, cruel, and racist immigration policies, we also need to pass legislation that would address displacement through risk reduction, resiliency building, disaster response and recovery, and more. Already, there are thousands of TPS holders in the U.S. who were displaced by devastating natural disasters. Instead of kicking them out of this country, like President Trump is determined to do, we need to be opening our doors to more climate refugees and fighting our climate crisis at

home and abroad. The news around climate is frightening and can be discouraging. It's hard to avoid feeling helpless. But we are entering 2020 with hope built on the fighting spirit of countless young people around the world and a new generation of climate activists. As Héctor Figueroa, the late labor leader and president of 32BJ SEIU, wrote: "This is an opportunity to re-industrialize America with a green economy, with jobs that, with the right training, can provide career ladders for many low-wage workers who struggle to afford the high cost of living.' We can save our world.

We can build a movement for climate action to protect our future. But we must start listening to our youth.

Edward Markey is the United States Senator from Massachusetts and Roxana Rivera is Vice President of 32BJ SEIU.

#### **Tour**/Continued from Page 1

All of it has been coordinated with many moving parts and an identifiable branding that is colorful, appropriate and fun.

"With the Night Market, we wanted new memories there," said the City's Downtown Coordinator Mimi Graney. "It was no longer the crime and negative area of the past, but something positive and fun in the downtown that

happened - like the fire jugglers or the skateboard demonstrations."

Matos also announced they are in the preliminary stages of looking at a parking facility for downtown.

"We are in the very, very preliminary stages of looking to create a parking deck to spur development so the buildings could expand above and create more housing there," he

said. "We want to build bigger on top, but without the parking, the development would stall because they would have to knock down the buildings here to build parking."

Kennealy said he was impressed with how many partners were acting in con-

"It's inspiring to see this level of partnership and collaboration," he said.



has made over the last 18 months, and the plans that lay ahead in 2020.



Jenny Camacho explained how they will offer Colombian pastries and unique coffees that aren't what the typical coffee shop uses.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Housing Secretary Mike Kinnealy, State Rep. RoseLee Vincent and State Rep. Dan Ryan.



Carlos Camacho and Jenny Camacho will operate the new pop-up café in the TILL building lobby. Camacho operated the former El Dorado Bakery on Congress Avenue for many years before it burned down. Now, the famous cheese bread pastries, and unique Colombian coffees, will make a return to the downtown.



Chamber Executive Director Rich Cuthie, Marianna McCormick of MassDevelopment, Danielle Fateaux Jacques of **Apollinaire Theatre and Housing Secretary Mike Kennealy** chat in the new space at the front of the Black Box Theatre - a space that was partially funded last week by a MassDevelopment grant.



Chamber Foundation President Sergio Jaramillo, Chelsea Business Foundation fellow Deise Paraguay, TILL President Dafna Krouk-Gordon, and Beth McDougal of McDougal Architects.



Chamber Foundation President Sergio Jaramillo, Foundation fellow Deise Paraguay, and East Cambridge Savings Bank's Joe Vinard.



Housing Secretary Mike Kennealy, Chelsea TDI Fellow Carlos Matos, and City Manager Tom Ambrosino.



# The large tour of officials and business leaders came to an end on Friday at Apollinaire Theatre, where Danielle Fateaux Jacques hosted the tour.

Downtown leaders and City and State officials gather in the lobby of the TILL building on Broadway, where a new pop-up café will now operate.

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#### CHELSEA HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM HOLDS END-OF-SEASON BANQUET

On Friday night, Jan. 17, the Chelsea High Football team had their end-of-season banquet. Several awards were given out and players began to look forward to next season.



Justina Duong became the first female football player to score points for Chelsea High Football.



First-year players showing off their varsity letters.



MVP Awards: JV Offensive MVP - Miguel Tizol; Varsity Offensive MVP - Naythen Rosario; Varsity Defensive MVP - Raul Figueroa; Team Co-MVP - Jabes Escalante; Team Co-MVP - Henri Martinez; and JV Defensive MVP - Younes Maizat. (Missing from picture - Most Improved - Richard Flores, and Breakout players of the Year - Herman Esquivel and Alijah Iraola).



Captains: Jabes Escalante (2019), Raul Figueroa (2020), Rigo Flores (2019), Naythen Rosario (2019), Henri Martinez (2020), and Jeffrey Ponce (2020).



CAC All Stars: Jabes Escalante, Henri Martinez, Herman Esquivel, and Raul Figueroa. (Missing from photo is Carlos Pesante-Ortega).



Coach Z Award - for Commitment and Dedication: Jeffrey Ponce, Joshua Sosa, and Gary Giron, and Daniel Lopez.

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# **Sports**

#### CHELSEA HIGH IN BASKETBALL ACTION AGAINST EVERETT

Chelsea High basketball head coach Judah Jackson took his Red Devils to his old stomping grounds last week, Everett High School, and the feisty Red Devils learned a lesson that will serve them well in the post-season: it's impossible to overcome mistakes against a powerhouse team. Chelsea suffered its second loss of the season, 68-52 as the No. 9-ranked Crimson Tide put on a basketball clinic last Wednesday night, Jan. 22.

For Chelsea, 8-0 in Commonwealth League action, the trip to Everett was an opportunity to measure their strength against a prominent Division 1 team. Jackson and assistant coach Matthew Grassa, both Everett High Class of 2006, are personally acquainted

with Everett's hoop pedigree. And while the Red Devils came home with a loss, there has to be a strong sense of optimism from Chelsea's performance. After falling behind 24-9 in the first quarter, the Red Devils clawed back, outscoring the Crimson Tide 15-10 to make it a 10-point game, 34-24 at halftime.

But Everett came out strong in the third quarter with John Monexant hitting a pair of three-pointers on Everett's first two possessions to push their lead back to 16. Chelsea got within 9 points early in the fourth quarter, but Everett's overall depth and size proved too much. Kamaruy Appleberry led Chelsea with 20 points and Eldon Bonitto and Jaciel Mejia added 10 each.



I DON'T BELIEVE IT!: Jomar Vazquez has a look of disbelief—and disappointment—after he was called for a foul.



NO TRESPASSSING: Chelsea's Jamison Guillaume is sealed off by Everett's Franky Aubourg.



AIM HIGH: Jaciel Mejia sets his sights on two of his 10 points during Chelsea's 68-52 loss at No. 9-ranked Everett on Wednesday Jan. 22.



ROAD CLOSED: Jamison Guillaume finds his path to the basket blocked by Everett's Roby Dormevil.



#### Chelsea Public Schools

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#### Pre-Kindergarten 2020-2021

Las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea llevarán a cabo un sorteo para programas pre-escolares (edades 3 y 4 antes de 31 de agosto, 2020). **Un número limitado de asientos están disponibles** en el John Silber Early Learning Center para el próximo año escolar 2020 - 2021. No habrá transportación para estos programas.

#### Cómo Participar en el Sorteo:

☑ Las Solicitudes del Sorteo estarán disponibles desde el 3 de febrero hasta el 14 de febrero en el Centro de Información de Padres de 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

☑ Las Solicitudes del Sorteo **DEBEN SER COMPLETADAS** en el **Centro de** Información de Padres con el certificado de nacimiento del niño/a.

#### Información del Sorteo:

Miércoles, 26 de febrero 2020 a las 6:00 PM Cuándo

Gimnasio del John Silber Early Learning Center l: Dónde:

Póngase en contacto con el Centro de Información de Padres al 617.466.5500 ó el John Silber Early Learning Center al 617.466.5150 si usted tiene alguna pregunta.



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#### Pre-Kindergarten 2020 - 2021

The Chelsea Public Schools will be holding a lottery for pre-school programs (ages 3 and 4 by August 31, 2020). A limited **number of seats are available** at the John Silber Early Learning Center for the upcoming school year 2020-2021. Transportation is not provided for these programs.

#### How to Enter the Lottery:

✓ Lottery Applications will be available February 3 through February 14 at the Parent Information Center from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

☑ Lottery Applications **MUST BE COMPLETED** at the **Parent Information Center** with the **child's birth certificate**.

#### **Lottery Information:**

When: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM

John Silber Early Learning Center (Gymnasium) Where:

Please contact the Parent Information Center at 617.466.5500 or the John Silber Early Learning Center at 617.466.5150 if you have any questions.

#### Breakfast / Continued from Page 1

"I will say this, to the extent that becomes an issue, we will probably have an advantage because Fenway Park is a singular baseball experience," said Bloom. "There's almost no place like it in baseball. It's pretty special. It is a great, great game to watch in person."

Red Sox Chief Marketing Officer Adam Grossman, who attended the breakfast, also replied to the question.

"Fenway Park is an enormous asset, probably our most coveted asset, the most important asset over the last several decades," said Grossman. "We do

still believe that communal places are important even in the younger generation. This year, we're going to have 50 different themenights which 20 years ago we didn't. We have 15 giveaway nights - 20 years ago we didn't. "Our eyes are definitely

open," continued Grossman, adding that the organization is building a new music hall adjacent to the Bloom was asked what

he loves the most about being involved in professional baseball.

"For me, I think it is something where you have a chance to work together

with people to accomplish something great - baseball is something that a lot of people care about, so it feels big enough that it matters," said Bloom. "But it is also on a scale of things small enough so that you feel you can really have a distinct impact that you can feel. That, for me, has always been, from a work standpoint, where I get the most energy – working with people to do something great."

Bloom impressed everyone in the hall with his

knowledge of baseball and his gracious manner answering directly each question posed by the guests.

"The Red Sox appear to be in great hands with [Chaim Bloom] at the helm of the baseball operations," said Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson. "He [Bloom] was very impressive in his presentation. It was a delight to hear him talk baseball in the middle of winter. I can't wait for spring training to start."



Boston Red Sox Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom and former Boston College baseball player Austin Batchelor, legislative aide to Rep. Dan Ryan.



Austin Batchelor, legislative aide to Rep. Dan Ryan, and Peter Zaksheski, director of the Welsh Funeral Home.



David Geller, a big fan of the New York Yankees, is pictured with Red Sox Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom at the breakfast.

#### Breakfast Chair Mark Robinson, guest speaker Chaim Bloom, and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Boston Red Sox Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom, JGBC Executive Director Gina Centrella, Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston President and CEO Josh Kraft, Boston Red Sox Chief Marketing Officer Adam Grossman, and JGBC Breakfast Chair Mark Robinson.

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#### **CHS IMPROVE TO** 4-0, SHOOT FOR CAC TITLE

The Chelsea High girls indoor track & field team remained perfect on the season with a 50-36 victory over Greater Lawrence this past week.

Leading the way for the Lady Red Devils once again was Stephanie Simon, who captured three events, the high jump, 55 hurdles, and 55 dash.

Chelsea took first place in eight of the nine individual events and also won the 4 x 400 relay.

The Chelsea point-scorers were:

55h: 1st (Stephanie Si-

mon) 55: 1st, 3rd (Simon, An-

geline Nguyen) 300: 1st (Gloria Rodri-

600: 1st , 3rd (Ana

Chang, Nguyen) 1000: 1st (Gabby Rivas)

1 mile: 1st (Sade Rosales)

2 mile: 1st (Percy Mel-

High Jump: 1st (Simon) SP: 2nd (Dhalia Christ-

4×400 win: Ana Chang, Gabby Rivas, Percy Melgar, Gloria Rodriguez.

"The girls had control of the meet early on,

### CHS Roundup

winning every event until only getting second in the shootout," said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez. "We have one more dual meet left next week, a trimeet against Notre Dame and Lynn Tech. If we win those, we will go undefeated in dual meets for the first time since 2018.

"In addition," Hernandez added, "many of our athletes -- Steph Simon (hurdles, dash, high jump), Anna Chang (600), and Gloria Rodriguez (300) -- have not lost this season in their events, and we are hoping this to continue throughout the rest of the season."

#### **CHS BOYS TRACK** EDGES GR. LAWRENCE

The Chelsea High boys indoor track & field team improved its record to 3-1 with an exciting 45-41 victory over Greater Lawrence in a meet that was decided in the final event, the 4 x 400 relav.

Point-scorers for the Red Devils were:

55H: 2nd (Hector Rive-

55: 2nd (Nasir Adams) 600: Sweep (Nate Nadow, Oscar Amaya, Johnny Maldonado)

1000: 2nd, 3rd (Jazmany Reyes, Ian Padilla)

1 mile: 1st, 3rd (Ruben Padilla, Alex Estrada)

2 mile: 1st (Jazmany Reyes)

High Jump: Tie-2nd (Emmanuel Simon)

Shotput: 1st, 2nd (Rigo

Flores, Richard Flores) 4×400: Nate Nadow, Kennedy Lopez, Alex Es-

trada, Saul Cepeda.

"The depth of the boys really helped us win this meet, as we had a lot of second and third place finishes, some that we did not expect to get," said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez. "This was key because some of the events that we

expected to win didn't go

our way. "We had a big day from our throwers, as seven boys hit season-bests, including Rigo Flores (41 feet), whose winning throw was four feet further than the closest Lawrence thrower, and Richard Flores who took second by an inch over the Lawrence thrower who got second," Hernandez

"At the end of the meet, it came down to whoever won the 4 x 400, in which Lawrence was disqualified for running athletes over the max allowed number of running events, giving us the win," said Hernandez.

added.

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#### **CONSTRUCTION** UPDATE

Construction Look-Ahead: January 26 - February 8, 2020. ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC

**IMPACTS** •ROUTE 1 NORTH-

BOUND: Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the left lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.-10 p.m.). •ROUTE 1 SOUTH-

**BOUND:** Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone begins in the left lane before the Carter Street off-ramp. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.-10 p.m.).

•OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES: During this look-ahead period, there

will be temporary overnight

lane closures and short-

term rolling roadblocks on

Route 1 North and South throughout the project area. Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. LOCAL STREET CLO-

**SURES** •ORANGE STREET:

Orange Street under Route 1 will be closed overnight (7 p.m.–6 a.m.) from Monday, 1/27 to Tuesday 1/28. Signed detours and police details will guide drivers around the work zone via Carter Street and Everett Ave.

•SPRUCE STREET: Spruce Street under Route 1 will be closed on Saturday, 2/1 between 7 a.m.—7 p.m. to create a safe work zone for necessary bridge work. Signed detours and police details will guide drivers and pedestrians safely around the work

zone via Arlington Street.

CARTER STREET: Carter Street under Route 1 will be closed overnight (9 p.m.-6 a.m.) from Monday night, 1/27 to Friday night, 1/31 and overnight (7 p.m.-6 a.m.) from Monday night, 2/3 to Tuesday morning, 2/4. Carter Street travel lanes will continue to divert around the active workzone under Route 1. **WORK HOURS** 

•Most work will occur

in during daytime working hours (6 a.m.-2 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place during afternoon (2 p.m.-7 p.m) and overnight hours (7 p.m.-6 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m.-7 **DESCRIPTION** 

SCHEDULED WORK

•ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND: Bridge deck and gutter repairs continue in the left lane over the Tobin

See CONSTRUCTION Page 9

#### **BRUINS** Beat by Bob Morello

#### Bruins back, Bean Pot warm up

The 2020 NHL All-Star game is history, but it was a perfect showcase for Bruins' David Pastrnak, who had a chance to show the rest of the NHL that does not see him on a regular basis, how impressive his talents are. His powerful scoring display netted him six points on four goals and two assists in the two games played 3-on-3, and he was named the All-Star Game MVP. Although disappointed with his Atlantic Division's loss 5-4 to the Pacific Division, he was happy to have the opportunity to serve as Captain for the Atlantic team. Bruins head coach Bruce Cassidy headed the Atlantic Division bench, utilizing his right-winger, Pastrnak, in critical spots, with #88 responding with a hat trick in the first game, and a goal and an assist in the Championship game.

Pastrnak returns the NHL wars on Friday (8:00pm) as the Winnipeg Jets host the Bruins following the Bs nine-day layoff. The Minnesota Wild will provide the opposition for Boston's back-to-back schedule on Saturday night (8:00pm). The Bruins will next return to TD Garden ice on Tuesday to take on the Vancouver Canucks (7:00pm), in another backto-back soiree, with the second half taking place on the road versus the Chicago Blackhawks ice on Wednesday (8 p.m.).

68th ANNUAL BEAN-POT TOURNAMENT

TD Garden will host the 68th Annual Beanpot Tournament, beginning Monday, February 3. The first game's puck drop is at 5:00pm, with the Northeastern Huskies coached by Jim Madigan versus the Harvard Crimson coached by former Bruin Ted Donato. The second matchup will have the Boston College Eagles with Jerry York running the bench, versus the Boston University Terriers led by coach Albie Keenan, beginning at approximately 8:00pm. The Northeastern Huskies have won the last two Beanpot titles.

The tournament concludes on Monday, February 10 with the Consolation Game beginning at 4:30pm, and the Championship Game taking the ice at 7:30pm.This four-team tournament has been the official battle for Boston's college hockey bragging rights since the Beanpot first began in December of 1952.

New England Sports Network (NESN) will deliver live and exclusive coverage for the 19th consecutive year. NESN will debut a Beanpot preview show on Friday, January 31 that will include pre-tournament analysis and interviews from Monday's media day event. Semifinal doubleheader coverage begins Monday, February 3 at 5:00pm and Championship begins at 7:00pm on Monday, February 10 with 'Prelude to a Championship, a 30-minute pre-game show, followed by the championship match at 7:30pm. NESN's Tom Caron will handle the playby-play duties, with Billy Jaffe joining him as color analyst in the Beanpot broadcast booth. Also on NESN's broadcast team is Guerin Austin as rink side reporter, Adam Pellerin as studio host, and former Bruin Andrew Raycroft in the capacity of studio analyst.

#### Construction //continued from page 8

Bridge. We will continue to remove bridge deck and install new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND: Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

• UNDERNEATH ROUTE 1: Crews will replace and paint steel; power wash and paint columns and support beams; excavate, drill, and grout around support columns; erect steel; place new concrete columns; install ground anchors; and deliver steel beams from the new bridge

For more information about the Tobin Bridge/ Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project, please visit the project webhttps://www.mass. gov/tobin-bridgechelsea-curves-rehabilita tion-project.

TRAVEL TIPS

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, the following events are scheduled during this look-ahead pe-

•Bruins: 2/4 at 7 p.m., 2/8 at 3 p.m.

•Celtics: 1/30 at 8 p.m., 2/1 at 8:30 p.m., 2/5 at 7:30 p.m., 2/7 at 7:30 p.m.

•Events: 2/3 at 5 p.m. and

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MA 02150

TO WIT:

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AM on February 26,

of Deeds in Book 35827,

to Chelsea-Provident

Co-Operative Bank.



PARKING COMMISSION **PUBLIC HEARING** Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Conference City Hall, 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City

of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the removal of two metered spaces located at Fernandez Liquors, 79 Williams Street.

Per Order Chief Brian A. Kyes Chairperson

1/16/20, 1/30/20

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION **PUBLIC MEETING** Notice is given in accordance with Section 40. Chapter 131 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Wetland Protection Act), that a Public Meeting of the Chelsea Conservation Commission will be held: Thursday, February 6, 2020, 6:00 P.M. Conference Room 305 City Hall, 500 Broadway. The Public Meeting will be held to review the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Lawrenceville LLC to construct a building addition for an 80 room hotel at 144-145 Beech. A copy of the filing may be reviewed at City Hall, Department of Plannina and Development, 500 Broadway, Room 101, during City Hall business

1/30/20

LEGAL NOTICE

hours.

Per Order

Chairperson

Stephen N. Sarikas

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE. By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain

mortgage given by Julio

3844, Page 50 said parcel formerly containing 1520 square feet and now containing 953 square feet more or less according to said plan.

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Date: January 30, 2020

1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20

#### <u>LEGAL NOTICE</u>



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Room City Hall, 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed changes to Article 13 of the Traffic and Parking Regulations to increase on-street parking per the request of the City Council following an internal evaluation. Per Order Chief Brian A. Kyes Chairperson 1/16/20, 1/30/20

<u>LEGAL NOTICE</u> COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT **Suffolk Division** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of Guardianship of A Minor Docket No. SU19P2166GD In the interests Of: Annelia Y Daniel-Rivera Of: Chelsea, MA Minor **NOTICE TO ALL** INTERESTED PARTIES Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardianship

of a Minor filed by Elsa

Gonzalez on 9/23/19

will be held 02/21/2020

at 9:00 AM Guardianship

of Minor Hearing Located

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Boston, MA 02114

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Counsel for the Minor:

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Date: November 22, 2019 1/30/20

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

please contact an attorney

for legal advice.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 006281 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Edwin D. Reyes And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil

Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 82 Blossom Street, given by Edwin D. Reyes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A., dated March 31, 2009, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 44742, Page 168, and now held by Plaintiff by Assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

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Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 08, 2020. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 1/30/20

with the Act.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in Chelsea City Hall, in the conference room third floor, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, at 6:00 pm on the following Petitions of

Proposed Work and Purpose: To construct a small wireless facilities in the public right of way. Small cells will be attached to municipal street light structures. The public is invited to attend. BERTRAM TAVERNA **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER** 

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1/30/20 2/6/20

**LEGAL NOTICE** 



**Housing and Community** 

Development Act of 1974,

as amended. This hearing

is required to propose a

program amendment to

eliminate the MicroEnter-

5N) in the FY'2018 grant,

prise Program (Activity

in order to facilitate a

**PUBLIC HEARING** TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND **PUBLIC HEARING** PERSONS The City of Chelsea's Department of Planning and accordance with Chapter Development will hold a 90 of the General Laws Public Hearing on of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Thursday, February 6th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in pursuant to Section 6-3 Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 101. of Chelsea that a Public Chelsea, Massachusetts. Hearing of the Chelsea The purpose of this public meeting is to discuss mission will be held on the City's request for Tuesday, February 4, an amendment to the 2020 at 6:00 P.M. FY'2018 Community City Council Conference **Development Block Grant** Room (CDBG) funds, which were allocated under Pursuant to Section 6-3 the FY'2018 Mini-Entiof Chelsea, the purpose tlement Program by the Department of Housing and Community Developreceive comment on the ment, under Title I of the conversion of Shurtleff

Chelsea Housing Rehabilitation Program (Activity 4C). Interested parties are welcome to attend and provide public input relative to the program amendment process. John DePriest, Director of Planning & Development, City of Chelsea

transfer of funds to the

1/23/20, 1/30/20

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



Re: Oakwood Tavern, LLC. d/b/a Tambo 22 22 Adams Street, Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, February 6, 2020 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of an Amusement and Entertainment License for Oakwood Tavern, LLC. d/b/a Tambo 22, 22 Adams Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING

COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 1/30/20, 2/6/20

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION Notice is hereby given in of the Charter of the City Traffic and Parking Com-City Hall, 500 Broadway of the Charter of the City of the public hearing is to Street, from Congress

Avenue and Essex Street,

1/16/20, 1/30/20

to a two-way street.

Chief Brian A. Kves

Per Order

Chairperson

### **LEGAL NOTICE**



Re: Chelsea Auto Sales

69B Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, February

6, 2020 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application for a license to Buy, Sell, **Exchange or Assemble** Second Hand Motor Vehicles or Parts Thereof (Class I. II. III) for Chelsea Auto Sales, Inc, 69B Everett Avenue, Chelsea,

COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 1/30/20, 2/6/20

MA. 02150.

CHELSEA LICENSING

**LEGAL NOTICE** 



Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, February 6.2020 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea

Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of an Amusement and Entertainment License for Oakwood Tavern, LLC. d/b/a Tambo 22, 22 Adams Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 1/30/20, 2/6/20

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



Re: Amendment to Regulation Chelsea Licensing Commission, February 6, 2020 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 6,

2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the

Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider an amendment to Section 2.09A of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission to eliminate the Police Department involvement in the hiring process of security personnel at establishments

serving alcohol.

COMMISSION

Naomi Libran

CHELSEA LICENSING

City Council Conference

Licensing Administrator

1/30/20, 2/6/20



Re: Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Acapulco Mexican Restaurant 238 Fifth Street, Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, February 6, 2020 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for a Change of Hours in an All Kinds of Alcohol License for Acapulco Mexican Restaurant,

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

238 Fifth Street, Chelsea,

CHELSEA LICENSING

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1/30/20, 2/6/20

MA. 02150.

COMMISSION

Naomi Libran



40-48 Central Avenue, Chelsea Licensina Commission, February 6, 2020 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of an Amusement and **Entertainment License for** Sabor CentroAmericano, 40-48 Central Avenue, Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran

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Gail "Biggie" Theall

April 23, 1947 – Jan. 21, 2020

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Barbara Libby**

Jan. 30, 1939 – Jan. 25, 2020

Barbara Libby, 82, passed away unexpectedly in her Chelsea home on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was one of eleven children born to the late Christopher Zullo, Sr. and Angelina (Riccio) Zullo. She attended local schools and was a lifelong resident of Chelsea.

She was the beloved wife of the late John W. Libby and was widowed 37 years ago. A single mother of five, she worked outside of her home to support her family. She held various jobs at Shrafts' Candies and K-Mart and was a familiar cashier at Stop and Shop in Chelsea before taking her retirement.

During her lifetime, Barbara enjoyed spending time with family and friends, she was an adoring cherished grandmother remembered for her dancing and trips to casinos and was an active member and volunteer at the Chelsea Senior Center for many years.

In addition to her husband and parents, Barbara was also predeceased by her ten siblings: her sister, the late Elizabeth Sofia and brothers: Charlie Zullo, Felix Zullo, Mario Zullo, James Zullo, Michael Zullo, Anthony Zullo, Jerry Zullo, John Zullo and Christopher Zullo, Jr. She was the beloved mother of Frank L. Tallent of Stoneham and his fiancée, Diann DiBenedetto, John



Libby and his wife, Leona of Chelsea, Robert Libby of Carver, James Libby of Chelsea and Linda Bednarek and her husband, Kevin of Tewksbury; cherished grandmother of Jeffrey Tallent, Robert Libby, Jr., Brianna Libby, Daniel Libby, Nicholas Libby, Madison Libby, James Libby, Eric Libby, Brendan Bednarek, Ryan Bednarek and Mackenzie Bednarek. She is also survived by her dear friend, Jimmy Nardizzi and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Visiting hours will be held at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, Jan. 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Funeral services will be conducted in the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at 12:45 p.m. The funeral home is fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral

#### **Anne Lawless**

August 30, 1929 - January 15, 2020

Anne Law-

August 30, 1929 - Janu-

ary 15, 2020 Anne C. Lawless, a

longtime Chelsea resident, loving wife and cherished aunt, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 15 while in residence at the Pace Center in Winthrop. She was 90 years old.

Born and raised in Somerville, the daughter of the late Leo and Julia Cain, Anne was first married to Earl Pike and together they settled in Lewiston, Maine for several years. Fifty years ago, shortly after Earl's passing, Anne returned to the local area and settled in Chelsea. She re-married Richard P. Lawless in the seventies and the couple shared over 30 years together up to the time of

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Richard's passing in 2008.

When residing in Lewiston, Anne worked outside of her home as an office clerk and while in Chelsea, she worked for many years at Standard Box Co.

She is fondly remembered as a nice and caring person who loved animals and possessed a quiet unassuming demeanor, a lady who enjoyed the company of friends and dancing.

She is survived by her sister. Catherine Pike of Maine and was the cherished aunt of her beloved niece and caregiver, Roberta Washington of Chelsea.

No services are being planned at this time.

Memorial Anthony Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

#### passed away in her Revere home on Tuesday, Jan. 21

Gail "Biggie" Theall after a brief illness.

Best known as "Biggie' to her friends, she was born and raised in Lewiston, Maine, one of four children born to the late Thomas and Agelia F. (Ramanauskas) Ellis. She was the beloved wife of the late Edgar Theall and resided in Revere for most of her life. She worked outside of

her home for many years as a teller with Citizens Bank in Revere, retiring in 2010. In her lifetime, she delighted in simply being at home, frequenting her favorite local pizza parlor in Revere or just going to Suffolk Downs for an afternoon. A person of quiet nature, she enjoyed acquiring various artwork and collectables featuring butterflies and clowns.

In addition to her beloved husband, Edgar and her parents, she was also predeceased by her only daughter, Mona Theall-Rangall and a brother, John Ellis. She was the cherished grandmother of Shana Scott



of Malden and Matthew Kratman of New Hamp-White of Auburn, ME and Lawrence Ellis of Revere. She is also survived by her

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a memorial gathering at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, Jan. 31 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. followed by a remembrance prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Home is fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral home.

Framingham, MA 01701.

#### shire, dear sister of Mona beloved friend, John Lyman of North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers: should friends desire, contributions in her memory may be made to the American Heart Assoc. 20 Speen St.,

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#### Massachusetts consumers received more than \$1.8 Million in FTC refunds in 2019

New data released by the Federal Trade Commission shows that consumers across Massachusetts received \$1,834,207 in refund checks from the FTC in 2019.

In addition to refunds, the newly released data also shows that Massachusetts residents filed 46,776 complaints with the FTC last year. The most common category of complaints received from Massachusetts consumers was Imposter Scams, followed by Identity Theft, Telephone and Mobile Services, Online Shopping and Negative Reviews, and Banks and Lenders. Consumers in Massachusetts reported losing \$25,653,339 to scams and fraud.

Reports from around the country about consumer protection issues are a key resource for FTC investigations that stop illegal activities and, when possible, provide refunds to consumers. A core part of the FTC's

mission is to return money to consumers who are harmed by illegal business practices. Over the last four years, consumers have cashed more than \$1 billion in FTC refund checks

The most common type of fraud reported to the FTC in 2019 nationwide was imposter scams; government imposter scams, in particular, were the most frequently reported, and up more than 50 percent since 2018. Of all reports received, the top categories were identity theft, imposter scams, telephone and mobile services, online shopping, and credit bureaus.

•Refunds to Consumers

The FTC Act allows the FTC to seek refunds from companies whose actions harm consumers.

During 2019, more than million consumers cashed FTC checks received as a result of law enforcement cases. When consumers don't cash their refund checks, the FTC uses that money to send additional mailings to ensure the maximum amount of money is returned to consumers. Any remaining refund money is sent to the U.S. Treasury.

For the first time, data about the FTC's refund program will be available online in an interactive dashboard, including state-by-state and case-by-case breakdowns of the amount refunded to consumers. The dashboard is available at ftc.gov/explore-

•Consumer Sentinel Net-

The FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network is a database that receives reports directly from consumers, as well as from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and a number of private partners. The network received 3.2 million reports in 2019, including nearly 1.7 million fraud reports as well as identity theft and other reports.

Consumers reported losing more than \$1.9 billion to fraud in 2019, with nearly \$667 million lost to imposter scams alone. While scammers target consumers using every possible method of communication, phone calls were the most common. A small percentage of consumers who reported they encountered a fraud over the phone said they actually lost money. When they did, the median individual loss was more than \$1,000.

You can learn more about consumer topics and file a consumer complaint online or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357). Like the FTC on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, read our blogs, and subscribe to press releases for the latest FTC news and resources.

#### Major City Police Chiefs endorse driver's license legislation

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, at making our roads safer for "This bill would promote Chiefs of Police Association (MMCC)—an organization comprised of most of the police chiefs for the bay state's cities, along with those representing the state police and the Mass Bay transit authority-voted to endorse the Work and Family Mobility Act. If passed, the WFMA would extend the ability to obtain a Massachusetts standard driver's license to qualified undocumented immigrants,

urgent legislation, which must be voted out of the transportation committee by February 5 and passed into law by July 2020.

"As an organization committed to community policing and racial justice as paramount to reducing crime, we are proud to endorse the Work and Family Mobility Act," said Brian Kyes, Chief of the Chelsea Police department and President of the MMCC.

their monthly meeting, The all. This endorsement lends trust between law enforce-Massachusetts Major City an important boost to this ment and all the communities we serve and protect. In order for our state's police officers to best do their jobs and remain safe while doing so, they need to be able to identify who's behind the wheel. All Massachusetts families need peace of mind knowing that the drivers on our highways and city streets have passed the same driving test and know the rules of our roads." According to the Pew

Research Center, as of 2016

there were 250,000 "unauthorized" immigrants living in Massachusetts. Yet, these immigrants—many of whom have lived in our state for decades and are raising U.S.-born children here-don't qualify for a Massachusetts Standard Driver's license, meaning every time they need to drive their children to school or to the doctor, they risk detention or deportation. 15 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, have passed legislation that gives eligible drivers the ability to obtain a driver's license, regardless of immigration status. These laws improve public safety by ensuring that all drivers pass the same driver's test, get vision exams and have car insurance. They also boost the economy, and have been shown to decrease hit and run incidents in Connecticut and

other states. The WFMA has widespread support across the Commonwealth. At a hearing for the bill in September 2019, 600-plus supporters packed into the statehouse, including affected immigrants and their children, community advocates, doctors, social workers, educators, business leaders, and faith leaders. With immigrants under constant attack by the Trump Administration, it's time for Massachusetts to take a stand to protect our immigrant friends and neighbors.

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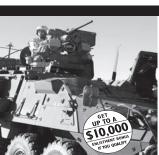
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#### Summit convenes leaders to address East Boston health needs

EBNHC and Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA convene community leaders to design future of new Community Resource and Wellness Center

On Thursday, Jan. 23, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (Blue Cross) to convene more than 40 East Boston community leaders representing schools and not-for-profits to jumpstart further collaboration and share plans for EBNHC's expanded Community Resource and Wellness Center opening at the former Meridian Street Library later in 2020. The Center, located at 282 Meridian St., will be a one-stop-shop for wellness in the community - a shared space for organizations to connect and serve East Boston community

members. The summit, held at Well-B, Blue Cross' innovation center, was the first gathering of its kind to bring together more than 20 community organizations across East Boston to collaborate. Manny Lopes, CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center welcomed the group and Lucy Darragh, Director of Civic Engagement at Blue Cross, led the group through a focused design thinking session. During the half-day

workshop, the group empathized the experiences of community members, defined the problems facing East Boston residents, and began to discuss and brainstorm how the group might address these issues through collective impact and the Community Resource and Wellness Center.

"Engaging our community is crucial for us to design impactful programming that will help our neighbors live healthier lives," says Manny Lopes, CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. "We're excited to take the results from these productive conversations and bring it back to the health center to shape our next steps as we develop the space and the programs that will take place inside."

EBNHC recognizes that improving overall health and well- being cannot be treated solely with a clinical intervention and comprehensive care needs to involve addressing social determinants. The CRWC will be staffed with Care Navigators whose role is to assist clients in self-advocacy and navigating community resources. These

Care Navigators will provide culturally and linguistically appropriate information on a variety of services, including but not limited to: food access resources, housing supports, financial assistance, immigration services, legal assistance, supports for seniors, educational services, childcare options and parenting programs, domestic violence support, and disability resources.

The Community Resource and Wellness Center will be a service hub open to all community members seeking assistance in accessing resources which would improve their overall wellness. The CRWC will be an expansion of current service being offered out of EBNHC's 120 Liverpool St. location. This move will allow for increased programming, additional community collaboration and space for wellness pro-

Additionally, this new space will allow EBNHC to host partner agencies with expertise in specific service areas on site. A wide variety of agencies will hold regularly scheduled information sessions and client



**East Boston Service Provider Summit group photo** 

meetings at the CRWC, removing barriers and providing a one-stop-shop to community members seeking resources right here in East Boston.

Individuals and families seeking assistance are encouraged to visit the Community Resource and Wellness Center, open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.

"At Blue Cross, we believe in the power of collaboration to advance change," says Jeff Bellows, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Public Affairs at Blue Cross. "We are excited to work with EBNHC and the East Boston community and look forward to an ongoing partnership with the Wellness center to improve access to healthy living opportunities for East Boston residents."

About East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) has been a vital part of its community for the last 50 years, providing easily accessible, high-quality health care to all who live and work in East Boston and the

surrounding communities of Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop. EBN-HC supports over 1,000 employees and handles 300,000 visits per year more than any other ambulatory care center in New England. For more information, please visit www. ebnhc.org.

About Blue Cross Blue

Shield of Massachusetts Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (bluecrossma.com) is a community-focused, tax-paying, not-for-profit health plan headquartered in Boston. We're the trusted health plan for more than 25,000 Massachusetts employers and are committed to working with others in a spirit of shared responsibility to make quality health care affordable. Consistent with our corporate promise to always put our 2.9 million members first, we're rated among the nation's best health plans for member satisfaction and quality. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, You-

Tube, and LinkedIn. Representatives each of the organizations listed attended the event:

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#### Zonta Club of Chelsea celebrates Amelia Earhart

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celebrate the 2019 District 1 Amelia Earhart's Fellowship Award dinner. Together with our sister clubs of Malden and Medford we honored the recipient, Paula do Vale Pereira a Ph.D. student in the Aeronautics

On Jan. 16, members of and Astronautics Departthe Zonta Club of Chelsea ment at MIT. Amelia Eargathered at The Hilton Gar- hart was a member of the Barrington Airport in Great den Inn in East Boston to Zonta Club of Medford Barrington. She presented and every year thousands of dollars are given in her name to deserving women. The Guest Speaker of the evening was Peggy Loeffler who is a member of the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women

Pilots. She is employed as a flight instructor at Great a very informative and interesting power point presentation of women pilots from the beginning of the 20th century to the present. It was a wonderful night celebrating Zonta Fellow-



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Zonta District 1 Governor Elizabeth Hart, Paula do Vale Pereira, Amelia Earhart Fellow, and Mary Jane O'Neill.