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Former city councillor pulls nomination papers for Senate

By Seth Daniel

Former Councillor Joe Perlatonda has pulled Nomination Papers for a potential run in the state senate primary election in September, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

Perlatonda has served two stints on the Council, once as the District 5 councillor, and then returning as the District 3 councillor. He lost his election in November to Councillor Naomi Zabot.

Now, he appears to be looking at a run for state senate. It's a seat that is currently held by State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

DiDomenico has also pulled papers to run once again, and indicated he is getting ready to start the campaign process.

Perlatonda could not be reached immediately for comment, but pulling papers doesn't always mean a run. A candidate must get signatures and return the papers by the deadline to be on the ballot.

Baker says key to virus response is being ready, watching **West Coast**

By Seth Daniel

Gov. Charlie Baker said on Monday that the state is preparing for any major outbreaks of the coronavirus, and will have the ability to test in health care facilities across the state, while the Chelsea Public Schools said it is monitoring the situation and advising parents to keep kids home if they are sick.

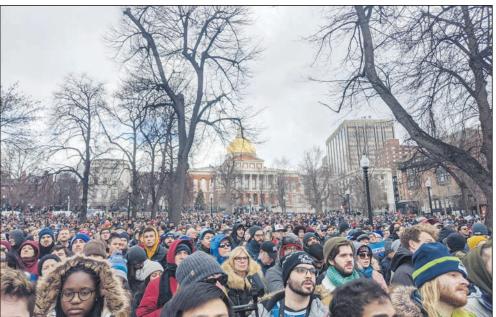
"We've obviously been working this issue for over one month now through our contacts with the CDC and our colleagues in municipal government in all the departments of public health," said the governor. "I think that the thing everybody is focused on at this point is ensuring we are in a position to make sure people

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On Saturday, Feb. 29, Candidate for U.S. President Bernie Sanders held a rally on the Boston Common, where he as well as various campaign and local officials spoke to a crowd of over 10,000 people. Lines to enter the rally began forming around 10 a.m., and snaked around the outer pathways of the Common. Following the remarks of Presidential Candidate Sanders and local officials, attendees with the campaign kicked off a City-wide canvassing effort to encourage people to get out, vote, and vote for Sanders.

Diamonds and Blue Sapphire

Chelsea couple celebrates their 65th anniversary

By Cary Shuman

This love story began on Halloween night 70 years

Marie Barbieri of Beacon Street was one of the last guests to arrive at a teenage friend's party and there was nowhere to sit. That's when she saw 16-year-old Ed Diamond of Williams Street sitting in a chair.

"I had never met him, but Ed says to me, 'you can sit on my lap if you want for a little while," recalled Marie. "I was always very, very shy, but I sat on his lap and that was the beginning."

Seven decades and many happy times later, Marie and Ed Diamond are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary today. Both lifelong Chelsea residents, the Diamonds raised four beautiful children, Edward Diamond, Lisa Diamond Zullo, Donna Diamond Lake, and Gina Diamond

Reece. "I have four wonderful children," said Marie. "They have given us noth-



Ed and Marie Diamond, pictured at a social event in 2005, are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary today. They were married on March 5, 1955 at the St. Rose Church.

ing but happiness."

The Diamonds also have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

"Two granddaughters and that's it – the rest are all boys," said Marie.

One of the grandchildren. Nicholas Zullo, played football at Stonehill College and will be studying at the University of Notre Dame. A former football standout at Tewksbury High School, Nicholas is considering a walk-on tryout for the Fighting Irish who happened to be coached by former Chelsea resident Brian Kelly.

Ed Diamond receives war medals

Ed worked several jobs as a kid, including one as a pin boy at a local bowling

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



PHOTO BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Trailblazers Award recipient Celeste Williams smiles for the camera during the Chelsea Black Community's (CBC) Trailblazers Award Night on Feb. 20. Several members of the community were recognized for their efforts in breaking down barriers in Chelsea. Williams has been active in the community for many years, from serving the homeless to painting murals on Broadway. Other award winners included Patricia Simboli, Jose Iraheta, Linda Alioto Robinson, Susan Gallant, and Beverly Martin Ross. See Page 8 for more Special to the Record

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders took first place in the Democratic Presidential Primary election in Chelsea Tuesday.

Sanders received 1,650 votes, representing 43 percent of the total votes cast. Former Vice President Joe Biden was second with 843 votes (22 percent), followed by U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren with 699 votes (18 percent), and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg with 436 votes (11 percent).

Biden was the overall winner in the Massachusetts Democratic Presidential Primary.

Bloomberg announced Wednesday that he will dropping out of the race for President.

President Donald Trump took first in the Republican Presidential Primary election in Chelsea with 330 votes, easily defeating former Gov. William Weld, who received 28 votes. Trump also won the Massachusetts Republican Presidential Primary.

City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White reported that 4,265 residents cast ballots in the local Presidential Primary and state and ward committee elections for a turnout of 26 percent of the city's 16,236 registered vot-

A Guy Thing

Jack's Men's Shop stood the test of time

By Seth Daniel

Walking the floor of Jack's Men's Shop on Broadway for the past 35 years, Ron Silverstein got to know his customers in the truest sense of the word.

He knew what they wanted. He knew what would sell

in Chelsea. He knew about their

And, in recent years, he had come to know successive generations of their families.

he was closing the store this Saturday, March 8, and the calls have flooded in since

"Where am I going to get my clothes?" are the common refrains over the phone or from folks walking in upon see the 'Going Out of Business' sign.

"The secret to a small business is being on the floor talking and learning and listening to customers," he said. "The big corporations that have 40 stores, they can try to understand by looking at papers or reading reports, but when you're listening to the customer and getting their input and you actually know them - they tell you what you need to know. I'm not outfitting the country. I am outfitting my neighbors and my customers that come

Silverstein kept things fresh with a simple formula at his one-store company. He would turn over inventory about 10 times a year, rather than the average four

times a year. That kept the store looking fresh and new. He did this by buying less, going to trade shows a lot, but being disciplined and only buying the things there he knew his customers would like.

That was the case for his shoes, including the top Nike footwear and Timberland boots, as well as the street fashion, T-shirts and the traditional formal suit

"Know your customer doesn't begin to describe it," he said. "Knowing Just about two weeks the customer is a concept. ago, Silverstein announced Knowing them and their family, talking to them and talking to them about the things they like, that's a much different concept."

Silverstein came from a long line of retail owners, with his great grandfather coming over from Russia and getting into the haberdashery business. He would sell hats, and then branched out into boots and overalls for workers - selling those

items on a cart.

Eventually the family got into the retail market, having a large department store called Silverstein's on Blue Hill Avenue in Boston. However, instead of leaving the store and his success to his children, Ron's grandfather set them all up with stores around Greater Boston. There was one in Mattapan, downtown Boston, Dorchester, Randolph and Chelsea.

Ron Silverstein opted to open a store on Broadway Chelsea in 1986. It was a time when Chelsea was on the decline, there

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Susan and Ron Silverstein in Jack's Men's Shop this week. Ron announced about two weeks ago that he is retiring and closing the store after 35 years. Originally coming to the city in 1986, he said he chose Broadway Chelsea because of the large Spanish-speaking population. Over time, he has become the city's store of choice.

Rich Cuthie selected for U.S. **Chamber Foundation Education** and Workforce Fellowship program

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation this week announced that Rich Cuthie, Executive Director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, was selected to participate in the fourth cohort of its premiere business leadership program. The Business Leads Fellowship Program trains and equips leaders from state and local chambers of commerce with resources, access to experts, and a network of peers to build their capacity to address the most pressing education and workforce challenges.

"There is much work to be done around the economic development and development workforce needs of Chelsea," Mr. Cuthie noted. "It's exciting to have been chosen by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation for this award. I look forward to sharing what I learn with my partners in the Chelsea Good Jobs Coalition, and other workforce development initiatives."

"We created the Business Leads Fellowship Program in response to the needs of our state and local chamber partners," says Cheryl Oldham, Senior Vice President of the Center for Education and Workforce. "They, better than anyone, see the critical link between education and economic development, and we glad to be able to support them as they take this



critical Rich Cuthie leadership role in their community."

Following a competitive application and selection process, Mr. Cuthie was selected along with 34 other state and local chamber executives and association leaders to participate in the fourth class of this program. The four-month program, which concludes in July 2020, will cover the entire talent pipeline, including early childhood education, K-12, higher education, and

Upon completion, Business Leads Fellows will join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's dedicated network of 200 chambers of commerce and statewide associations from around the nation who regularly engage on education and workforce initiatives.

workforce development.

For a full list of participants in the Business Leads Fellowship Program, visit the U.S. Chamber Foundation website https://www. uschamberfoundation.org/ Fellowship-Program>.

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who show signs are tested and tested quickly. We now have the ability to do the tests here in Massachusetts and we spent a good part of last weekend talking to our colleagues in the health care world making sure we have the testing capacity and can test when we need to.

"I certainly think that people who are coming back from areas that have a high level of presence of this virus, some sort of stay-at-home type of quarantine is not a bad idea," he continued. "That's obviously one of the things we're talking to our colleagues in the public health community for purposes of how we should move ahead in Massachusetts."

One key focus point this week, he said, was for state officials, City officials and the public health community here to watch what happens on the West Coast - where there have been more cases and outbreaks in the last two weeks.

"I think the thing many of us are going to pay a lot of attention to in the next several days is going to be the fallout on the West Coast," he said. "It's pretty clear, and it may have to do with their proximity to Asia from a geographic point of view, but I think a lot of us are particularly interested in what happens there."

This week, Supt. Almi Abeyta sent home a letter of guidance to parent on Monday to let them know the district is working with the City and state to monitor the spread of the virus.

"It is an evolving situation that we are following closely and will continue to update you and information is shared with us," she wrote. "Please rest assured that we are monitoring student health concerns. We are in close communication with the local Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health/ School Health Unit, as well as pediatric health care providers in the community. Our School Facilities Department is vigilantly sanitizing our educational spaces as we typically do during cold and flu season. We are following all recommended guidelines to ensure the safety of our students and staff."

She also advised that it is important to keep children at home when they are sick and not to send them to school if they have the following symptoms:

•temperature greater than 100.4

•coughing

vomiting

•diarrhea rashes

•red or pink itchy eyes

•drainage from the eyes •Sick with chicken pox, strep throat or the flu.

Baker said the state will be ready to work the plans they've had in place for some time, but with the



Gov. Charlie Baker told members of the media on Monday that they plan to watch how the virus outbreak unfolds on the West Coast, but also to be ready to act with current public health plans if need be.

itizer:

flexibility to change course as things evolve on the front lines.

"The game plan here is to make sure we're doing all the surveillance work we need to do and that we're in a position to conduct testing as appropriate and we have a public health and health care system that is able and ready to deal with this as it moves forward," he said. "I fully expect this is a thing where you plan the work and work the plan, but you also expect and anticipate the plan is going to change with the facts on the

ground." The following are some general tips to staying healthy and protecting oneself from the flu and other respiratory illnesses:

with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;

•If you do not have access to soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand san-

•Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;

•Avoid close contact with people who are sick; If you have cold-like

symptoms, you can help protect others by; *Staying home while

you are sick;

 Avoiding close contact with others;

•Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue (or arm) when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands;

•Cleaning and disinfect-•Wash your hands often ing objects and surfaces.

POLICE Log

Monday, 2/10

Shelly Robinson, 60, 2540 Barker Ave., Bronx, NY, was arrested for attempted larceny forgery of document (2 counts) and utter false document.

Wednesday, 2/12

Henry Hernandez-Valentin, 49, 21 John St., Chelsea, was arrested on a warrant.

Edyn Alfaro, 56, 16 Brimblecom St., Lynn, was arrested for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle. Mikayla Lowe, 23, 225

Chestnut St., Chelsea, was arrested for operating motor vehicle with suspended license and on a warrant.

Saturday, 2/15 Francisco Ponce, 41, 68

Murray St., Chelsea, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor (2nd offense) and failing to stop for police.

Sunday, 2/16

Evelyn Carmona, 38, rant.

100 Reservoir St., Revere, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Adam Edelstein, 41, 17 Hawthorne St., Peabody, was arrested on a warrant.

Luis Correa-Delgado, 37, 1211 Bennington St., Boston, was arrested for operation of motor vehicle unlicensed and on a war-

Police deal with fights at Encore Boston Harbor over the weekend

Staff Report

State Troopers and Everett Police dealt with two unruly individuals at Encore Boston Harbor early Saturday morning, Feb. 29, with one of the incidents leading to a State Trooper suffering a head injury.

Shortly after 2 a.m. Saturday, Encore Security requested assistance from the MSP Gaming Enforcement Unit with an unruly person in the poker room. Two Troopers were in the area and responded immediately On the way off the casino floor the male patron became irate and aggressive toward Encore Security.

The patron was later identified as Brandon Wangnoon, 25, of Brockton. As the Troopers attempted to take Wangnoon into custody, he began to struggle violently near the drug store. In offer to subdue the violent suspect one of the Troopers used his department-issued electronic control weapon in drive stun mode. Troopers and an Everett Officer were eventually able to secure Wangnoon in handcuffs. While being escorted through the main lobby Wangnoon

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once again became assaultive and threatening and was again subdued and taken outside. Once outside he became assaultive yet again and was taken to the ground and held there until an Everett Police prisoner van arrived to transport him to the Everett Police Station. He was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Police also plan to add assault and battery on a police officer charges to the complaint.

While subduing the hostile suspect, one of the Troopers struck his head and, after evaluation by EMS, was transported to MGH, where he was diagnosed with a concussion. The second Trooper sustained injuries to his back but chose to remain on duty. Both Troopers are day-to-day.

Then, at approximately 4:20 a.m. Saturday, Troopers and Everett officers were called to assist Encore Security with two men fighting. Upon arrival one of the men continued to resist and struggle with the officers. That suspect, Brian Navarro, 24, of Dorchester, was taken into custody and charged with

assault and battery on a police officer - the victim was an Everett Police Officer and disorderly conduct. He was also transported to the Everett Police station and booked on those charges.

Encore Boston Harbor officials said that while there were two arrests early Saturday, arrests and incidents have actually gone down at the resort over the last few months.

"The safety of our guests of paramount concern for us," read the statement. "More than 20,000 people enjoyed the casino on Friday. We employed more than 30 security personnel and the Gaming Enforcement Unit of the Massachusetts State Police had several officers on site, as they do each and every day. While there were two arrests on (Saturday morning), violence has not increased over the last few months. On the contrary, we have seen a reduction in the number of arrests. We stand by our safety and security measures, and will continue to do everything we can to provide an optimal experience for all of our guests."

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Chelsea, Massachusetts NPDES Permit No. MA0101877 Annual Combined Sewer Overflow Press Release, March 2020

Combined sewers are sewers that are designed to collect both wastewater and stormwater runoff in the same pipe. Approximately 70% of Chelsea is serviced by combined sewers. Most of the time, Chelsea's combined sewers transport all of the wastewater and stormwater to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA's) Deer Island Treatment Plant, where it is treated and then discharged to the Atlantic Ocean. However, during large rain storms, the capacity of the combined sewer pipes can be exceeded. For this reason, combined sewer systems such as Chelsea's are designed with special overflow structures that can release the excess wet-weather flow to a nearby water body to prevent it from backing up into buildings or out of manholes. These overflows, called Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), contain not only stormwater but also untreated wastewater and debris. CSO discharges are a public health and water pollution concern for Chelsea, as well as the approximately 770 other U.S. cities with combined sewer systems. Chelsea has a permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), MA0101877, which authorizes the City to discharge from its three remaining CSOs as follows:

- CHE003 Located on Winnisimmet Street and discharges to Chelsea River CHE004 - Located on Pearl Street and discharges to Chelsea River
- CHE008 Located on Eastern Avenue and discharges to Chelsea River

Calendar Year 2019 CSO Update As required by the CSO permit, Chelsea is publishing this Annual Press Release to inform the public about

CSO discharges. In 2019, CHE003 discharged during one storm event, CHE004 discharged during nine storm events and CHE008 discharged during 16 storm events. Detailed information regarding Chelsea's CSOs, and all 2019 discharges, may be found in the CSO Annual Report posted on the City's website after April 30, 2020 (www.ci.chelsea.ma.us). Ongoing CSO Elimination Efforts

Chelsea is aggressively pursuing sewer separation and other infrastructure improvement projects that will

reduce the quantity of stormwater discharged to its combined sewer system and, therefore, CSO activation frequency and volume. During 2019, the city began developing a master plan for sewer separation, including creation of hydraulic models for the sewer and drain systems. The city also began construction on sewer separation and other utility improvements in the following areas of Chelsea: Essex Street between Pearl Street and Highland Street

- Highland Street between Maverick Street and Marginal Street
- Also in 2019, design of utility improvements was on-going for the following areas of Chelsea: • Broadway between City Hall and the Revere city line

Broadway between City Hall and Williams Street

- · Beacham Street between the Everett city line and Williams Street
- Williams Street between Beacham Street and Spruce Street
- These projects are being funded through the City's Capital Improvement Plan, as well as various grant and

Additional information regarding Chelsea's CSOs is available on the City's website at www.ci.chelsea.ma.us,

as well as from the EPA or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

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was rampant drug dealing, higher crime and many vacant buildings. However, Silverstein said he saw an opportunity with the Spanish-speaking immigrants who lived in the city – a group of customers that have been his staple for decades.

"What brought me here was the Spanish clientele," he said. "We found them to be very family-oriented. A lot were church-going and friendly. When you went into a lot of other areas in Boston, it could be really rough. Here in Chelsea it wasn't like that. People were nice. There were plenty of characters, but even they were nice too."

He said his first customers were Puerto Ricans, many of whom would come in and spend their entire paychecks to buy clothes for a friend or family member that just arrived from the island. Slowly, they moved on and then it became a Central American clientele. Now, however, the City is gentrifying, and even the Central Americans are fewer. He said he finds Broadway becoming less active, and it was a signal that it was time for him to slow down and retire.

"Chelsea has really changed," he said. "The customers I had for so long are not here as much anymore. The City is gentrifying and my customers are changing with that. That's one reason I'm leaving is because there are less of my customers here. However, after 35 years, it's really just time to retire and move on anyway."

Since announcing the retirement and closure, Silverstein said the outpouring from the community has been humbling.

One thing Silverstein always did was hire young kids from Chelsea to work in his store. That helped to give them a good job, and helped them to put the word out about the store. It also helped keep him on the tip of the latest trends with the local young people.

One of those was Brian Rosa, a young man who came in crying last week embracing his former boss.

Silverstein had given him his first job as a kid, and it helped him to develop discipline. He went on to college, Silverstein said, and works in biotech very successfully.

Then there are twins Carlos and Hector Iraola, who have been working with Silverstein for about 32 years.

Carlos recalled that he started working at Jack's, but also wanted to try out for the basketball team. In order to try out, he had to

find someone to work for him. Not wanting to tell Silverstein, he went and got his twin brother and had him work the shift, and no one knew. When Carlos made the team, he told Ron, who said he would have to find a replacement to cover his shifts.

"I told him I didn't have to; that there was already a replacement," said Carlos. "Then I introduced him to my brother Hector, who is identical to me. We had a huge laugh then."

Added Hector, "I literally grew up in Jack's from a young man to an adult. We were a family that shared many great times and memories that I have never forgotten and will never forget."

Such sentiments keep rolling in from people who bought their first pair of sneakers at Jack's, then came back and bought their children and grandchildren their first pair of sneakers

Few could forget the amazing window display of the latest trends, particularly at Christmas when the window was packed with shoes, shirts and hats.

"It will be sad to walk away after doing this all these years," he said. "I always said to find one thing you can do and do it right. I think I did this right."



Jack's Men's Shop on Broadway will close its doors on Saturday.



Owner Ron Silverstein and Carlos Iraola, who has worked at the shop for 32 years.

NEWS Briefs by Seth Daniel

BALEADA FIESTA

The City and Chelsea Prospers will be holding a Baleada Fiesta on Saturday, March 21, at Emiliana Fiesta, 35 Fourth St.

The time will last from 1-4 p.m. and will include music, punta dancing, free samples and lots of fun.

BEACHAM/ **WILLIAMS** RECONSTRUCTION **MEETING**

The City will hold a public meeting on Weds., March 11, 6 p.m., in the Chelsea Public Library about the reconstruction of Beacham and Williams Street this summer. Work will start this summer and will conclude in 2022. The project will start at the Everett City line on Beacham Street and go to Spruce Street. It will include new roadway layouts, a shared use path, new underground utilities, new lighting, and new landscaping throughout the corridor.

All are encouraged to join the discussion, particularly those in the biking community.

MARKEY WINS NOMINATION FOR WARD 3, 4

This weekend and earlier this week, and for the third caucus weekend in a row, the Ed Markey for U.S. Senate campaign reported big wins at caucus locations in all corners of the state, including Chelsea.

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JOE GREENE ART SHOW

Join Joe Greene for an opening reception of 'Don't Shoot' at the Griffin Museum of Photography on March 15, 4-6 p.m., in Winchester.

Don't Shoot, a collection of vintage toy guns photographed by Joe Greene, has been selected by jurors Karen Davis (Davis Orton Gallery) and Paula Tongnarelli (Griffin Museum of Photography) for inclusion in the Davis Orton Gallery 10th Annual Self Published Photobook Group Show.

SPRING RECREATION SIGN UPS

Spring Registration for youth & adult recreation programs is now underway! Check our website HYPERLINK "http://recreation.chelseama.gov/" "_blank" recreation. chelseama.gov where you can review and register for a wide range of programs such as keyboard and guitar classes, tennis, Pilates, computer technology, field trips, English and Spanish language classes. Register online or in-person at the Williams Building, 180 Walnut Street, Monday-Friday, 4-8:30pm and Saturday 9-4:30 p.m. For more info call 617-466-5233.

EAGLE SCOUT **COURT OF HONOR**

Chelsea Boy Scout Joshua Guzman will celebrate his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m. in Our Lady of Grace Church, 194 Nichols

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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://chelma.aquahawk.us or call 617-464-4041 for more information.

FREE WATER **METER** REPLACEMENT

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

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL **PROGRAM**

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

466-4010.

Ward 4 Democratic Committee elects Delegates to State Convention

Registered Democrats in 100 Stockton St. the City of Chelsea, Ward 4, held a caucus on February 29, at the Chelsea Public Library to elect Delegates to the 2020 Democratic State Convention.

Elected Female Dele-

•Olivia Anne Walsh (Chair), 91 Crest Ave.

•Beatriz Eina Muneton,

100 Stockton St. •Maria E. Barrientos, Elected Male Delegates:

260 Clark Ave.

•John Paul Gervais, 60 Lash St. •Alex J. Floyd-Vargas,

Alternates: •Nathan M. Seavey, 37

Springvale •Brayton A. Ducharme,

950 Broadway This year's State Convention will be held May 30 at the University of Massa-

chusetts, Tsongas Center in Lowell where thousands of Democrats from across the Commonwealth will come together for the purpose of endorsing a Candidate for

the United States Senate. Those interested in involved with the Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee should contact Attorney Olivia Anne Walsh, Ward 4 Chair,

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MARCH IS WEATHER **PURGATORY**

With the promise of winter coming to an end and spring just around the corner, we have high hopes for March.

The crocuses start to pop through the ground and the sun is noticeably stronger and warmer. There also is a greater amount of daylight. The first day of spring, the vernal equinox (which will occur this year on March 19), brings us 12 hours each of day and night.

But only hope springs eternal, as the saying goes, because March always is a disappointment, especially for those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline.

The average high temperature on March 1 in our area is 42, with an average low of 28 for that date. Though the average high temperature increases to 51 (and the low to 37) by the end of the month, even on the warmest of March days, our proximity to the cold ocean -- which still has temperatures in the low 40s throughout March -- cools us by 10 degrees, which can feel even chillier if there is an

In addition, with the arrival of daylight savings time (which this year is this Sunday, March 8), we may think that the additional hour of sunlight in the evening will bring milder temperatures. But daylight savings time is a trap that tricks our minds into thinking that warmer weather has arrived.

March also has the capacity for big storms. We all recall the high-tide event two years ago in the first week of March, 2018, that flooded the Boston area with the third-highest tide ever recorded in our area.

It is common in March for powerful nor'easters to pound our seashore, bringing heavy winds, high seas, and a wintry mix, including the occasional blizzard, that belie what the calendar says.

St. Patrick's Day falls on March 17, always a special day here in the Boston area. But who can recall a really warm one? Watching a St. Pat's Day parade or engaging in any outdoor activity on that day or evening requires full winter gear of a hat, gloves, and coat.

So yes, while the calendar may say that winter officially is over in March, we also know that March is not really the beginning of spring. It's somewhere in between, a version of weather purgatory -- the month that we must endure before we fully are released from the trials of winter so that we can move on to the heaven of spring and summer.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME-CLOCKS AHEAD I HOUR

GUEST OP-ED

Pleasing people?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Donald Trump and all the presidential candidates want to please enough of the American people to win. When it comes time for Americans to vote, a candidate wants to please the majority of the people, but most especially a majority of the electoral college.

A ballplayer wants to please his coach. The player knows if the coach is displeased then he will see limited playing time. The student wants to please the teacher because the teacher will assign the grade.

All of us have some people in our lives who we care about pleasing. The boss is the one who writes the paycheck. There is the pressure to perform and succeed in order to get ahead in life. Some people do everything that is right such as work time you are a very unhappy

performance and extra hours and performing above expectations in order to get ahead. Sadly, some will stoop too far.

We've heard a lot about Hollywood movie mogul Harvey Weinstein. Out of all the many accusations there certainly has to be some truth that Weinstein was very wrong on multiple occasions. How many occasions though have persons done whatever it took to please Weinstein in order to get a movie part and a big paycheck? How many times a day does this still go on in Hollywood, politics, the corporate world and on and

Do you live to please people? I bet you do some of the time. There is somebody in your life you want to be happy with you. If your answer is "yes all the time" then I suspect that most of the

person. If you live to please people there will always be someone displeased with you. You can't please everyone all the time and you can't even please one person all the time. If you try to please all people then most of the people will always be displeased with you because everyone has different opinions about life and how you should live your life. An old minister said once, "If you please God it doesn't matter who you please and if you displease God then it doesn't matter who you please." Keep in mind that you can please God and others may still be displeased.

People have opinions about how you should vote and how much of your money you should turn over to the government in taxes. People have opinions about how much of your money you should be allowed to

You'll never make everybody happy, nor will Trump or Bernie Sanders.

Sometimes people let you know how disappointed they are in you. It's common for us to be disappointed in people especially if we are counting on them to make us happy. If your happiness today hinges on others you are already bound to face a disappointing day. If your goal is to make everybody happy today then you are already having a frustrating day.

Just do and be the best you can. That's all you can

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LETTER to the Editor

RESOLVE THE

UNPAID CLAIMS Dear Editor,

About two and a half years ago, Hurricane Maria devastated the island of Puerto Rico. Unfortunately, the consequences of the widespread damage from the storm remain unresolved. The third most costly hurricane in U.S. history, Hurricane Maria caused more than \$100 billion in damage in Puerto Rico.

Thousands of Puerto Ricans, many of whom have joined our community right here in Chelsea, find themselves fighting large insurance companies that have adopted a strategy of routinely underpaying their policyholders. Individuals, private businesses, and the Puerto Rican government alike rely on the necessary funds to rebuild their lives after tragedy. MAPFRE, the largest property and casualty insurer in Puerto Rico, is responsible for many of these unpaid claims, including those belonging to the Department of Corrections and numerous Puerto Rican condominiums with tens of thousands of residents. It is estimated that MAPFRE has only paid 20% of the amount it owes to the residents Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria.

MAPFRE has its North American headquarters in Webster, MA. It is up to us to raise awareness of this issue and to demand that MAPFRE fairly resolve the unpaid claims.

The Chelsea School **Committee members Kelly Garcia** Jeanette Velez Yessenia Alfaro Lucia Henriquez **Ana Hernandez Marisol Santiago Roberto Jimenez Henry Wilson**

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LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Four Chelsea residents have recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Fall semester.

Students recognized for this honor include: Michael E. Alas, Aura G. Flores-Canelas, Zuleyka D. Hernandez and Lia C. Ring.

Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. Consisting of 16 schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 250 programs of study in science and engineering, social science and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes integral to the University's research and teaching mission. With more than 33,000 students, BU is the fourth-largest private uni-

versity in the country and

a member of the American

Association of Universities (AAU), a nonprofit association of 62 of North America's leading research-intensive institutions.

FOUR LOCAL **STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM**

Receiving degrees were Jazmin E. Castellon, Bach-

elor of Arts in Biology; Mohamud Qasim, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Mourine Jahenda,

Master of Business Administration in Business Administration and Man-Yiting Zhang, agement; Master of Science in Project Management.

LOCAL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE **UMASS AMHERST** FALL 2019 DEAN'S LIST

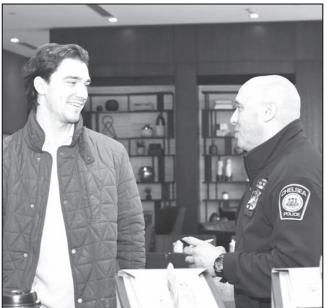
Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2019 semester. In order to qualify, an

undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a fourpoint scale. Thi M Le

Natalia Muniz Katrina Newcomer Josue Arsenio Vaquerano

CHELSEA POLICE HOST COFFEE WITH A COP EVENT

The Chelsea Police Department socialized with residents over coffee and generously-filled, fluffy doughnuts during the February 26 Coffee with a Cop event at the Holiday Inn Boston Logan Airport. Officers explained the new laws and penalties against using hand-held electronic devises while driving, and shared February vacation adventure stories with out of state visitors staying at the Broadway hotel.



Legislative Aide, Austin Batchelor, speaking with Officer Sammy Mojica.



Sergeant David Flibotte with his friend of over 40 years, Cindy Harris.



Officer Joanne O'Brien speaking with neighbors over a cup of coffee.



Officer Rich Bellomo.



Sergeant David Flibotte speaking with New Hampshire residents, Alysia and her daughter, Lacy, about their trip to see a Bruins game before heading to the airport for a Disney vacation.



State Rep. Dan Ryan visiting with Chelsea Police and residents during the February 26 Coffee with a Cop.

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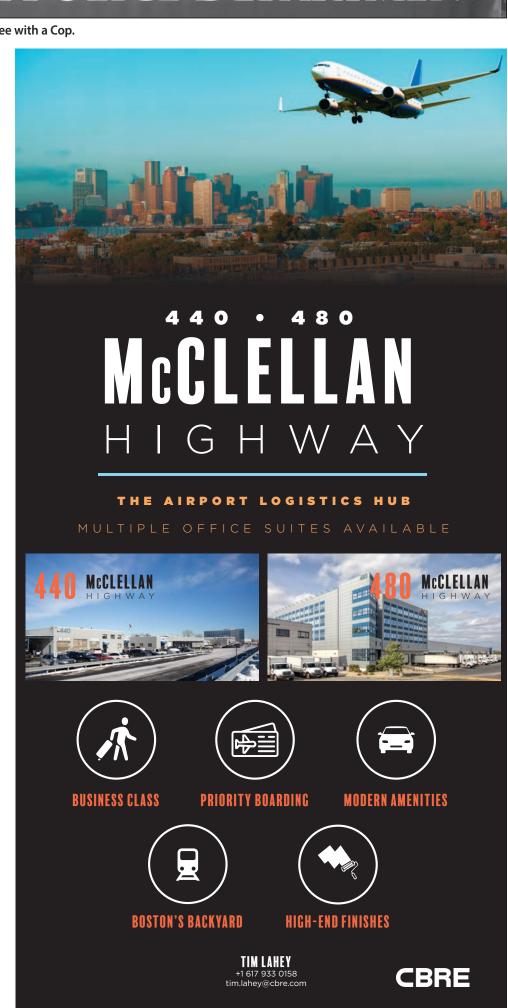
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establishment. He met several luminaries in his youth, including world champion boxer Tony DeMarco and famed boxing trainer Al

Ed was drafted in to the United States Army in 1953 and had a highly decorated career as a sergeant, receiving several medals for his bravery and heroism during the Korean War. He received a special citation from the President of Korea, Syngman Rhee.

Upon his return from the war, the Diamonds continued their relationship. "We were married at the Saint Rose Church on March 5, 1955," said Marie, who was one of seven children. "My parents loved him."

The best man was Ed's brother, George. The maid of honor was George's wife and Marie's sister-in-law, Carol Bednarek.

They found an apartment on Cherry Street and then lived on Pembroke Street for 22 years. They have lived in a house on Crescent Avenue since 1979.

"I've tried to get them to move, but they really love Chelsea," said Lisa Zullo.

A close-knit family

Ed and Marie Diamond are never far away or out of touch from their loving family. They celebrate all the holidays together.

"We celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Easter here," said Ed, who worked at the MBTA for 38 years. "Most of the family cookouts are at Lisa and [son-in-law] Phil's [Zullo] house."

Marie said the family was always together when the kids were growing up, helping one another, and having good times. "We took vacations and brought the kids everywhere we could take them," said Marie. "A lot of our summer vacations were in North Conway, N.H."

Taking part in Chelsea organizations

For years, Ed and Marie were very active at the Chelsea Knights of Columbus, with Ed serving on the board of directors and attaining Fourth Degree Knight status. They participated in the K of C candlepin bowling league.

"The Knights was a fun place back then," said Marie, who also served as recording secretary for the Corporal Frank Barbieri Lodge Sons of Italy that was named in honor of her brother

With her children enrolled at the Shurtleff School, Marie joined the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) and helped out at all the bake sales.

Marie and daughter, Lisa, were models in the Shurtleff School PTA fashion show.

"We had a nice group of ladies and we always got along very well," said Marie, reflecting on her days as a Shurtleff parent.

Marie became president of the St. Rose Women's Club and today she is active at the Chelsea Senior Cen-

The foundations to a happy marriage

But it all goes back to that Halloween night long ago when Marie and Ed first met as teenagers.

Marie said what attracted her to Ed was his height and handsomeness. He is 6 feet, 1 1/2 inch tall.

"I think that's what made me attracted to him - my family was all short - he looked tall and was strong as a horse," said Marie. "He also had a great personali-

Ed said he knew he had found someone special right away. "She was beautiful and had plenty of personality and came from a great family," said Ed. "I'm surprised her family let me in the house because I was from across the tracks. I was on Williams Street and Broadway separated Beacon Street and Williams Street."

It was Marie's mother, who helped advance the relationship with her culinary skills.

"My mother wanted to feed him because he weighed about 100 pounds, so she made sure he always ate Italian food."

What has been the overriding factor of their 65 years together as husband and wife?

"First of all, Ed and I are friends - he's my best friend," said Marie. "You have to talk to one another. We're just very good friends who agreed on what we had to do."

Final thoughts from Lisa Diamond Zullo

Those who attended Shurtleff School and Chelsea High School with Lisa Diamond remember a personable, upbeat, friendly, and kind student who would always reach out to help others and could energize a gathering with her warmth and gregariousness. Interestingly, Lisa wrote in her high school yearbook that she wanted to be a successful schoolteacher and that's exactly what she's accomplished, rising to a positon of leadership in the teachers' union as well.

"I learned how to be an excellent parent from my parents because my son makes me proud every day," said Lisa pridefully. "I learned how to raise my son [Nick] from the example that they gave me. They were always understanding and caring. You knew that there were boundaries and you always knew there would be consequences.

"It was a loving home and we have wonderful memories growing up and she's a good cook, too,"

"I'm so proud of my kids," said Marie Diamond. "They've all done so well."

Ed and Marie Diamond intend to remain as residents of Chelsea in the years to come.

"I was born and brought up here and we love it," said Ed.

And Chelsea should feel honored to have such great role models as Ed and Marie Diamond living here.



The Diamond Children, from left, Jack Lake and Donna Diamond Lake, Phil Zullo and Lisa Diamond Zullo, Mark Reece and Gina Diamond Reece, and Eddie Diamond and Debbie





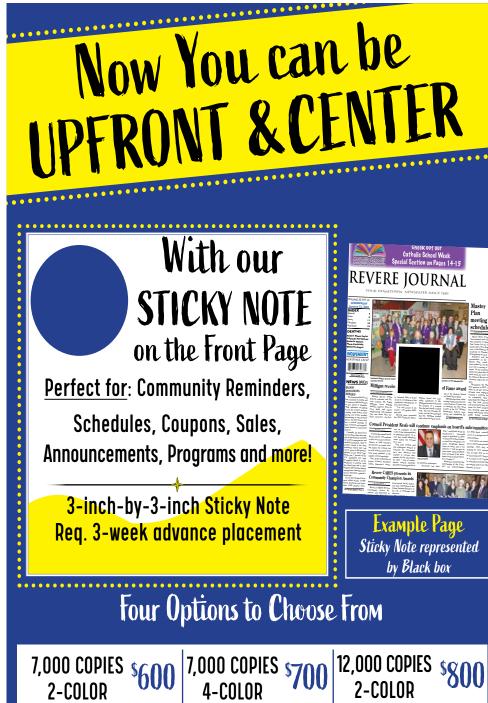
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Sports

CHELSEA RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ANNUAL AFTERNOON AT THE ICE RINK

The Chelsea Recreation And Cultural Affairs Department held it's 3rd annual Afternoon At The Ice Rink event at the Cronin Ice Skating Rink on Sunday, Feb. 25. The event brought Chelsea youth and families out to enjoy the facilities for free and experience the sport of ice skating. Hot chocolate, cookies, lessons, and a photo booth were on hand to make the day special for all.

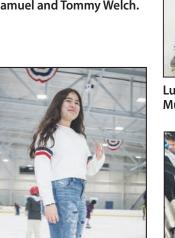


Instructor Conor Clarke and Matthew Gomez.



Abigail Murray.





Sarah Sepulveda.



Luz, Christopher, and Justin Munoz.



Andres, Jose, Isabella, and Patty Miranda.



Fatima Mendoza, Britney Alcazar, Carla Garcia, and Emily



Sisters Aida Haile and Delina Negusse.



Chelsea Recreation staff and board members Omar Miranda, Carla Garcia, Bea Cravatta, Mohammed Qasim, Emily Menjivar, and Kevin Sandoval.



Current, and future, students at the Clark Avenue Middle School.

CHS Roundup

STEPH SIMON **PLACES FOURTH** IN THE HIGH JUMP AT NEW ENGLAND **MEET**

Chelsea High track and field star Stephanie Simon turned in a pair of stellar performances at this past weekend's New England championship meet, which featured the top performers from all of the New England states.

Stephanie placed fourth in the long jump with a

leap of 18'-4". The winning jump was turned in by a girl from Connecticut with a jump of 19'-6."

Steph then just missed earning a medal in the 55 meter dash, finishing in ninth place, falling infinitesimally short of advancing to the finals by less than one-hundredth of a second.

Simon will be headed to New York City next Friday to compete in the Emerging Elite competition in both the long jump and triple jump at the New Balance Indoor Nationals.

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CHELSEA BLACK COMMUNITY HOLDS ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

The Chelsea Black Community held their annual Black History Month Celebration at the Williams School on Thursday, February 20. Trailblazers Awards were given to members of the community to recognize their contributions to breaking down barriers and obstacles making Chelsea a place of acceptance and inclusion. Attendees were addressed by Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, performances from the Off Broadway Dance Studio and Chelsea youth, a soul food dinner, and the warmth of community.



Hiba Ali with her inspiration, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.



The Special Guest of the evening was Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who spoke of the importance of community and noted that "Black History is American History, it's Chelsea History."



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (center) with HarborCOV **Executive Director Kourou Pich and Bunker Hill Community** College Associate Dean Sharon Caulfield.



Nicola Richardson and Denise Bishop with State Rep. Dan Ryan (center).



Thursday, March 5, 2020

School Committeeman Henry Wilson and Supt. Almi Abeyta with Trailblazers Award recipient Jose Iraheta.



Dancing entertainment was provided by Karen Moschella Off Broadway Dance Studio and her students Gianna De-Marzo, Gabriela Anticevic, Jesaniz Rivera, Natalie Coreas,



Council President Roy Avellaneda and Councilor Leo Robinson with City Manager Tom Ambrosino (center).



Chelsea Black Community Vice President Dakeya Christmas and President Joan Cromwell (far right) with Trailblazers Award recipients Patricia Simboli, Jose Iraheta, Linda Alioto Robinson, Susan Gallant, Beverly Martin Ross, and Celeste Williams.



School Committeeman Henry Wilson, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Rev. Sandra Whitley of the People's AME Church, and Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell.



East Cambridge Savings Bank Division President Joe Vinard, Renee Caso, Trailblazers Award recipients Patricia Simboli and Susan Gallant (2nd from right), Beth McDougal, and David



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Why the Count Counts: Federal Funding and the 2020 Census

New MassBudget Brief Highlights the Impact of an Incomplete 2020 Census Count

More than \$3 billion each year come to Massachusetts from the federal government directly based on census counts. These funds support education, health care, transportation, housing, and more in our communities.

Howevever, Massachusetts communities are at risk of an undercount in the 2020 Census. If we do not get a complete and accurate count of every single person living in the state, we are at risk of losing out on these critical resources. In its latest brief, Why the Count Counts: Federal Funding and the 2020 Census, the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center (MassBugdet) updates and

expands upon its earlier report identifying key federal funds vulnerable to a census undercount.

"A complete count of every single person living in Massachusetts gives us our best shot at making sure our communities all get the federal funding they are entitled to for the next decade, said Nancy Wagman, Kids

Count Director at Mass-Budget, and author of the brief. "If we don't count every baby and young child - even newborns - our schools, clinics, roads, and communities will miss out on funding for 10 years. That's essentially the length of an entire childhood."

Key findings from the brief include:

Young children are particularly vulnerable to being missed in the census. As many as 20,000 young children were missed in Massachusetts in the 2010

Funding for Head Start, WIC, special education, Title I dollars for our local schools, are all directly affected by census population

If the Census 2020 counts are wrong, Massachusetts risks losing out on this funding for a full decade - essentially an entire childhood; and

Low-income communities, immigrant communities, and communities of color have historically been undercounted in the census.

The lists below highlights some of the funding that is at risk from an undercount in the census and includes the recent totals to Massachusetts from these grants for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019 or state fiscal year (SFY) 2020.4 This list is not comprehensive. Yet the grants listed here total more than \$3 billion annually in federal funds coming to Massachusetts that would be directly affected by an undercount in the 2020 Census.

EDUCATION

Special Education Grants to States

\$298.0 million (SFY 2020)

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) authorizes the federal government to make grants to states for special education and related services for children with disabilities.5 The allocation to each state is based, in part, on each state's number of school-aged children and each state's number of school-aged children in poverty.6 These calculations are based on census data.

Title 1 Grants to Local Education Agencies

\$237.5 million (SFY 2020)

Title I grants are available to local school districts to improve both teaching and learning in those schools with relatively large shares of low-income children.7 The allocation of funds to school districts comes directly from estimates of the number of children aged five through 17 in families in poverty for each school district.8 These calculations are based on census data.

Head Start/Early Head Start

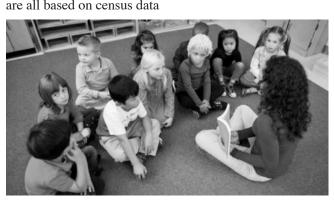
\$170.4 million (FFY 2019)

Head Start grants support the locally-run and federally-funded preschool programs that help low-income young children prepare for kindergarten.9 Massachusetts is eligible for program expansion funds in part based on how many underserved low-income three- and four-year olds there are and the number of low-income children under five in Massachusetts relative to other states. 10 These calculations are based on census data.

Child Care and Development Block Grant

\$146.1 million (FFY 2019)

The Child Care Development Block Grant provides funding to subsidize early education and care for low-income families and also to improve the quality of care for all children.11 These funds require a state "match," meaning the state must spend a portion of its own funds to receive the federal funds. Like some other states, Massachusetts uses a portion of its federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant as part of its state match.12 Massachusetts uses this block grant to pay for a large share of the spending at the Department of Early Education and Care. The amount Massachusetts receives is based in part on the population under five years old, the share of children in the state receiving free or reduced-price lunch, and per capita personal income estimates. These calculations



INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING &ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Highway Planning and Construction

\$642.8 million (FFY 2019)

The Federal-Aid Highway Program, the Federal Lands Highway program, the National Highway Freight programs, the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects, and the Highway Infrastructure Program are all encompassed under the federal Highway Planning and Construction grants.24 These funds are available to support various aspects of construction, preservation, and improvement of highways and bridges. Funds are distributed in part based on the distribution of the population across the state.25 These figures come from census counts.

Federal Transit Formula Grants

\$358.0 million (FFY 2019)

These grants support public transportation specifically in "urbanized" areas, which are those with a population over 50,000.26 This funding is only available to areas that meet a specific population threshold,27 which is determined using census population counts.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP)

\$159.5 million (SFY 2020)

The federal fuel assistance program, known as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), helps low-income families pay for heat (or air conditioning in hot climates) as well as weatherization.28 The funding formula is based in part on the state's per capita income, as well as a calculation of how much low-income households spend on home energy costs.29 These estimates are based

Community Development Block Grant—Entitlement Community Development Block Grant—Non-Entitlement \$64.1 million (FFY 2019) – Entitlement Funds

\$29.8 million (SFY 2020) – Non-Entitlement Funds

The Community Development Block Grant entitlement program provides funding to larger urban areas to support affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and other activities benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.30 About three dozen Massachusetts cities and towns receive this funding. The Community Development Block Grant non-entitlement program provides funding to non-metropolitan areas.31 The amount of funding for these grants is in part determined based on population counts, population growth rates, poverty rates, and housing overcrowding or age of housing .32 These calculations are all based on census data.

Home Investment Partnerships Program

\$31.2 million (FFY 2019)

This program provides funding to local and state government to expand the supply of affordable housing, particularly rental housing for low-income households.33 These funds are distributed based on a formula that includes the estimated number of low-income households living in substandard housing and the poverty rate of an area.34 These calculations rely on census data.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) \$724.6 million (FFY 2019)

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding reimburses the state for a portion of its spending on health insurance for low- and moderate-income children and pregnant women (see more detailed discussion of the state Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) below).14 The total amount of funding available to the state. however, is based on a formula that is in part based on the number of low-income children in the state without health insurance coverage,15 and these data come directly from census estimates.

Grants for New and Expanded Services under the **Health Center Program**

\$141.4 million (FFY 2019)

These grants support community health centers, including expanding existing services and improving access and quality of care.16 The funding available under these grants is based in part on whether a health center provides care in a "medically underserved" area, which includes communities with seasonal agricultural workers, people experiencing homelessness, and residents of publicly-subsidized housing.17 The designation of communities eligible for these grants relies on calculations based on census data.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

\$77.2 million (SFY 2020)

The WIC program provides nutritious food, guidance on healthy eating, and breastfeeding support for low-income pregnant and postpartum women, as well as infants and young children determined to be at nu-



tritional risk.18 Participants use their WIC benefits in local grocery stores, and the funding that pays for that nutritious food is in part based on the Massachusetts share of women and young children with incomes at 185 percent of the poverty level.19 These calculations are based on census

State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program

\$41.0 million (SFY 2020)

The federal vocational rehabilitation grants support asssment, counseling, and services including vocational rehabilitation and training and job placement for persons with disabilities.20 The funding to Massachusetts is in part based on the state's population relative to other states.21 This calculation is based on census data.

Social Services Block Grant

\$33.4 million (FFY 2019)

Social Services Block Grant funds are available to states to support families, prevent the abuse or neglect of adults or children, and reduce unnecessary institutionalization.22 Massachusetts uses most of this block grant to pay for spending at the Department of Children and Families. The grant to Massachusetts is in part based on the state's population relative to other states.23 This calculation is based on census data.

FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP) FEDERAL FUNDING TO MASSACHUSETTS NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY CENSUS COUNTS

The single largest source of federal revenue that supports the state budget comes through a formula known as FMAP, the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage. FMAP specifies the federal reimbursement rate for state spending on Medicaid, the state's MassHealth program.

The reimbursement rate is based on a state's per capita income, and ranges from a low of 50 percent reimbursement in thirteen states, to as much as 77.76 percent in Mississippi. Higher-income states receive a lower reimbursement rate than do lower-income states. Census population data are used in part to determine the state's per capita income for FMAP.

Massachusetts - a high income state - is already at the minimum FMAP reimbursement rate. A population undercount in the 2020 Census, which could distort (and increase) the calculation of per capita income, would not change Massachusetts' FMAP.35 The other states that are not already at this minimum FMAP reimbursement rate could be significantly affected by a population undercount in the 2020 Census.

These are the federal revenues in Massachusetts subject

Medical Assistance Program/Medicaid (MassHealth) \$10.62 billion (FFY 2019)

Reimbursement for state spending on the Medicaid program36 (MassHealth) supports affordable health insurance to more than 1.8 million Massachusetts residents, including more than half the state's children. This funding also supports key elements of the state's services for adults with disabilities and provides essential support for health care providers that serve large numbers of low-income patients. Massachusetts also uses this funding to reimburse for operations and services in a dozen state agencies, including the Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, Developmental Services, Elder Affairs, and more.

Foster Care (Title IV-E)

\$158.8 million (FFY 2019)

Reimbursement for state spending on the Title IV-E Foster Care program37 supports the state's child welfare and child protection programs, including foster care. Massachusetts uses this funding to reimburse for spending at the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Early Education and Care.

Adoption Assistance (Title IV-E)

\$39.4 million (FFY 2019)

Reimbursement for state spending on the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance program38 supports the state's child welfare and child protection programs, particularly adoption assistance for children with special needs. Massachusetts uses this funding to reimburse for spending at the Department of Children and Families.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) - also \$724.6 million (FFY 2019)

Reimbursement for state spending on the CHIP-eligi-

ble services for low- and moderate-income children and pregnant women within the MassHealth program, based on an enhanced FMAP reimbursement rate. The legislated FMAP for Massachusetts is 65 percent, however under the Affordable Care Act in fiscal years 2016 to 2019, the FMAP increased by 23 percentage points to 88 percent, and in fiscal year 2020 it drops back to 76.5 percent. In Fiscal Year 2021 the enhanced FMAP for CHIP will return to 65 percent.39 (See above description for the impact of census counts on the CHIP allotment increase.)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- At least \$3 billion in federal grants to Massachusetts each year is vulnerable to an undercount in the 2020 Census.
- This funding is directly tied to census population counts in some way.
- Young children are at particular risk of being missed in the census.
- An undercount of Massachusetts residents could mean that communities will not receive essential funding for schools, health services, transportation, and more.

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Leonel Barahona

July 2, 1979 – Feb 25, 2020

Leonel A. Barahona passed away suddenly in his Chelsea home on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Born in Guatemala City, a beloved son of Leonel Barahona and Ana Monterroso Barahona of Chelsea, his family migrated to the United States and settled in Chelsea when Leonel was seven years old. He attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School with the class of 1997.

A skilled auto mechanic, he worked side by side with his father for all of his life. He enjoyed playing basketball and was a hardcore Boston sports fan following both the Celtics and Patriots. He loved music and was a fan of the Wu-Tang Clan. He was a talented artist in the medium of colored pencils and markers. He drew many beautiful portraits, landscape scenes and various still-life drawings.

He is survived by his beloved parents Leonel Barahona and Ana Monterroso



Barahona of Chelsea. He was the dear brother of Ana Smith and her husband, Leon of Everett and Eucli Barahona and his wife, Nathalie Cuhat-Barahona of Revere. He is also survived by his adoring nieces and nephews: Marcell Barahona, Leeana Smith, Leon Smith, Max Smith and Maya Barahona.

A memorial gathering will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, March 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. A memorial service will be held during the gathering. Ample parking opposite funeral home.

Dennis Murray

Nov. 14, 1953 – Feb. 29, 2020

Dennis G. Murray passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 66 years of age.

The son of the late Charles and Margaret (Mc-Grath) Murray, Dennis was a lifelong resident of Chelsea. He is a graduate of Chelsea High School and Boston University. An exemplary athlete, Dennis played both baseball and football but experienced his greatest successes on the football field. He was awarded the 1970 Thom McAn Most Valuable Player Trophy for his performance during that year's Chelsea-Everett Game. His high school career was further recognized by Chelsea High School when he was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame.

Dennis continued his education at Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut and attended Boston University on a full Football Scholarship. He graduated from BU with a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in teaching and physical therapy.

He married the former Anne T. Sweeney and together raised a daughter and son from their family home in Chelsea. Dennis worked for the Chelsea Public School System as grade eight science teacher, retiring in 2006 after 25 years teaching.



Dennis's love of sports and science extended past his own career and into his interest, he was a Boston sports fan and science fiction and fantasy enthusiast.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Anne T. (Sweeney) Murray. He was the devoted father of Kathleen Murray and her husband, William Crafts of Saugus, William Murray and his wife, Elissa Murray of Peabody and the cherished grandfather of Connor Crafts, Amy and Brayden Murray. He was the dear brother of Charles "Chucky" Murray of Chelsea and the late Marie St. John of Florida.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Anthony Memorial - Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of their choice.

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OBITUARIES

David Stickney

Incredible actor, artist, singer, consummate performer and educator

David Stickney of Saugus died on Feb. 27 at the age of 56.

David was an incredible Actor, Artist, and Singer. He received a degree from Massachusetts Art and De-

David and his late brother, Paul were best friends who performed the Pope and Cardinal Show at Faires across the country for decades. A consummate performer and educator, David spent years teaching aspiring actors of all ages at King Richard's Faire, the Connecticut Renaissance Faire, after school programs and through his own interactive theater company, Pastimes Entertainment. David considered himself as a culinary adventurer. He truly will be missed by all who knew him.

Born in Lynn on Aug. 24, 1963 to the late Allan and Theresa (Frammartino), he was the devoted father of Arthur Stickney of New Hampshire, and Oliver Stickney of Cape Cod, dear brother of the late Paul and



Allan Stickney and is also lovingly survived by many cousins, chosen family and beloved friends.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. A Funeral Service celebrating David's life was held on Monday at the Highrock Church at The First Baptist Church, Salem. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center by visiting Joslin.org. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com

Max Martins

A Chelsea Iconic figure

Max R. Martins, 98, passed away on Tuesday, March 3 in the peaceful surroundings of his home with his loving and caring family at his side. Born and raised in Bra-

va, Cabo Verde, he was one of five children of the late Manuel and Domingus (Rosa) Martins. He received his formal education in Carbo Verde and from the age of twelve began instruction in clothing and tailoring. He continued his tailor training in Brazil.

During World War II, Max was an allied combat veteran serving with the Portuguese National Army. He came to the United States as a young man in the 1960's, settled in Chelsea and worked at American Biltrite.

Remaining in contact with family in Portuga,1 he was introduced to Sara Burgo and began a long-distance romance. He returned to Portugal in1968 and married Sara. Together they returned to Chelsea to raise a family here.

Years earlier, Max happened to purchase a suit from Wolper's, a local clothier on Broadway. He made his own alterations to the amazement of the store staff and was immediately hired as the in-house tailor. He would soon establish himself as "Max the Tailor" in 1964 altering the suits, uniforms and garments of countless Chelsea residents and city officials. His shop closed in 1984.

Max also studied photography and was an amateur photographer in his spare time. He continued his tailoring skills at local dry cleaners before enjoying full retirement.

Max was an iconic Chel-



sea figure; he could be seen frequently walking about town always impeccably dressed greeting friends and old clients.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Sara Martins and he was the devoted father of Maria Santos Belmiro of Swansea, Hilderbrande Santos of Kissimmee, FL, Manuel Cecilio of New Bedford. George Vicente of Saugus, Max Anthony "Tony" Martins of Chelsea and the late Martin Martins; dear brother of Maria Luisa Martins of Swansea, Dalva Braga-Silvia of Rio De Janeiro, The late Francisco Martins and Mariana Martins. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday March 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. His Funeral will be from the Welsh Funeral Home on Saturday at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Stanislaus Church, 163 Chestnut St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Ample parking opposite funeral home. For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFuneralHome.com.

Retired bank teller and devoted wife

and mother

Carol Ann Cataldo

Carol Ann (Sartorelli) Cataldo passed away Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 25 at the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea. She was 77 years old. Born in West Roxbury,

the daughter of the late Vincent J. and Mary (Sullivan) Sartorelli, Carol was a lifelong resident of Chelsea. She attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1960. Carol was a devoted wife

and mother. She enjoyed

cooking and caring for her home and for her four children. She was the wife of the late Robert E. "Bob" Cataldo, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage before his passing in 2019. Carol was a retired bank teller, having first worked

at the Metro Credit Union in Chelsea and later at the Chelsea Employees Federal Credit Union. She was a late parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Church in Chelsea and a late member of the OLG Church choir. Carol will be missed by her children and grandchildren, whom she adored. The wife of the late Rob-

ert "Bob" E. Cataldo, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage, she was the devoted mother of Jane M. Cataldo of Chelsea, Ellen M. Sullivan and her hus-



band, Edward of Saugus, Robert V. Cataldo and his wife, Sheila of Medford and Gregory M. Cataldo and his wife, Michelle "Missy" of New Hampshire; dear sister of Vincent Sartorelli and his wife, Sandra of Amesbury, Paul R. Sartorelli and his wife, Joyce of Georgetown, Mary Mahoney of Chelsea and the late Claire M. Harney; sister-in-law of the late Dennis Mahoney and Thomas Harney. She is also lovingly survived by six grandchildren: Nicholas and MaryElyse Sullivan, Christina and Joseph Cataldo, Nathan Day and Alexander Cataldo.

Private funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea. Donations in Carol's memory may be made to Oblates of Mary Immaculate c/o St. Michael's Archangel Chapel, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150.

William Haumann

Owned Chelsea Marble and Antiques on Essex Street from 1969 to 2002

William H. "Bill" Haumann passed away peacefully after a short illness on Sunday, March 1 at the Jeffrey and Susan Brudnick Center in Peabody where he had been receiving supportive care for the past several weeks. He was 82 years old.

Born in Boston, he grew up in Chelsea, a beloved son of the late Howard and Margaret (Peters) Haumann. He attended local schools and enlisted in the Mass. Army National Guard. He served during the Vietnam Era and was honorably discharged. He married Leona Siewko and together they raised a son and daughter in Chelsea.

Mr. Haumann was a self-employed antiques dealer. From 1969 to 2002 he was the owner and proprietor of Chelsea Marble and Antiques, located on Essex St. in Chelsea.

He was a resident of Chelsea for most of his life before settling in Peabody for the past 16 years. He enjoyed displaying and trading antiques and wares at local flea markets. A familiar flea marketer where his booths carried the name "Olden Golden," he enjoyed weekends at the markets and dealing with shoppers with his own wit and humor. He was a life member

and past Commodore of the Chelsea Yacht Club and late member of the Polish Political Club. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed home gardening. The beloved husband

of 59 years to Leona T. (Siewko) Haumann at home



voted father of Robert W. Haumann of East Boston and Elizabeth Scott and her husband, Sean of Peabody; cherished grandfather of Julia Haumann, Adam, Brody and Kasia Monkiewicz and the late Alexander William Haumann; dear brother of Howard and Ann Haumann, Edward and Paula Haumann, Joseph and Nancy Haumann, Carolina Paladino and her late husband, Anthony, Catherine and William Burge, Mary Szalkowski and Madeline and Gary Paridi and dear brother-in-law of Ronald and Julie Siewko. John and Diane Siewko, Joseph and Anna Siewko and Thaddeus and Marie Siewko.

Funeral services were private and interment was at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of their choice. 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.WelshFuneral-

Home.com

To place a memoriam in the Chelsea Record, please call 781-485-0588

OBITUARIES

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OBITUARIES

Richard A. Lynds

Lifelong East Boston resident

Richard A. Lynds of Hudson, N.H., formerly a lifelong East Boston resident died on Tuesday, March 3, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with Lymphoma

He was 76 years old.

Richard was born on Feb. 19, 1944, in Boston and moved to East Boston at a young age. He was the eighth child of the late Franklin and Marion (Carbone) Lynds and grew up in the Maverick Housing Development on New Street. There, he met his future wife Ann (Hennessey) Lynds of Grady Court.

Richard, like many of his neighborhood friends growing up, was a member of the Assumption CYO Drum and Bugle Corp in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The Drum and Bugle Corp performed at many competitions and had the honor of greeting then U.S. Sen. John F. Kennedy when he arrived at Boston Logan Airport to march in the East Boston Columbus Day Parade in 1958.

Richard attended East Boston elementary schools and East Boston High School before going to work as a Deli Supervisor for First National Supermarkets.

He worked for First National from 10th grade until the local First National stores went out of business in the late 1970s.

Always a worker and provider for his wife and three children, Richard worked several jobs between the late 1970s and early 1980s, including at Airways Rent-A-Car.

In the 1980s he began a career at the Boston Water and Sewer where he elevated to Manager of Facilities and Fleet. Richard was an important figure in establishing the Boston Water and Sewer's first union.

After leaving Boston Water and Sewer, he opened his own flower shop on Meridian Street. Richard spent several years as the proprietor of Albano's Florist before selling the business to take a more steady job at Delta Airlines.

At Delta Airlines, Richard worked as a cargo logistics specialist from the 1990s until he retired last year.

Throughout his life Richard was involved in many community activities. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus (KofC) Fitton Council. Through the KofC, he and other members were able to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years for



local organizations.

Richard was also a East Boston Little League coach, as well as a Cub Scouts of America Den Leader in East Boston in the 1980s.

During the late 1960s, he, along with many of his East Boston neighbors, fought against Logan Airport expansion and the taking of Wood Island Park. He participated in several community-wide protests, like the organized traffic slowdowns at Logan, as well as the tunnel marches.

Later in life and before retiring to Hudson, NH Richard was still an active member of the East Boston community. He was a member of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council and served for several years on the neighborhood's Climate Adaptation Planning Delegation.

He was the husband of Ann (Hennessey) Lynds; father of Joann Lynds of Winthrop, Richard C. Lynds and his wife, Jeanine, of Lynnfield and John Lynds and his wife, Rebecca, of East Boston. He was the Papa of Sofia, Brody and Chase Lynds. He was the brother of the late Ruth Langhoff, Franklin Lynds, William Lynds, Doris Watson, Wilson Lynds, and Mary Reidy. He is survived by his sister Ella Shallow and her husband, Edward, of Dorchester. He was also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, March 8 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 9 at 10 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church, 65 London St., East Boston. Immediately following the Mass committal will be held at Mt. Auburn Cemetery Chapel, 580 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Richard A. Lynds to support cancer research and patient care at: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www. dana-farber.org/gift. Gifts may also be sent to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-0035466

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as TIER II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On March 2, 2020, the Massachusetts

Department of Transportation filed a TIER II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Mr. Rick McCullough, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, 185 Kneeland Street, 9th Floor, Boston, MA, 02111, (857) 368-6100. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-0035466 at https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/search/wastesite or at MassDEP, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA, 01887, (978) 694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.



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House unanimously passes legislation to improve municipal public health services

Last week, House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Rep. RoseLee Vincent along with their colleagues in the House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation to strengthen local and regional public health services across Massachusetts.

The legislation, An Act Relative to Strengthening the Local and Regional Public Health System, supports collaboration between local boards of health and municipal neighboring public health departments to deliver high-quality and efficient public health services such as disease control, emergency preparedness, restaurant inspection, sanitary code enforcement, and suicide prevention and substance use disorder outreach.

"With the threat of a global virus outbreak on our doorstep, I'm proud that the House took action today to help communities across the Commonwealth protect the health and safety of their residents," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D – Winthrop). "Thank you to Vice Chair Garlick and Representative Kane for their diligence and focus on this issue."

"In adopting this legislation, the House is providing necessary and needed tools in the toolbox for local communities in protecting the public health of their residents," said Rep. Vincent (D-Revere). "I thank Speaker DeLeo, Vice-Chair Garlick and Representative Kane for their work in this bill, which I was proud to support."

"The House has voted unanimously to strengthen local health departments through training and resources, and to create regional synergy with other health departments," said Representative Denise Garlick, Vice Chair of the House Committee on

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Ways & Means (D-Needham). "Public health departments in our 351 communities deal with issues seen and unseen, from water quality and effective sanitation to substance use disorders and suicide prevention. These are the concerns that affect quality of life in Massachusetts. This bill is vitally important and timely given current concerns over emergency preparedness with infectious diseases such as EEE and COVID-19."

"This legislation will work toward ensuring each resident of the Commonwealth has access to the public health services they need to live a healthy life, regardless of their zip code or the size of their community," said Rep. Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury). "It will significantly strengthen our local and regional health systems by tackling many of the financial and operational burdens municipalities face. Representing a town that is a regionalized public health alliance member, I know first-hand how effective and efficient sharing public health services can be across multiple municipalities. I am grateful to the Speaker for prioritizing the bill's passage."

Specifically, the legislation seeks to strengthen local public health in three ways:

• Establishes the State
Action for Public Health
Excellence (SAPHE) program: A competitive grant

program that provides funding to public health departments to increase sharing of services across municipalities, strengthen service delivery capabilities, and improve system accountability and data reporting.

- Ensures the local public health workforce has access to training: Provides boards of health officials and staff with free educational and training opportunities four times annually in regions across the state.
- Sets new statewide public health standards: Department of Public Health will develop a set of minimum standards for foundational public health services to improve the quality of and create uniformity within the public health services of the Commonwealth.

As a first step, last year, the House committed to \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to fund new and expanded shared service programs in Metrowest, North Shore, and Western Massachusetts communities.

The legislation builds on the work of the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health, a 25-member body of public health and municipal experts established in 2016. The commission released a 2019 report identifying ways for municipalities to overcome barriers and provide quality public health services to residents in Massachusetts. The report found that of the 105 towns with fewer than 5,000 residents, 78 percent lacked full-time staff and that more than half had no health inspector. The report also found inconsistencies in training and credentials of local health department staff members and a lack of consistent data reporting

The bill will now go to the Senate.

across communities.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Felix D. Arroyo,

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Date: February 13,2020

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LEGAL NOTICE

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MEETING

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NOTICE OF

Docket No.

SU20C0102CA

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A Petition to Change

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Quiles of Chelsea, MA

requesting that the court

enter a Decree changing

Any person may appear

for purposes of objecting

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Court before 10:00 a.m.

on the return day of

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Date: February 20, 2020

3/5/20

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Felix D. Arroyo,

Register of Probate

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Naomi Libran

PETITION FOR

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Arthur M. Cohan

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CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND 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, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Conference

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 regarding a request to install thirty (30) minute parking signs at 467-471 Eastern Avenue for local businesses. Per Order

Chairperson 2/20/20, 3/5/20

Chief Brian A. Kyes

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Chairperson 2/20/20, 3/5/20

<u>LEGAL NOTICE</u>



LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA **PUBLIC HEARING** CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2021-2025 In accordance with Section 5-4 (c) of the City Charter of the City of Chelsea, notice is hereby provided of a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, March 23, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts at 7:00 P.M. regarding the City of Chelsea Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2021-2025. **Examples of CIP Projects**

include roadway improvements, water and sewer enhancements, equipment purchases and park renovations. Entire copies of the proposed CIP 2021-2025 are available for public review and inspection at the City Clerk's Office and at the Chelsea Public Library during normal business hours. Roy Avellaneda, President Chelsea City Council

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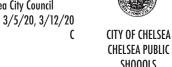
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Chairperson

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3/5/20

CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND 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, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Docket No.

City Council Conference Room City Hall, 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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of the public hearing is to receive comment on the request to institute pavement markings in Park Square to channelize traffic, reduce conflicts and improve safety for all users (plan submitted). Per Order Chief Brian A. Kyes Chairperson

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INVITATION FOR BIDS APPLICATION OF PAVE-MENT MARKINGS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS Sealed bids to furnish all

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LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

This invitation for bid

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Chief Procurement

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Officer

Dylan Cook

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POWERS OF A GUARDIAN Docket No. SU14P0337GD

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn. First Justice of this Court. Date: February 26, 2020

Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

3/5/20

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Chapter 71, Section 38N, the Chelsea School Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Chelsea City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments on: 1) School Choice for the 2020-2021 school year. 2) The proposed 2020-2021 school budget. Copies of the budget proposal will be available

for inspection no later than 2 days prior to the hearing at the Chelsea Public Library and the Office of the Superintendent of Schools Translators will be available the night of the meeting.

REUNION PUBLICA De acuerdo con el Capítulo 71, Sección 38N, el Comité Escolar de Chelsea llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el jueves, 12 de Marzo del 2020 a las 6:30 p.m. en la Sala del Consejo Municipal en la Alcaldía de Chelsea con el propósito de recibir comentarios sobre: 1) La Elección de las Escuelas para el año

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3/5/20

LEGAL NOTICE

Dylan Cook

Officer

Chief Procurement



NOTICE In accordance with Section 2-7(d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on February 24, 2020 the City Council voted after a second reading to approve the following orders: Ordered, that the City Council, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, s.63, proceeds of the sale of properties pursuant to the Everett Avenue Urban Revitalization and Development Plan (the "Urban Renewal Properties") currently on deposit in the Sale of Land Account #3079 in the aggregate amount of \$7,135,077.58 are hereby appropriated as follows: \$3,030,806.44 to pay on

July 1, 2009, which bonds were issued to pay a portion of the cost of acquiring the Urban Renewal Properties (the "2009 Urban Renewal Bonds"); \$556,000 to pay on June 1, 2020

Bonds, Series C dated

the principal amount, interest and redemption premium, if any, on \$550,000 of the City's outstanding General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2011 Bonds dated March 1, 2011, which bonds were issued to pay a portion of the cost of acquiring the Urban Renewal Properties (the "2011 Urban Renewal Bonds"); \$1,100,000 to a new City Hall Tower

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\$2,448,271.14 of the funds in the Sale of Land Account #3079 to the School Capital Building Fund #7024 to pay costs of school capital projects for which the City is otherwise authorized to incur debt for a period of five years or longer, provided that such amount shall be accounted for separately in such Fund and subject to further appropriation by the City Council for particular school capital projects that meet the requirements of this vote and of G.L. c.44, s.63; and that the City Treasurer is authorized and directed to take any action necessary to redeem the 2009 Urban Renewal Bonds and the 2011 Urban Renewal Bonds as provided for by Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the **General Stabilization** Account #7020 to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Account. #7026. provided that such funds shall only be used by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board to support a grant program for firsttime homebuyers who are Chelsea residents at no greater than 100% of Area Medium Income, and provided further that the Board shall report annually to the City Council on the details of all grants. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway,

02150.

City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED CHANGE: CHELSEA ZONING ORDINANCE/MAP The Chelsea Planning Board, in accordance with the Zoning Act, MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5, and Section 34-4 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Chelsea, will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 6:00 P.M Chelsea Senior Center 10 Riley Way Chelsea, MA 02150 to discuss a proposed change to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance/Map. The proposed change will amend the Chelsea Zoning map to change the designation of parcels 48-5 (74 Washington Avenue), 48-6 (80 Washington Avenue), 48-7 (84 Washington Avenue) 48-8 (86 Washington Avenue) 48-9 (88 Washington Avenue),

48-10 (90 Washington

Washington Avenue) from the Residential 2 (R2) District to the Retail Business 2 (BR2) District. A copy of the proposed revision is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, during normal business hours. **Tuck Willis** 3/5/20, 3/12/20

Avenue), and 48-11 (92

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d/b/a Wings 408 Broadway, Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 12, 2020 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing wil be held by the Chelsea **Licensing Commission** on Thursday, March 12, 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 Wings** El Corral, Inc. d/b/a Wings, 408 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. **CHELSEA LICENSING** COMMISSION

LEGAL NOTICE

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3/5/20, 3/12/20

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** CITATION G.L. c. 210,

δ6 **Suffolk Probate And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 Docket No. SU20A0015AD In the matter of:

Kimberly Nicolle Mendoza Any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children

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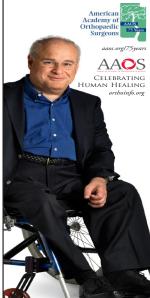
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WALSH STOPS BY OHNC MEETING

EAST BOSTON - Mayor Martin Walsh made a surprise visit to the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council's (OHNC) February meeting.

The Mayor, who had previously visited OHNC members a few months back, said his visit was part of a promise he made to the group to have an open and frank discussion about some of the issues on residents' minds.

Walsh started tellingthe OHNC that he got his start in a life of public service by attending his local community group in Dorchester.

"I was just like you," said Walsh. "So the work that you do I really appreciate it. You are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood and keep a watch on crime, development and a whole host of other issues, and I thank you for that."

Walsh then got into the meat and bones of why he was at the local community meeting--OHNC members's concerns over the explosion of development in the neighborhood.

"We got caught in the middle of a major housing crisis," said Walsh. "Years ago, people were leaving the city for many different reasons. Then around 10 years ago things started to change and people wanted to move back to the city. Students who went to col-

Bob Bolognese

Owner

lege here wanted to stay, Baby Boomers started moving back and companies started to invest in the city and bring jobs to the city so it really was a perfect storm that was brewing."

Walsh explained that the demand for housing led to a demand in housing development.

"When I was campaigning here in 2013, the one thing I heard over and over again was when was it going to be East Boston's turn," said Walsh. "People wondered about the waterfront, they wondered about the housing stock and wanted to see more investment in the neighborhood."

But as the saying goes be careful of what you ask for.

Walsh said Eastie became a very desirable neighborhood for developers and over the next six years, as the demand for housing increased, the demand for development in the neighborhood also increased

Walsh directly addressed the criticism he's been hearing from OHNC members that the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals rubber stamps every project that comes before the group.

"It's simply not true and the numbers are misleading," he said. "People throw out this number that the ZBA approves 90 percent of the projects that go before them but that number is a little skewed."

Walsh said what resi-

dents don't see is the dozens of projects that don't have community, elected official or BPDA support and are pulled off the docket.

"So we never really get an accurate number because a lot of these projects don't go up to the ZBA when they know it is going to be a no vote," explained the Mayor. "They either go for a deferral and continue to work with the community or they pull the project all together.'

Walsh said since October the ZBA has only approved three projects in Orient Heights. Those projects were a three-family on Ford Street, a five-unit development with 10 parking spaces on Crestway and another three-family on Boardman

"Alll those projects came before you a lot bigger but the developers worked with you, the community, and brought all these projects down to scale and moved forward," said Walsh. Walsh also pointed to a

couple of other projects in the area that were drastically scaled back. The project at 119 Barnes Ave. was reduced from seven units to four while the project at 119 Coleridge St. was reduced from 19 units to nine.

"So a lot of these projects do get scaled back and then work for the neighborhood," said Walsh.

Walsh also pointed to two projects that have yet to receive community, political or BPDA support that are currently in limbo.

"The project on the corner of Ford and Boardman Streets and the hotel pitched for Saratoga Street do not have our support so they are not moving forward right now," said Walsh. "The developers still have a lot of work to do with us and with the community.

GSCA APPROVES TWO PROJECTS

EAST BOSTON - The Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) meeting, the group voted to approve two development projects.

At the first project at 14B Geneva St., the developer proposes to erect a 34-foot four-unit condo building with four parking spaces on an empty lot. After several meetings with the GSCA and abutters, the developer has agreed to move the side set back to give a little more room between the proposed development and an existing apartment building.

Attorney for the project, Jeff Drago, said the project would add some life to a lot that has sat idle for many

The project is seeking variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals for Additional Lot Area; Lot Width; Floor Area Ratio; Open Space; Side Yard; Rear Yard; and Parking. The group voted 12 to 4

in favor of the project.

The second

again presented by Drago, seeks to change the occupancy at 198-200 Maverick St. to a four-family dwelling and add a fourth story addition.

The developer, City Realty, met with GSCA members and abutters and agreed to set back the fourth floor addition six feet from the roofline. The project is seeking

zoning relief for Use; Floor Area Ratio; Height; Side YArd; Rear Yard and Park-GSCA members voted 7

to 8 in favor of the Maverick Street project.

ENCORE OFFICIALS INDICATE THEY ARE DESIGNING AN EVERETT **AERIAL TRAM**

- Encore **EVERETT** Boston Harbor officials said this week they are in the early stages of designing a new Everett Aerial Tram - a gondola type of transportation system - that would stretch from Assembly Row to Lower Broadway and perhaps on to Everett Square.

Encore spokesman Eric Kraus said on Tuesday the company is looking for an efficient and effective transportation system that will allow them to develop an entertainment district on the parking lots across from the casino – and they believe the Tram will do the

"We want to simply provide the most effective transportation for our employees and our guests," he said. "We believe an Everett Aerial Tram from Assembly Row to Broadway will provide that. We want to create a Broadway entertainment district and need to get guests to that location effectively...From our standpoint, we are going through the process of designing the Aerial Tram and seeking input from various organizations and moving forward with it."

The Tram would need a number of approvals before it could exist - including from environmental regulators, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) and the cities of Somerville and Everett. However, Kraus said it is not beyond reason that the Tram would go on from Lower Broadway to Everett

Square. "If we can get this Everett Aerial Tram approved, we can develop the Broadway entertainment district and support the mayor's vision of having the Aerial Tram go from Lower Broadway to Everett Square. That would help in the revitalization efforts going on right now by the City. It's incredibly exciting."

The entertainment district idea is not a new one, as it had been suggested by CEO Matt Maddox long before the Encore resort even opened. It has also been spoken about in City meetings by Encore officials and by Mayor Carlo DeMaria. It is believed that, roughly, the district would include a large entertainment facility and about 900 additional hotel rooms. What has never been

spoken of is the idea of how to get people there and that's where the Tram has now surfaced. City Transportation Plan-

ner Jay Monty said it was good that Encore was thinking about moving people to the new entertainment district in an innovative way that doesn't include cars.

said. "The gondola plan

does recognize the fact that

"The interest in the Gondolas is about bringing folks to the lots for when they build across the street," he

the roadways aren't able to handle that traffic and they can't design more lanes and turning lanes. They need a transportation solution. Is that solution a gondola? No one is sure. They say they've done a study on it. We've yet to see that. There is a recognition that we cannot put more cars and more turning lanes on Broadway."

The Tram is described as looking somewhat like an enclosed ski lift with pods that would hold about 10 people.

The casualty of the new Tram idea seems to be the Mystic River Pedestrian Bridge, which Encore now says it will not pay for.

Encore has already shelled out \$2.75 million for the pedestrian bridge that funded studies and 75 percent of the design. However, Kraus said the \$32 million anticipated cost has skyrocketed and now is "much more than that."

He said Encore fully supports the pedestrian bridge. but cannot honor the commitment to pay for it in full given the drastic increase in

"For us, it is not an either-or scenario," he said. "The pedestrian bridge is a totally different discussion and conversation from the Tram. We are a proponent of the Bridge and connecting the Northern Strand. However, it is irrelevant to the Broadway entertainment district and the Everett Aerial Tram. We do support the Bridge, but we will not be paying for it...The costs have become much more than originally anticipated and we will not be paying

for it now." That was a brand new suggestion, as former President Bob DeSalvio - with CEO Matt Maddox beside him pledged to pay for the Bridge once again the day before Encore opened on June 22, 2019. It wasn't, however, unexpected as the Bridge costs did escalate beyond the \$32

million estimate. The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyR-WA) said in a statement that the Bridge needs to be built, or there will be a marvelous path coming all the way from Lynn that abruptly ends at the Mystic River.

"A workhorse piece of

public infrastructure, it will connect residents of Lynn, Saugus, Revere, Malden and Everett with Somerville, Boston and Cambridge," said MyRWA's Amber Christoffersen. "It will be to people-powered commuters as the Zakim and Tobin Bridges are to drivers. Such safe non-motorized routes are increasingly necessary as our region grapples with gridlock and the need to cut carbon emissions. With Encore having committed considerable resources to getting its employees from the Orange Line to its facility, the Commonwealth has a can't-miss opportunity for a public-private partnership to complete this critical infrastructure. We call on the MBTA, MassDCR and MassEOEEA to work with Encore on a solution that fully serves both public and private transportation needs." Monty said he also hopes

the state will step up to build the Bridge - especially considering the major investment in the bike path just announced by Everett and state officials.

"It a very difficult situation there at the end of the bike path," he said. "We're putting a lot of money into the path and the state is too and now it dead-ends at the River. We're hoping the state comes to the table. That's been the call all along. We'll keep lobbying

for that."

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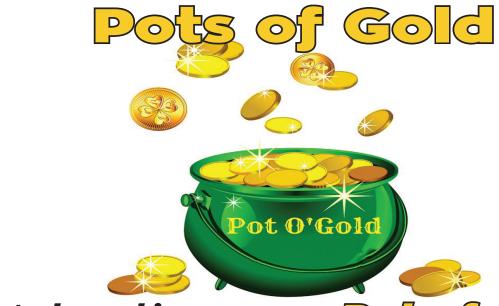
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