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## APPRECIATION

*'She really did make the world a better place'*

### Students share wonderful memories of Joyce Sartorelli

By Cary Shuman

They are poised and confident women today with personality and warmth to match, devoted parents, good citizens in their communities and exemplary role models.

What these women share is a lifelong relationship with the amazing owner of an immensely popular Chelsea dance studio – Mrs. Joyce (DeAngelis) Sartorelli – who died on June 23 at the age of 80.

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## HELP DESIGN THE NEXT MURAL



Renowned muralist David Fichter has been retained to paint an 80-foot mural on Fifth Street, but first, the community is needed to design and choose the content. It will be focused on 'Chelsea Heritage.' See story on page 5

## Gaming Commission sees major need on Beacham corridor

By Seth Daniel

The City and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) can agree on one thing – that Beacham Street needs significant monies to improve the path to the Encore Boston Harbor casino for guests and employees.

The Beacham Street corridor is one of the only connections from Chelsea to the casino, and it is also a major freight corridor for the region's food supply from the New England Produce Market, and the MGC voted on June 25 to award \$1.5 million to Chelsea to assist in building out their

re-construction of Beacham.

The City applied for two grants from the MGC's mitigation funds, which was rare for one project to request significant funds for mitigation. Nevertheless, the MGC's review board felt Beacham was very im-

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## Chelsea High Virtual Graduation is July 12

By Seth Daniel

Chelsea High School (CHS) will unveil its first-ever Virtual Graduation event on Sunday, July 12, as the pre-recorded ceremony will be available for students to celebrate and reflect upon.

Supt. Almi Abeyta said the format is produced by GradCasters, but relies on a tremendous amount of local content and speeches – mostly following the same format as a traditional graduation ceremony.

The Class of 2020 will

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## Doctor performing anti-body study hopes to return to Chelsea

By Seth Daniel

When Dr. Anthony Iafra set up in Bellingham Square more than two months ago to do an innovative COVID-19 anti-body quick test on random people walking by, his findings were groundbreaking at the time – with 30 percent of those walking down the street found to have COVID-19 anti-bodies.

Since that time, his study has traveled to Boston and to Somerville, but now he said he would like to come back to Chelsea to respectfully study the population once again – this time to

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Dr. Anthony Iafra said he would like to bring his study back to Chelsea in the next few weeks to see if there is anything that can be learned about immunity to COVID-19 – a subject that is still unknown and not studied much in hot spots like Chelsea.




**Chelsea Public Schools would like to Congratulate**

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<https://sites.google.com/chelseaschools.com/chs-class-of-2020/home>



# Chelsea

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## THE STOCK MARKET DOES NOT REPRESENT THE U.S. ECONOMY

We don't pretend to be experts either in the stock market or the economy in general.

However, as Bob Dylan put it, "You don't need a weath-erman to know which way the wind blows," and similarly, the average American doesn't need a Ph.D. in economics to understand that the recent record height of the stock market indices -- the S&P 500, the Dow Jones 30 Indus-trials, and the Nasdaq -- does not reflect the health of the U.S. economy.

Increasing economic inequality -- what has become known as the disconnect between Wall St. and Main St. -- has been the broad trend of American life for the past 40 years.

Ever since Ronald Reagan (aided and abetted by the Democrats, by the way) deregulated the banking and other industries, gutted the labor unions, reduced tax rates for the rich, and abrogated the antitrust laws, America's immense wealth has become concentrated in the hands of the very few to an extent never before seen in the modern world.

Consider that the top 1% of American households now control more than half of the equity in U.S. public and pri-vate companies, according to data from the Federal Re-serve. In relative terms, the top 1% now has more wealth than the entire middle class and as much wealth as 90% of all Americans.

The ratio of the salary of a CEO vs. the salary of the typical worker of a publicly-traded company in 1965 was about 20-1. That ratio today is about 350-1.

This is only part of the story, however. The real reason for the increase in the disparity between the top 1% and ev-eryone else is that middle-class jobs in America have dis-appeared at an alarming rate to the benefit of the top 1%.

According to a Brookings Institution report, the two most highly-valued companies in the country in 1962 -- AT&T and General Motors -- employed nearly 1.2 million people combined.

Last year, the two largest companies in the S&P 500 -- Microsoft and Apple -- employed just 280,000 persons. Apple puts together almost all of its products in China, us-ing third-party manufacturing companies that operate the modern-day equivalent of sweatshops.

Further, consider that the wealthiest top 10 percent of Americans own about 84 percent of U.S. stocks, with the top 1 percent owning 40 percent.

So put those two trends together -- fewer middle class jobs and stock ownership of American companies concen-trated in the hands of a few -- and the result simply is this: Income that formerly went to the American middle-class has shifted to countries with low-wage workers, with the wealthy netting the difference.

There also is another factor at play. The health of the U.S. stock market not only does not represent the U.S. economy, it also does not even represent the stock market itself.

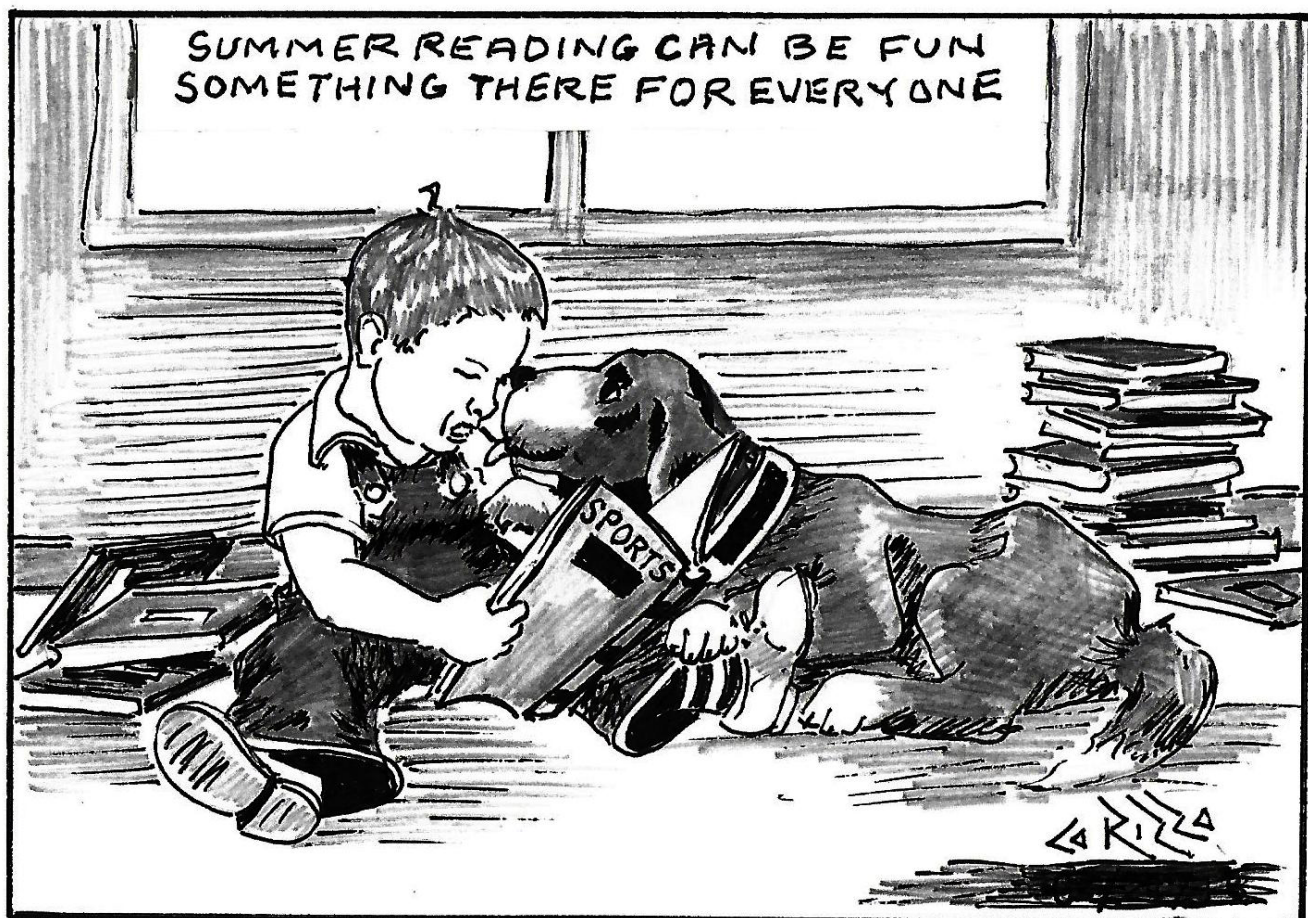
The five largest listed companies -- Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Alphabet (Google), and Facebook -- have con-tinued to climb this year. Through the end of April, these companies were up roughly 10 percent, while the 495 oth-er companies in the S&P were down 13 percent. These highly valued firms -- Microsoft, Amazon and Apple are each worth more than \$1 trillion -- now account for about one-fifth of the market value of the entire index, the high-est level in 30 years.

The coronavirus pandemic is exacerbating the trend of the past 40 years: The rich are getting richer, while every-body else is getting poorer and deeper into debt.

Without government policies -- higher tax rates on the wealthy, vigorous antitrust enforcement, and support of labor unions -- that will bring back into alignment the eco-nomic forces that created the great American middle-class of the 1950s and 60s, America is destined to become an oligarchy, otherwise known as a banana republic, with grave consequences for our democracy.

A phrase attributed to Louis Brandeis succinctly put it this way, "We must make our choice. We may have democ-racy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both."

# Forum



THE BEST THING NEXT TO A YOUNG READER IS A GOOD LISTENER

GUEST OP-ED

## What we need from the State to help recover from COVID-19

By Joe Gravellese

The 16th Suffolk District -- Revere, Chelsea, and Sau-gus -- is perhaps the district in this state hit hardest by COVID-19. As a candidate to represent these commu-nities at the State House next year, it's crucial to have a list of short-term and long-term priorities specifi-cally geared toward help-ing our three communities recover from the health and economic devastation wreaked by this pandemic.

As a pressing, short-term need, we absolutely need emergency paid sick time for essential workers, like bus drivers, grocery store workers, and others who interact with large numbers of people every day. Right now too many people are placed in a position of hav-ing to choose between the health of themselves and others and their paycheck. Emergency paid sick time can help address this while we recover. We have a huge proportion of frontline workers in our communi-ties, and they need this sup-port.

While people are still struggling, we also need to properly fund emergency services for those in need, such as food banks, vet-erans services, and transi-tional housing assistance. I've volunteered regularly at Revere's food banks for seniors, veterans, and Re-vere Public Schools fami-lies. It's a staggering sight: hundreds upon hundreds of our neighbors struggling with basic necessities. This past year, we could have tri-pled state support to emer-gency food programs like the Greater Boston Food Bank for about \$40 mil-lion. To put this number in perspective, Massachusetts

sent out \$37.5 million in in-come tax cuts to the top 1% of earners in the state last year -- those making around \$600,000 per year and above. We need to realign our priorities to deal with the urgency of this moment.

A medium-term need from the Commonwealth is assistance in dealing with unemployment in our district. We have a huge proportion of workers in the hospitality and service industries, especially in Revere and Chelsea. These workers are going to need help connecting with job training and other employ-ment resources while we are still in this in-between phase of 'recovering,' but still being wary of the vi-rus, and cognizant of the fact that these industries could once again be eas-ily damaged by a surge in cases. The sad and stark re-ality is that many of these jobs could struggle to come back for quite some time, as even if the state 'opens,' many people will be uneasy about doing things like din-ing out, staying at a hotel, booking a flight, or going to an entertainment facility. In Revere, Mayor Arrigo's efforts in conjunction with the Strategic Planning and Economic Development department to launch the "Revere Works" program is a good start toward ad-dressing these needs, and our communities will need state support to strengthen programs like these.

Medium to long term, we need a commitment to fully funding the Student Opportunity Act and mak-ing sure our schools can open safely. The economic recovery hinges on what we can do to support schools and childcare. Communi-ties like ours desperately

need stronger state action around pre-K and childcare, not just immediately in re-sponse to COVID-19, but moving forward. So many working people in our com-munities struggle to bal-ance the time and cost com-mitments that come with childcare, especially while often juggling multiple jobs or facing long commutes. Many white-collar workers are waking up to the reali-ty that service workers and others have been dealing with for a long time -- the struggle of raising children while also having to work, without having adequate childcare available. For this reason, a just response to COVID-19 requires invest-ing in our families, to help working parents be able to get ahead.

In the long run, we will also need a stronger com-mitment to environmental justice, which convenient-ly can help create work-ing-class jobs in the wind and solar industry. It's clear that environmental hazards and pollution contributed substantially to the COVID rates in Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus, and we need to aggressively push for clean energy, put a halt to fossil fuel projects and other big polluters, and move to ze-ro-waste policies.

Another way to create jobs and make our com-munities healthier is to repair and refurbish our public housing facilities; the crumbling conditions in these facilities helped contribute to the spread of COVID-19.

We will also need a commitment to an agen-da that prioritizes public health moving forward in communities like ours -- making sure our residents have access to healthy recreational spaces, safe

walking and cycling routes, access to transit, access to healthy food, access to mental health services, and resources for youth. There is great work like this happening in Revere in the Healthy Community Initiatives office and Plan-ning Department, but this work needs more funding and support. There are too many people involved in government at all levels right now who either don't understand or don't value the importance and bene-fits of preventative public health work, and this blew up in our face when we were hit with a pandemic that fed off existing health challenges. Mayor Arrigo is doing his best to elevate the importance of public health in Revere, and bring along his counterparts in the city to join him in investing in having good, qualified peo-ple doing this work -- but it's still a challenge to make this issue click. Hopefully COVID-19 helps change the way people think about public health long-term; public health is an invest-ment in public safety, just like law enforcement, fire-fighting, and public works, and should be treated as such.

With this year's legis-lative session ending this month, and with many of these issues unaddressed, it's likely that the next State Representative will have to tackle some of these chal-lenges right away when the new session starts in 2021. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work on these important priorities.

*Joe Gravellese is a can-didate for State Represen-tative in the 16th Suffolk District, running in the Democratic Primary on September 1.*

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# Encore Boston Harbor announces July 12 re-opening date

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor announced July 2 that, pending approval of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC), it plans to re-open its casino resort on Sunday, July 12, at 9 a.m., as part of the State’s Phase 3 Re-opening Plan.

The casino this week has been busy welcoming back some employees and re-training them on how to safely conduct their jobs. Not all employees will return on July 12 to work, and Encore had announced earlier that approximately 3,000 workers would be furloughed. After the July 12 re-opening announcement, Encore eased off that prediction and said in time sooner than expected they could begin to phase many of those workers back into their jobs. However, there would still be areas of the resort that would not be able to open until Phase 4

or beyond, and the status of those workers is still unknown to all.

In addition to implementing the extensive measures of its Health and Safety Plan released in April, Encore Boston Harbor supports and will adhere to the directives aimed at reducing the risk to public health set forth by the MGC. Those measures were passed in a 5-0 vote almost two weeks ago. Every effort has been made to preserve Encore’s luxury experience and provide guests with the peace of mind needed to enjoy a fun and relaxing return.

Several thoughtful new measures in social distancing, touchless technologies and cleaning protocols have been incorporated through the resort in a clear and transparent effort to protect the wellbeing of guests. Most notable among the enhancements are:

- Non-invasive thermal temperature scans at all

guest and employee entrances (no guest or employee with a temperature of 100.4 or more will be allowed in the resort);

- Mandatory face coverings for all employees and guests, with complimentary face coverings available for guests;
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of guest areas throughout the day;
- Multiple hand sanitizer stations and sanitizing wipes available throughout the resort; and
- Appropriate and comfortable physical distancing in all gaming and dining areas.

Encore Boston Harbor’s Health and Safety Plan was created in consultation with leading public health professionals in addition to MGC requirements and recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

# SECHC officially becomes part of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

By Seth Daniel

Calling it a great merger of two historic and value-aligned organizations, Manny Lopes, president of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), announced the official merger of his organization with the nearby South End Community Health Center (SECHC) in Boston on July 1.

SECHC sites will operate as locations of EBNHC and staff will become EBNHC employees, thus unifying the two health centers in providing comprehensive healthcare services to diverse Boston-area communities. SECHC patients will continue to see the same, nationally recognized team of providers and the name of the SECHC will not change.

“The SECHC has such a great history and has done such great work in the community,” said Lopes. “It’s an amazing opportunity to be able to bring these two organizations together. We’ve been doing great work in East Boston and serving the community in East Boston, and we’re excited to bring the two together to continue this work. It’s a chance to merge both of our great histories together.”

EBNHC’s Steven Snyder said the first few days were about working out the kinks, but things are now going smoothly.

“The first couple of days of the merger last week were challenging for sure”, said Steven Snyder, Vice President of Human Resources, Marketing and Development for East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. “I’m really proud of the staff both in South End and back in East Boston, Revere and Winthrop. This took immense effort and teamwork by many staff. Now that many of the technical issues are running smoothly we will turn our attention to bringing our corporate culture and in particular our core values to the forefront for all staff as well as starting to market services to all of our communities. We have taken great effort to make our facilities safe for patients who cannot rely on TeleHealth to start coming in for care again – particularly those in high-risk categories. This is the case both at the South End location and back in East Boston – where for over 50 years pa-

tients have counted on us to be there for them.”

The health centers have similar roots, both founded during the Civil Rights Movement, and share a common mission of providing high-quality care to all without regard to age, race/ethnicity, insurance status, or ability to pay. The move by EBNHC to merge SECHC into its organization goes back to 2017, and had previously been announced in 2018 as the SECHC faced major financial difficulties. The details of the merger were being worked out all last year, and with the new fiscal year on July 1, it was the time to make it official.

Lopes said it is a great opportunity for scaling up SECHC and for strategic growth in EBNHC too.

“When South End approached us, they were looking for a partner that had the ability to scale and who had experience serving a similar population and who had shared values,” said Lopes. “I’m happy they selected us. For us, it fits into our strategic planning purposes...This fits nicely into our plans for growth. We’re excited about that.”

He reiterated there would be no change in the name, and there would be no staff reductions.

“That’s very important,” he said. “Having no staff reductions was our commitment we made. That’s huge. I think the staff will agree coming into our organization. This is the scalability. There is more opportunity for mobility and growth with us. The quality of care will not change either. We have no plans to change any of that. We only hope to enhance it.”

The Board members of the SECHC said they are excited about the merger, and have spoken highly of the plan over the last year as well.

“EBNHC has shown time and again that they can thrive in today’s challenging health care environment. In 2017, our Board foresaw a looming financial cliff and, in 2018, approved EBNHC’s visionary proposal to merge. Since then, their leadership team and Board have been exemplary collaborators,” said David Gleason, SECHC Board Chair. “We are delighted to join together as one company in service to our patients.”

EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento said, “It is

a privilege to welcome SECHC’s staff and patients, as well as members of the South End community, into the EBNHC family.”

Some of the only differences will be on the patient electronic record system, which will switched over to the EBNHC system, though that will only be administrative.

Lopes said there will be further discussions about adding a shuttle service to the SECHC that would connect the other sites in East Boston and beyond – giving patients and employees better access to the new network of providers and opportunities.

Beyond that, EBNHC is very involved in their communities and pride themselves on being an award-winning workplace, Lopes said.

“I’m very excited to get out into the community and to begin learning about the South End,” said Lopes, who is also chair of the Boston Board of Health. “We’re looking forward to sharing what we know, learning from them and learning from the community...We want to be a great place to work for the staff. We’ve been recognized for that. We do that because the staff is big part of what we do...We want people to feel great about where they work.”

EBNHC provides comprehensive medical and behavioral health services, along with support services to address non-medical needs and promote healthy living. SECHC operations will continue without change in hours of operation or provider options. Additionally, SECHC patients will gain access to unique EBNHC services such as Neighborhood PACE, which serves older adults, and CATCH, which provides coordinated care for children with complex medical needs. EBNHC and SECHC will continue to coordinate COVID-19 response activities, including testing and tracing initiatives.

With an operating budget of approximately \$180 million, EBNHC will remain one of the largest health centers in the nation, now serving more than 110,000 patients and employing nearly 1,300 staff members. Lopes, President and CEO of EBNHC, will continue to oversee all EBNHC locations and services across the Greater Boston Area.

# NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

## NEW RESIDENTIAL STICKER DEADLINE TO REDUCE LINES

The Residential Parking Sticker Deadline is extended until Aug. 1. There is no need to wait in line now for this Sticker. You may also apply for your residential parking sticker and other visitor passes online at [chelseamapermits.rmcpay.com](http://chelseamapermits.rmcpay.com) for fast and contactless service.

## CHELSEA RECREATION ANNOUNCES FREE SUMMER LIVESTREAM CLASSES

Chelsea Recreation which includes Community Schools programming is offering free online summer classes to all residents who register.

Join an engaging class such: yoga or dance, make music at a Thursday Night Open Music Gathering, learn about the process of buying a home, take one of our popular Spanish or English language classes or participate in an art & music studio. All can happen in the comfort of your own home and receive the same quality instruction from our talented instructors.

Those interested have three easy ways to register: by email: [recreation@chelseama.gov](mailto:recreation@chelseama.gov), phone 617 466-5233, 12:30-4:30pm; or online at [register.communitytypass.net/Chelsea](http://register.communitytypass.net/Chelsea). Classes begin Monday, June 29.

Visit [recreation.chelseama.gov](http://recreation.chelseama.gov) for more information.

## RAFT PROGRAM RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If anyone needs help paying rent, they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Massachusetts Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. RAFT has expanded its eligibility requirements to help people with COVID-19 related job losses or financial hardship. Some things to consider:

- Your immigration status does not matter.
- You may be eligible for RAFT if you have not been, or will not be, able to pay rent, mortgage payments, or utilities due to COVID-19.
- You must be in contact with your landlord or property manager (RAFT funds are paid to them).

•If you are not on the lease, you can provide your landlord’s contact information to confirm that you are a tenant.

•If you need help to cover your security deposit (for first or last month’s rent), you can specify the unit you plan to move into, even if you have not yet signed the lease.

•You are not eligible if you are in an Emergency Assistance Shelter.

Households can receive up to \$4,000 for a 12-month period. To check eligibility and for help with applications, call the CONNECT Hotline at 617-712-3487.

## GETTING FOOD TO EVERYONE IN NEED: UPDATES

Pop-Up Food Pantries are continuing to serve the people of Chelsea, providing boxes of food every weekday beginning at 11 a.m. The City is increasing our food supply daily so that everyone who needs food can get it. With this in mind, please be patient and mindful of your neighbors in need. Some families have more immediate need than others and we want to make sure that everyone gets to eat.

Pop-up Pantry Locations:

- Mondays: Quigley Park, 25 Essex Street
- Ruiz Park, 141 Washington Avenue
- Tuesdays: Luther Place, Cherry Street, between 5th Street and 4th Street
- Bellingham Hill Park, 115 Bellingham Street
- Wednesdays: Washington Park, at Washington Ave and Hancock Street
- Bosson Park, 43-56 Bellingham Street
- Thursdays:

Chelsea Square, near 2 Second Street

Highland Park, in front of 30 Willow Street

- Fridays: City Hall Parking lot, 500 Broadway
- Mary C. Burke Complex, 300 Crescent Avenue

## IF YOU ARE NOT SICK AND NEED FOOD

•Monday-Friday: Hot lunches and kids lunches at 11:30 a.m. at Salvation Army (258 Chestnut Street)

- Tuesdays and Thursdays: Grocery pick-up 10 a.m.-noon at the Salvation Army (258 Chestnut Street).

•Tuesdays and Thursdays: Grocery pick-up at 5 p.m. at the Chelsea Collaborative (318 Broadway).

•Thursdays and Fridays: Mass General Hospital Food For Families Pantry (151 Everett Ave.). Available two times per month to MGH patients by referral. Please call (617) 887-3575.

•Saturdays: Grocery pick-up 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church (201 Washington Avenue, Chelsea); no appointment necessary.

•IF YOU ARE IN ISOLATION AND NEED FOOD

Do not wait in line for food. Call 311 (617-466-4100).

•IF YOU ARE 65 YEARS OR OLDER

Contact the Chelsea Senior Center for grocery deliveries. Call 617-466-4377 or 617-466-4370.

## DIAPER DRIVE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Chelsea Community Connections and the City of Chelsea are working together to distribute diapers to families in need. Because of the tremendous demand, distribution is dependent on donations of both packages of diapers and funds to purchase supply.

Anyone who would like to donate to the Diaper Drive can do so at the Chelsea Community Connections website. This will ensure the youngest Chelsea residents have their basic needs met.

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# DiDomenico secures \$1.75 million for Chelsea in General Government Bond Bill

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate last week passed a General Government Bond Bill focused on capital improvements to strengthen government infrastructure, empower communities disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system, support early education and care providers with safe reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic, and expand equitable access to remote learning opportunities for vulnerable populations across the Commonwealth.

During the Senate debate of the bond bill, Senator DiDomenico secured a total of \$1.75 million in additional funding for the city of Chelsea. This funding includes:

- \$1.5 million to address the racial disparities in education, housing, and small businesses in Chelsea.
- \$250,000 for the Community Technology Program in the city of Chelsea

DiDomenico also secured an amendment during the debate for \$5 million for the development of a common application for MassHealth enrollees to more easily access the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). DiDomenico has been longtime champion of food security in the Commonwealth, and has been filing legislation for years now to streamline the process for individuals and families applying for federal SNAP benefits in an effort to help people more easily access the nutritional resources they need.

“In addition to authorizing capital investments critically needed across our state, I am very pleased that this bond bill includes a strong focus on investing in historically underserved groups and empowering economically disadvantaged communities, such as the city of Chelsea” said Senator DiDomenico. “I am especially proud to

report that this bond bill includes a total of \$1.75 million in funding that I was able to secure for our Chelsea community, and for vital food security initiatives that I have been advocating on behalf of for many years now. I would like to thank Senate President Karen Spilka and Senate Ways & Means Chair Michael Rodrigues for their partnership in ensuring that our community receives the support that it needs during these difficult times.”

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he voted for the House’s version of the bill previously and hopes it speedily gets through a Conference Committee.

“These funds are well targeted towards programs and needs that will level the playing field for many of our residents at a time when government investment is most necessary” said Ryan. “I’m looking forward to this legislation moving to final passage.”

Building on the Senate’s

urgent efforts to address issues of racial equity and support communities of color, this bond bill authorizes \$50 million in new economic empowerment and community reinvestment capital grants to support communities disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system with access to economic and workforce development opportunities.

In addition to empowering economically disadvantaged communities, the Senate’s bond bill authorizes capital investments to ensure accountability in public safety and modernize criminal justice data collection by providing \$20M for a body camera grant program for police departments and \$10 million for a statewide criminal justice data system modernization to help better track racial and ethnic disparities across the judicial and public safety systems.

To ensure equitable access to remote learning opportunities and safe access

to early childcare opportunities, the Senate bond bill authorizes \$50M to enhance and expand access to K-12 remote learning technology and provides \$25M to assist licensed early education and care providers and after school programs with capital improvements to ensure safe reopening during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The bill also addresses growing food insecurity and food supply chain needs across the Commonwealth due to the COVID-19 pandemic, by authorizing \$37M for a food security grant program to address infrastructure needs for farms, retailers, fisheries, food system businesses, and food distribution channels.

Additional components of the \$1.7 billion bond bill include:

- \$140 million for cybersecurity upgrades to improve the Commonwealth’s technology and telecom-

munications infrastructure.

- \$115 million for municipal library improvements.
  - \$100 million for governmental performance and informational technology infrastructure upgrades.
  - \$30 million for public higher education public safety grants.
  - \$25 million for fire safety equipment grants.
  - \$20 million for municipal broadband access grants.
  - \$2.9 million for a public health data warehouse to track population health trends, such as COVID-19.
  - \$2.5 million for implementation of an automated electronic sealing process to seal certain criminal records.
- The bill returns to the Massachusetts House of Representatives where a similar bill passed. The Senate expects differences between the two version to be resolved quickly.

# Toxics Action Center officially changed its name to Community Action Works

The name change comes after 33 years of working side by side with everyday people to confront those who are polluting and harming the health of communities across the Northeast.

“We believe that environmental threats are big, but the power of well-organized community groups is bigger,” said Sylvia Broude, Executive Director of Community Action Works. “Our old name made it seem like we only work on toxics, an issue that was at the top of the environmental agenda when we were founded in 1987. The name Community Action Works gets at the core of what we do now. We work side by side with everyday people who are taking action to stop pollution

and build solutions on any environmental issue in their community.”

In its 33-year history, Community Action Works has partnered with community leaders to win dozens of victories in Massachusetts, including partnering with Neighbor to Neighbor to transform the Mount Tom coal-fired power plant in Holyoke into a solar farm; working with the Coalition for Clean Air South Coast to retire two coal-fired power plants in Somerset; organizing with community groups to stop Spectra-Enbridge’s Access Northeast pipeline in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York; and facilitating the formation of StopNED, the coalition of grassroots leaders that played a major

role in halting Kinder Morgan’s Northeast Energy Direct pipeline.

Community Action Works was inspired by mothers from Woburn, Massachusetts, who took action to protect the health of their children when the chemical company W.R. Grace contaminated their drinking water. The Woburn leukemia cluster eventually claimed the lives of 14 children.

This isn’t the first time the organization has changed its name. In 1987, MASSPIRG organized public health and environmental advocates into the “Massachusetts Campaign to Clean Up Hazardous Waste” to help people who faced their own Woburn-like situations. Its first

major accomplishment was passing a statewide citizen initiative to establish the Massachusetts Superfund law. The group adopted the Toxics Action Center name in 1997.

Since those early days, Community Action Works has expanded from Massachusetts to include all six northeastern states, including Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The organization has worked side by side with more than 1,000 neighborhood groups and directly trained more than 20,000 community leaders in everything they need to confront polluters and seed solutions across the Northeast. In Saugus, MA, Community Action Works is proud to stand

with Alliance for Health and the Environment in their continued fight for environmental justice. There, people are fighting back against the state’s decision to allow a polluting incinerator to expand its unlined ash landfill.

Despite the name change, the mission of Community Action Works is staying the same. The organization will continue to partner with the people who are most impacted by environmental problems, training them with the know-how anyone would need to make change in their own backyard.

“When neighbors know how to make change, they can build the power to transform our world,” said Broude. “Many people reach out to us because

they are facing a pollution problem so personal that they have no choice but to take action. In taking action, they realize that they have the power to make change, and they don’t stop there. And that is the kind of transformation we need.”

e executive director of Community Action Works since 2012. The staff of 10 also includes Lena Entin, Megan Stokes, Claire B.W. Müller, Shaina Kasper, Mea Johnson, Dana Colihan, Hayley Jones, Ashley Higgs Hammell and Ruthy Rickenbacker. The organization has offices in Boston and Northampton, MA; Montpelier, VT; Portland, ME; Hartford, CT; and Providence, RI.

# Major environmental groups endorse Councilor Damali Vidot for State Rep.

At-Large Chelsea City Councilor and Candidate for State Representative of the Second Suffolk District, Damali Vidot, continues to receive a wave of endorsements from changemakers throughout the Commonwealth. In the past week, a trio of environmental organizations including the

Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund, and Sunrise Movement Boston have thrown their support behind Vidot in her bid for the seat for State Representative covering all of Charlestown and most of Chelsea.

Upon receiving the news of the wave of endorsements, Candidate Vidot expressed “I am honored to receive these endorsements. It’s incredibly affirming to be endorsed by these environmental justice and climate change leaders. Building these partnerships will be critical to grow and

sustain the people-centered movement necessary to achieve environmental justice in Massachusetts.”

Councilor Vidot continued by adding that “environmental justice is not a wedge issue. Coming from Chelsea and connecting with folks in Charlestown, two communities that have suffered from some of the highest asthma rates in the country, environmental justice is a core demand of my campaign for State Representative of the Second Suffolk District. I will fight for our communities’ rights to clean air, clean water, and thriving neighborhoods.”

Recognizing Damali Vidot’s extensive work to protect the environment and residents’ public health, Sunrise Boston highlighted Councilor Vidot as “among the most effective advocates for environmental justice on the Massachusetts political scene.” Furthermore, they noted that she “has an astounding record fighting for the most fundamental human rights of her constituents: food and housing security, clean air, high-quality ed-

ucation, and a government that works for the people, not the powerful, [...] all with a data-driven and people-centered approach.”

Over the course of her career, Councilor Vidot has worked to bring together community members and advocates who are most affected by issues such as climate change, housing insecurity, and racial injustice. It’s why Vidot is currently signed on as an affiant suing ExxonMobil in a lawsuit brought forward by the Conservation Law Foundation for polluting the Mystic River. She’s also fought Logan Airport over intense noise pollution in Chelsea, and pushed back on utility giant Eversource when they proposed a dangerous, high-voltage electrical substation on the Chelsea Creek next to millions of gallons of jet fuel.

Throughout all of Councilor Vidot’s environmental work, she has consistently prioritized the voices and needs of the community. As a Candidate for State Representative, Damali Vidot will fight to pass the Environmental Justice Bill if it’s not passed in the legislature

over the next four weeks to ensure that communities have a right to clean air and water in Massachusetts. She has committed to champion a just transition to completely clean, renewable energy and provide training to workers so that everybody can benefit from the necessary move to a new green economy.

Vidot shared her values by saying that “I don’t believe that where you live should dictate the quality of air that you breathe or the water that you drink. As the State Representative for Charlestown and Chelsea, I will build bridges between our communities, amplify the voices of our most impacted residents, and be a fierce and effective leader for our district on environmental issues as I have done on the Chelsea City Council. I’m looking forward to creating lasting change with the people of the Second Suffolk and with the support of Sunrise Boston, Sierra Club, and Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund.”

# Supt., School Committee Chair make changes to re-opening committee

By Seth Daniel

The Chelsea Public Schools and the School Committee are responding to several calls to action that were voiced by community members and teachers at the final School Committee meeting on June 25 – a meeting marked by serious concerns and heavy issues.

Supt. Almi Abeyta and School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia are responding this week to many of the concerns that were brought up at the meeting – which was a hybrid online and in-person meeting at the Clark Avenue School – about race issues at Chelsea High for teachers and about having more voices on the re-opening Task Force.

“I believe tensions are high now with re-opening and with race issues,” said Supt. Abeyta. “There’s a lot going on and a lot to process at once in the middle of a crisis. As a leader, for me, it’s listening and trying to understand. It’s a lot for people to process.”

Garcia said in response she and Abeyta have decided to present to a larger group of teachers and staff

the four points they are addressing on the re-opening strategy. The presentations will be called, ‘Let’s Talk’ and will outline the presentation that was to be given by the Chelsea High School Leadership Team.

Those four areas include: Government and Policy; Operations and Safety; Remote Learning; and Health & Wellness.

“We put together a task force for re-opening, but teachers at CHS wanted more teacher voices,” Abeyta said. “The Union President, Vice President and about six other teachers spoke. They felt like their voices needed to be heard. I heard what they were saying and will address it as well.”

In the midst of that was a lot of frustration from teachers that spoke at the meeting about colleagues who were people of color. Several said Chelsea Schools have historically not been friendly to teachers and educators who are of color – despite the incredibly diverse student population.

A teacher identified as Mary Mullen said CHS needs to become more wel-

coming.

“These educators are leaving Chelsea not just for better jobs, they are going to other districts where they are safe, seen and celebrated,” she said at the June 25 meeting. “There needs to be significant attention paid to this so CHS is a better place.”

Abeyta said they will address those concerns brought up as well.

“On race, they were calling for more action,” she said. “They want to be heard and we’re going to have to do work in those areas as far as listening. There’s a lot of tension and calls to action.”

In an equity plan now developed by Chelsea Public Schools, areas to improve in are hiring and recruiting candidates of color, strengthening the teacher pathways to bring former students back to work in the district, and add more equity in the hiring process. Within teaching and learning, the district policy is calling for a pedagogy of confidence – instilling confidence in students of color – and doing an internal study as well.

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# Sen. DiDomenico and Rep. Ryan announce new law to safeguard fall 2020 elections

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Dan Ryan recently announced the passage of legislation to expand voter access and ensure voters have safe voting options for all remaining 2020 elections, including the September 1, state primary and November 3, general election, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. An Act relative to voting options in response to COVID-19 has now been signed by Governor Baker.

The legislation, for the first time in state history, would establish a vote-by-mail option and early voting period for the upcoming fall elections. In addition to those options, the bill also addresses polling place safety for those who choose to cast their ballots in person.

“Ensuring that we have safe, inclusive, and accessible elections is always of the highest importance, but especially critical as we face the COVID-19 crisis,” said Senator DiDomenico. “I am proud that, as a Legislature, we have now passed comprehensive legislation to allow voters-- for the first time ever-- to cast ballots by mail, vote early, and safely vote in person, as well as give our local election officials the tools they need to successfully run our fall elections.”

“In these unprecedented times voters need to have safe alternatives to standing in line at the poles. This bill provides multiple options for voters to cast a ballot at their own comfort level,”

said Rep Ryan. “This bill provides safety measures for clerks and election staff as well as the voting public.”

The components of the bill are as follows:

Implements an early vote-by-mail system: An application to receive an early voting ballot for the primary will be mailed to all registered voters by July 15. The Secretary will then mail another application for the general election by September 14, 2020. Both applications and ballots will have postage costs already paid for.

Ballots postmarked on or before November 3 will be counted until Friday November 6, 2020 at 5 PM. Applications for early voting and absentee voting must be received 4 business days before the election, by Wednesday August 26 2020 (for the primary) and Wednesday Oct. 28 2020.

Creates early voting for the primary and expands early voting periods: For the first time in Massachusetts, early voting will be available for the state primary, and will take place from Saturday, August 22, 2020 through Friday, August 28, 2020. Early voting for the general election is scheduled to take place from Tuesday, October 17, 2020 to Friday, October 30, 2020.

Makes in-person voting safer and more efficient: The bill allows municipalities, with proper notice, to consolidate polling places and eliminate

the check-out table at these locations, allowing for a more efficient process and fewer poll workers. It also expands who is eligible to serve as a poll worker, knowing that many current volunteers are seniors who may feel less comfortable working in public during COVID-19.

Provides tools to assist clerks: Acknowledging the increased burden these options may place on municipalities and clerks, the bill also provides for several accommodations to make the logistics of processing votes easier. The legislation allows for tabulating ballots prior to election day, and it offers pre-addressed envelopes to voters, so their applications go directly to their clerk’s office.

Tasks the Secretary of State with creating an online portal and promoting voting options: To make it as easy as possible for people to apply for general election early voting, the bill requires Secretary Galvin’s office to create an online portal not later than October 1, 2020. Electronic applications for early voting will be available for the general election, and if feasible, for the primary election.

The bill also requires the Secretary of State to conduct a public awareness campaign to inform and notify voters of the many options available to cast a vote in upcoming 2020 elections.

The legislation now moves on to the governor for consideration.

## FIREWORKS SEIZED ON FRANKLIN STREET

On Tuesday, June 30, CPD officers assigned to address an increase in city-wide firework calls seized over \$500 worth of fireworks from three men. Officers set up surveillance on Franklin Street near Nichols Street after observing several fireworks being lit shortly after 10 p.m. This area near the Everett city line has been one of many “hotspots” throughout the city that is being targeted by the Chelsea Police. The

three individuals will be summoned to face charges for illegal possession of fireworks.

The Chelsea Police Department along with the Chelsea Fire Department stresses that this is a public safety issue, and together we want to prevent injuries to those involved or residents, and to reduce the risk of structure fires.

### STABBING AT O’MALLEY

Shortly after 5 p.m. Monday, State Police and Chelsea Police respond-

ed to a stabbing at Mary O’Malley Park on Commandants Way. Responding Troopers, Officers, and EMS personnel located a 36-year-old man, believed to be homeless, who had been stabbed in the upper body. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital, where he is in stable condition.

State Police detectives interviewed several potential witnesses and MSI Crime Scene personnel processed the scene.

The investigation remains active.

# Chelsea Prospers seeks Steering Committee for 80-foot mural

By Seth Daniel

Active members of the community and the arts community in Chelsea are being sought to plan and design a massive mural on Fifth Street to be painted by highly-regarded muralist David Fichter.

The Chelsea Cultural Council has approved funding provided by the State Gaming Commission to engage the highly regarded muralist David Fichter to create an 80-foot mural for the Fifth Street side of 466 Broadway.

other details reflective of the mural location,” said Graney. “For over 30 years he has created murals and mosaics, taking him all over the United States and internationally, including Nicaragua, Armenia, and Georgia. You likely have seen some of his work in high profile locations like the Alewife T station.

“What’s exciting about working with David is that his approach is to collaborate closely with the community in the development of the design,” she continued. “Working with residents of all ages, he’s completed more than 200 permanent murals that have become beloved local landmarks that communicate the story of each neighborhood.”

Over a series of virtual meetings members of the Steering Committee will be working progressively to define the mural’s theme, identify specific elements to include in the mural, source reference images for his illustration, and reach out to other members of the community for gather their

input.

Art skills are not required, Graney said.

“We’re looking for folks who are reflective of the city and who are ready to contribute their ideas and insights on the people, history and architecture of Chelsea,” she said.

The Steering Committee will be most active through the design development phase with four meetings held between July to November. The decision-making and design process will be sequential so they are seeking a consistent group through these four meetings to build on the ideas and to keep the project moving forward.

The initial meeting schedule is as follows:

- Meeting 1: Tuesday, July 21, 6:00 pm Introductions & Defining the Theme
- Meeting 2: Thursday, August 6, 6:00 pm Developing the Content, Adding More Voices

To find out more or volunteer to participate, contact Graney at mgraney@chelseama.gov.

# Northeast Metro Tech announces 2020 underclassmen award winners

Superintendent David DiBarri and Principal Carla Scuzzarella are pleased to announce the underclassmen winners for this year’s Craftsmanship and Academic Excellence Awards.

The awards are given to the students who demonstrated consistent growth and mastery in their chosen program or academic subject throughout the school year. Awards were mailed out to recipients at the end of June.

“I’m incredibly proud of the work each of these students have done over the course of the year to earn

this well-deserved recognition,” Principal Scuzzarella said. “They represent a great commitment to their learning and are excellent examples of what Northeast Metro Tech students are capable of accomplishing.”

The local winners for each program or subject are:

- Automotive Collision and Repair: Bryan Alvarado Fajardo, a sophomore from Chelsea.
- Automotive Technology: Jonathan Rodriguez Zelaya, a sophomore from Chelsea, and Jason Landav-

erde Garcia, a junior from Chelsea.

- Cosmetology: Angie Ochoa-Duarte, a sophomore from Chelsea.
- Culinary: Jazzlyn Alarcon, a sophomore from Chelsea.

“Congratulations to this year’s award recipients,” said Superintendent DiBarri. “You’ve done incredible work, even with the transition to remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we can’t wait to see what you will continue to accomplish.”

## Graduation /Continued from Page 1

also have a walk-in graduation ceremony that will follow a less traditional format on the weekend of Aug. 6.

“For Virtual Graduation we’re following the traditional agenda for our usual graduation, but we’ve added a few special guests to make it even more of a special time,” said Abeyta. “We’re trying to make it memorable and have people that will truly resonate with the community and be special for the kids as well.”

The ceremony will begin with several speaker at the beginning, including Abeyta, City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Valedictorian Rym El Mahil and Salutatorian Alejandra Ponce Lopez.

El Mahil will be attending Harvard College in the fall, and was described as one of the strongest students CHS has ever seen.

“She is intellectually curious and loves to learn for learning’s sake,” read a statement from the schools. “Rym cares deeply about local, state, and national politics. She is passionate about inequities in public education and has served on the Regional State Advisory Council of Massachusetts, where she tackled big issues in education with other student leaders in Massachusetts.”

She hopes to pursue a career in medicine in the future, with a focus on providing quality health care to those living in under-sourced communities.

Lopez has been an important member of the CHS

community, and will attend the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth to begin the journey towards being an OB/GYN doctor.

One of Alejandra’s greatest strengths is her ability to not only be a leader but also an advocate inside and outside of the classroom,” read a statement from the schools. “Additionally, Alejandra is a proud member of our Interact club, our cheerleading and soccer teams, the prom committee, and tutors younger students in her spare time. Alejandra does all of this seamlessly while balancing her responsibilities at her part-time job at Market Basket.”

For Supt. Abeyta, it will be her first graduation at Chelsea Public Schools, having taken over in January, and it will also be her first graduation speech. It is obviously not coming in the way she imagined, but she hopes her words inspire the Class of 2020 anyhow. She said she really believes they will be one of the most exceptional classes of young people to lead us into a new world.

## Doctor /Continued from Page 1

try to find out if there is immunity against COVID for those who have had it.

Boiled down: Can you get it more than once?

“I think it would be valuable to get another snapshot,” he said. “The first time we found that just random people on the street, some 30 percent, had anti-bodies. Is it now 50 percent or 60 percent? I’d like to do a longitudinal study with individuals to monitor symptoms and shadow them. That is the kind of study that would teach us about immunity. It would be longer and more challenging.”

Dr. Iafrate said the Chelsea people were wonderful, and he had great respect for the community when he was first here studying what anti-bodies in a hot

spot meant. No one knew. Few still know.

“Right now there is discussion in Chelsea about what to do next,” he said.

He said with what they have learned elsewhere, there is a potential to answer some major questions about immunity in Chelsea.

“There is a need to return to Chelsea to do additional studies,” he said. “There are things we could discover. I would say we learned a lot in Boston and Chelsea...It has its own pace. I would hope within the next month we’ll have next steps for studying the kinds of immunity in the City of Chelsea. Data is critical and I think we should not lose the opportunity to follow and study how the epidemiological process – especially with people who

have anti-bodies are immune to infection.”

He said that will require a sense of ethics, and approaching the community with respect and sensitivity given what Chelsea has been through. He said they would work directly with individuals this time, and give them results – which they did not do the last time they were here due to the random nature of it.

He said such a study would also teach them what to do better if there is ever a next time.

“We would learn what to focus on if anything happens again,” he said. “I see it to be potentially meaningful information on how we would do things better next time and also where to focus our attention.”

# State announces updated travel guidelines

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration last week announced new COVID-19 public health guidelines on travel and transportation.

Effective Wednesday, July 1, all travelers arriving to Massachusetts, including residents returning home, are to self-quarantine for 14-days. This guidance does not apply to travelers

from Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York or New Jersey. Additionally, workers designated by the federal government as essential critical infrastructure workers are also exempt from this directive.

Travelers who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 are instructed to not travel to Massachusetts.

All visitors and residents of Massachusetts are also reminded that the use of masks or face coverings in public places where individuals cannot socially distance from others remains required.

These new guidelines replace previously announced Massachusetts travel guidance. For national travel information, please visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

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# Honoring her outstanding career in education

Hooks Principal Adele Lubarsky retires after 47 years of service in the Chelsea school district

By Cary Shuman

Every day Adele Lubarsky arrived at her position as principal of the Hooks School, she had to drive past Dever Park on Gillooly Road.

Adele Lubarsky not only knows where Gillooly Road is, but she knows everything about Chelsea. She grew up here, attended Chelsea High School, and spent her entire professional career in education here.

Lubarsky has retired after 47 years in the Chelsea school district, the last 15 as the top administrator at the Hooks Elementary School. Her last official day on the job was June 30.

### Beginning her career right out of college

Adele Lubarsky graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1972 with a degree in Elementary Education. She began her career as a paraprofessional at the Shurtleff School under the leadership of Elementary Principal Lorraine Flynn. She then served in a long-term substitute teaching position at the Williams Elementary School where Janet Healey was the principal.

Soon Lubarsky, who is fluent in Spanish, took a bilingual teaching position at the Shurtleff School. She returned to Williams and continued as a teacher there

until 1996 when the new Mary C. Burke Complex opened.

Lubarsky became an assistant principal at the Sokolowski School in 1999 and served in that position for five years, working with then-Sokolowski Principal Nancy Birmingham.

“Nancy was extremely helpful – she was my mentor,” credited Lubarsky. “Everything I learned, I learned from Nancy.”

When Coralee Kelly retired in 2005, Lubarsky became the principal at the Hooks School (Grades 1-4). She served with distinction for 15 years.

“I wouldn’t change it for the world – I loved it,” said Lubarsky. “My students and my teachers were all my family. I considered them to be part of who I am.”

### Setting the foundation on their students’ path to college

Lubarsky recalled one of students – Glenda Quinones – for whom she was a teacher in 1985. “I was her first teacher in the United States,” recalled Lubarsky. “She graduated from Chelsea High, got her bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Boston University. We’re still in touch. She told me I was her inspiration.”

Lubarsky also proudly noted that the valedictorian of this year’s Chelsea High

School graduating class was Rym El Mahil, who attended the Hooks School.

“Rym is going to Harvard in the fall,” said Lubarsky. “Talk about feeling on top of your game – that’s how I feel when students you had are going on to college. My staff did a farewell video for me and one of my former students is going to Suffolk next year.”

Two weeks ago the teachers and staff at the Hooks School said goodbye to the beloved principal with a surprise 40-car parade past Adele Lubarsky’s house.

### Expressing her gratitude

Adele Lubarsky thanked former superintendent of schools Dr. Mary Bourque for her assistance during her many years as principal.

“I always felt that Mary was someone that I could always go to and talk to all the time,” said Lubarsky. “I also had the mindset that if a parent complained, call Central Office and let them know before the parent called Central Office. Even if nothing happens with it, be upfront and don’t hide anything. I’ve never forgotten what it’s like to be a classroom teacher and that’s my mindset. I treat the kids as if they were my own, how I would want my children to be treated by a teacher, and how I, as a parent, would want to be

treated by a teacher. It’s all about caring. There are no excuses and there are high expectations for everyone.”

Lubarsky said the person who pushed her to be an administrator was former Supt. of Schools, Dr. Doug Sears.

“But all the superintendents, including our current superintendent of the schools in Chelsea, Dr. Almi Abeyta, had the same philosophy that we’re here for the families and the kids,” said Lubarsky. “My father-in-law [Henry Lubarsky] used to say, ‘don’t do anything for the honor – do it because you want to do it and it’s in your heart. And that’s how I feel about this job, it’s been in my heart forever.”

“I’m sad about leaving. I’ve had many tears but I feel it’s time. This decision was not made when we went into quarantine. I made my decision last summer to retire this year.”

Now that she is retired, Adele and her husband, Mark Lubarsky, are looking forward to spending more time with their family including sons, Lee, a graduate of George Washington University, and Eric, a graduate of Ithaca College, and their two grandchildren.

She will continue to be active in her temple. The Jewish Journal honored Lubarsky with a “Mensch



Hooks Elementary School Principal Adele Lubarsky is pictured on her final day at the school. She is retiring after 47 years of distinguished service in the Chelsea school district.

Award” last year in recognition of her outstanding service to the community. This past week, Channel 5 featured Lubarsky in its “5 For Good” series.

### Growing up on Bloomingdale Street

The daughter of Melvin and Beatrice Levine, Adele (Levine) Lubarsky grew up on Bloomingdale Street in Chelsea, neighbors of the Gangemi family.

Adele’s mother, Beatrice, was a graduate of Chelsea High, a member of the famous ‘39ers with such illustrious classmates as Bill and Edith Sartorelli, John Dalis, Bucky Muggford, and former School Committee member Elizabeth McBride.

She attended the Carter School for kindergarten

through Grade 9 where she distinguished herself academically in junior high and at Chelsea School as a member of the Class of 1968.

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Adele Lubarsky’s high school classmate, spoke for all the students, teachers, and families for whom Adele was such a positive influence and an inspiration.

“It was so great that she grew up in Chelsea and was involved in our school system for so many years,” said Robinson. “She was an outstanding educator and school administrator. We all owe Adele a big “thank you” for all the good things she did to help so many people excel and pursue their dreams.”

# A proud son remembers his father Joe Stutto Sr.

By Thomas Melanson

This is the true story of a man – my father Joe Stutto Sr. that loved the kids of Chelsea and dedicated his life to sports.

He was a great father and grandfather, coach, friend and mentor. Everyone who met him seemed to like him in his own goofy way. He took real pride in his family and would never miss a function or a game unless he was seriously ill.

When he finally retired for good from the Chelsea Little league, it was after almost 30 years of complete dedication to the children of Chelsea.

After that he was dedicated to his daughter and granddaughter’s softball games and hardly ever missed a game. If he was dedicated to anyone, it was

his family and he always tried to be there no matter the circumstances.

My father was also an Army airborne Ranger in the mid 1970s and was badly hurt in training while driving a tank over rough terrain in Washington State. It took several surgeries and a long stay in the hospital to recover but eventually he did and moved back to Chelsea with a hardship discharge from the military to help his very ill father.

After that he married Marilyn Melanson and had Joseph Stutto Jr in 1980. From there he took on the role of father to myself and my sister Kim Melanson. He always tried his best to make us happy but like everyone we had our ups and downs, but in the end we got through.

Joe Stutto Sr. will al-

ways be remembered as a loving father and Grandfather. His passing was a great loss to anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

### Our Beloved Coach of The Little League Pirates

The one thing Joe Stutto Sr. will always be known for is coaching the Chelsea Little League Pirates. And rightfully so.

We took pleasure in our six championships and the photo that appears with this story is of our first Championship team.

We will always love and miss you. I was proud to be your head coach all those years. Working on those statistics and averages was a great time in my life. You managed the team and I dealt with the numbers.



The Major League Pirates were among the great dynasties in Chelsea Little League, right up there with the Red Legs and the Indians. The Pirates team is pictured with their coaches, Joe Stutto Sr. and his son, Thomas Melanson Sr. We know how much the kids appreciated the great mentorship they received from the late Mr. Stutto and his son, Thomas, who is carrying on the family’s tradition of excellence. Mr. Melanson has written a wonderful tribute to his father.

In the end, in its own way, it all worked out. I just want to say that Tommy Jr., Danny McCarthy, Brandie

Melanson, Marilyn Stutto and myself, Tom Melanson Sr. will always love and miss you.

May you hit a home run wherever you may be and trip over third on your way home. Love, Tom.

# Gov. Baker launches targeted free COVID-19 testing sites

Staff Report

On Wednesday, the Baker Administration announced the launch of free COVID-19 testing sites in eight communities from July 10 to August 14 to help stop the spread of COVID-19 – including several locations in Chelsea and Everett.

This “Stop the Spread” initiative is a data-driven effort to reduce the prevalence of COVID-19 in communities that are above the state average in total cases and positive test rate, and have experienced a decline in testing levels since April. The initiative is being launched in Chelsea, Everett, Fall River, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Marlborough, and New Bedford. Residents of these communities are urged to take advantage of the availability of these new testing sites, even if they are asymptomatic. While these sites are being launched in these communities, they are open to all residents of the Commonwealth.

“While the Commonwealth has made progress on reducing the overall positive test rate, there are still communities where the number of positive tests is above the average of the rest of the

state,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Focusing our efforts to increase testing in these communities will help identify new cases and stop the spread. Residents of these communities, even those who are asymptomatic, are urged to take advantage of these new sites.”

Said COVID-19 Command Center Director and Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders, “In-

creased testing within these communities will help to identify new cases of COVID-19 and break the chains of community transmission. As we move into the summer, we will continue to closely monitor positivity and testing rates across the Commonwealth.”

The population of the cities in which the free testing will be conducted – Chelsea, Everett, Fall River, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Marlborough,

and New Bedford – make up approximately 9% of the Commonwealth’s population, but have seen 27% of the Commonwealth’s positive tests in the last two weeks.

The statewide positive test rate over the past two weeks is approximately 2%, but in these eight communities, 8% of tests have been positive.

Despite the continued elevated spread in these communities, total testing in these

communities has declined 39% since the end of April, and the total cases as a percentage of population for these communities is nearly double the state average.

Testing will take place Monday to Saturday at the MGH Chelsea Health Center (151 Everett Ave.) and the Beth Israel Deaconess Health Center (1000 Broadway).

On Fridays, there will be a testing van in Chelsea Square

on Second Street.

Residents are reminded that if they test positive for COVID-19, please answer the call when they are contacted by the Community Tracing Collaborative or their local board of health. Also, any individual who needs a safe place to isolate can call (617) 367-5150 to access an isolation and recovery site at no cost.

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# OBITUARIES

## Florence Heaberlin

Animal lover and advocate

Florence A. (Szarych) Heaberlin, 97, passed away in the peaceful surroundings of her Rochester home surrounded by her tender loving family.

Born in Waterville, Maine, she was the beloved daughter of the late Stanley and Anne (Gastoska) Szarych. She came to Chelsea with her family as a young lady, attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School. She attended hairdressing school, worked as a licensed hairdresser locally for several years and later worked as a seamstress for a Saugus bridal shop on Route One. She held other positions in her lifetime as a dental assistant with a Chelsea practice and later as a personal care assistant before retiring.

A resident of Chelsea for most of her life, she kept her home for many years on Carmel Street and would take on many tasks in decorating, painting and wallpapering her home there. In her senior years, she moved into the Admiral Hill Co-Op apartments, residing there for 15 years.

Last year she moved to Rochester, living with her daughter and caregiver, Robin.

In her lifetime she was an animal lover and advocate and much of her time was devoted to her daughters and grandchildren. She loved ice-skating and participated in many activities at the Chelsea Senior Center.

In addition to her parents, Florence was also predeceased by her two brothers, Edward "Eddie" and Walter



"Sonny" Szarych. She was the devoted and forever loved mother and mother-in-law of Robin Grignetti and her husband, Sandro of Rochester, Deborah Ostrow and her husband, Jonathan of Worcester and Tammy DeSouza and her husband, Alex of North Andover. She was the cherished and beloved grandmother of Brianna and Genevieve Grignetti, James and Amber Polino,, Alef and Jonathan DeSouza, and Alex and Maarit Ostrow.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday and concluded with entombment in the Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum. Should friends desire, contributions in her memory should be directed to the MSPCA-Angell, Attn: Donations, 350 So. Huntington St., Boston MA, 02130 <https://www.mspca.org/donate-now/>

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit; [www.WelshFuneralHome.com](http://www.WelshFuneralHome.com).

## Helen Gladyszak

Lifelong member of St. Stanislaus Parish who loved her Polish heritage

Helen F. (Czerepica) Gladyszak, 92, of Chelsea died on May 26.

Born in Chelsea and a lifelong resident, she passed away peacefully of natural causes.

Helen retired from H & R Block after 35 years of service. A lifelong member of St. Stanislaus parish, Helen loved her Polish heritage, loved music and sang with the Choir. She enjoyed weekly family trips to Suffolk Downs and yearly trips to Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

Her greatest love was her family which she was immensely proud of and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories. She never said good bye when talking on the phone with us, it was always God bless you and watch your fingers, I'm hanging up now. She will be sorely missed and will forever live in our hearts.

The devoted wife of 60 years of the late Stephen J. and the daughter of the late John and Sophie Czerepica, she was the loving mother of Stephen A. Gladyszak of Chelsea, Joseph J. Gladyszak and his wife, Elizabeth of Billerica, Lora M. Lynch and her husband, Robert of Henderson, NV, Louise M. Gladyszak of Peabody, Nancy G. Gladyszak-Underhill and her husband,



Peter of Chelsea, Susan T, Gladyszak of East Boston and Andrew J. Gladyszak and his partner, Sandra Butts of St. Petersburg, FL; dear sister of Wanda Antonucci of Malden and the late John Czerepica, Albert Czerepica, Edward Czerepica, Stanley Czerepica, and Chester Czerepica; cherished grandmother of Nicholas J. Gladyszak and his wife, Corrie, Andrew A. Gladyszak, Laura E. Warden and her husband, Stephen and Marie E. Gladyszak. She is also lovingly survived by her great grandchildren, Andrew D. Gladyszak, Victoria E. Gladyszak, Ashland G. Lane, Aiden Koschuk, Nathan Koschuk, and Riley Warden as well as many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of Funeral Services due to the pandemic, please remember her with happy thoughts and say a prayer. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery was private.

## EBNHC FARMERS' MARKET UNDERWAY

EAST BOSTON - As East Boston slowly creeps to the "new normal", in the neighborhood some restaurants have been able to reopen with limited capacity or outdoor seating, retail stores that have closed are reopening and residents feel a little safer being out in public.

One sign that the worst of the pandemic is over for now and summer has arrived is the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) Let's Get Movin Farmers Market in Central Square.

This year's Farmers Market will last through October 1. The market will be open each Wednesday until 6 p.m.

However, EBNHC and the Let's Get Movin' staff are making several changes to this year's market in order to protect the health and safety of the public and farmers that will be on hand to sell their goods.

EBNHC's Program Coordinator for Community Initiatives Nancy Slamet said the Health Center has printed new fliers for the weekly market highlighting changes that put an emphasis on health in safety.

For example the market will host special shopping hours for seniors. The designated shopping hours for those 60 plus or others at high risk for COVID-19 will be each Wednesday from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

"Your health is our top priority. The East Boston Farmers Market will continue to provide access to affordable, local and farm-fresh food during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Slamet. "The 2020 season will be different in many ways to protect shoppers, farmers, and staff. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to seeing you there."

The Farmers Market has launched a new online ordering and delivery service to this year's market.

Shoppers who do not feel comfortable with spending time shopping at the market can simply pay for their produce using the Whats-Good app. Beginning on July 8 online shoppers will pick up orders at the Farmers Market and customers can simply pick up their orders between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the market's pre-order pick-up Tent on Border Street across from Marshalls in Liberty Plaza.

In August, home delivery will also be an option for those who do not feel comfortable venturing down to the market.

While COVID-19 infections continue on the

downswing in Eastie and Boston Slamet said the organizers are asking residents to please stay home if they are sick and wear a mask and maintain social distance from others when you pick-up.

Slamet said when coming to the Farmers Market do not come if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19. Masks or face coverings must be worn at all times. Only bring children if you have no other option but children must stay beside you. No pets are allowed at this year's market.

There will also be designated entrances and exits to the Central Square Farmers Market

The Farmers Market now has two specific entrances. The entrance for the main market will be at the corner of Saratoga Street and Border Street. The entrance for Farmer Dave's stand will be at the intersection of Meridian Street and Central Square. Only a limited number of shoppers will be allowed at any time inside the market and you may have to wait to enter the market.

Before shopping the EBNHC would like customers to sanitize or wash your hands at one of our hand-washing stations when you enter the market. Shoppers must follow the one-way traffic flow of the market with no backtracking. Shoppers can go through the shopper's loop in the main market area again if they want to make another round.

Shoppers must also remain six feet away from other shoppers and vendors are not allowed to touch reusable bags.

There will also be no eating allowed inside the market.

In order to avoid personal contact the Farmers Market staff is urging shoppers to refrain from using cash whenever they can and instead pay with debit, credit cards, and apps if possible. Other acceptable forms of payment include WIC coupons, Senior coupons, SNAP/food stamps/EBT, and P-EBT.

SNAP/EBT customers receive a 100 percent incentive (a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$40-\$80, depending on household size) for each SNAP dollar spent on targeted fruits and vegetables purchased at the Farmers Market.

WIC supports farmers as well as good nutrition through the Farmers Market Nutrition Program. WIC Farmers Market coupons may be used at the East Boston Farmers Market on fresh, uncut fruits and vegetables.

Also eligible seniors can contact the senior agency that serves their town to find out when and where

Senior Farmers Market Coupons will be distributed. Senior Farmers Market coupons may be used on fresh, uncut fruits and vegetables and honey.

The 2020 list of local farmers and vendors for this year's market can be seen on our website by visiting: <http://eastietimes.com/?p=15561>

## ZUMIX TO HOLD VIRTUAL WALK

EAST BOSTON - For nearly 20 years, Zumix has participated in Boston's annual Walk for Music fundraiser, which brings music organizations from all over the city together to help raise money for local arts programs.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic has put the breaks on large outdoor events in the city for the remainder of the summer.

As a nonprofit that has continually adapted throughout the pandemic, Zumix has decided to hold the annual Walk for Music virtually.

"For almost 20 years, we have come together to celebrate the Zumix community through the Walk for Music," said Zumix Co-founder and Director Madeleine Steczynski. "Over the years we have faced a number of challenges, but nothing has stopped us from walking together. This year, COVID-19 presents a unique challenge because we cannot walk together in person. However, that will not stop us from holding the Walk for Music as a virtual walk-a-thon."

The virtual Walk for Music will take place on Sunday, July 12, and has already raised \$29,310 towards Zumix's \$50,000 goal.

Donations for the Walk for Music can be made to <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/zumix/Walk-for-Music-2020>. For more information on how to participate contact Zumix's Director of Development Kimberly Dawson at [kdawson@zumix.org](mailto:kdawson@zumix.org).

"We can't walk together, but we can still sing, laugh, learn, create and band together," said Steczynski. "Our young people are the hope for a better future and we are bolstering the next generation to thrive."

The Walk for Music is one of Zumix's largest fundraisers each year. The money raised through this event makes it possible for Zumix to provide high-quality private lessons and group programs to over 1,000 young people each year.

"Since the pandemic hit, we haven't skipped a beat as all of our programs are continuing remotely," said Steczynski.

Zumix was created to empower youth to use music to make strong, positive change in their lives, their communities, and the world. Since its founding in 1991, the program has grown to serve more than 400 young people every year in programs in instrumental instruction, songwriting and performance, community radio, and creative technology. They serve an additional 400 young people per year through in-school partnerships with East Boston High School and the Umana Middle School Academy. The powerful impact of the program is illustrated by the fact that in the past 4 years, percent of its graduates enrolled in college.

## MCGEE SEEKS TO ELIMINATE RACISM

LYNN - Mayor Thomas M. McGee announced initial steps to strengthen ef-

forts to eliminate systemic racism within the City of Lynn through policy creation, systemic change, and increased community conversations.

"Systemic racism adversely affects the Black Community and Communities of Color every day, said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. "Absolutely no one should live in fear of the act of simply living because of the color of their skin. We must listen and learn from those who have endured far too much, and take concrete action to update and reform our policies. I look forward to continuing the dialogue with members of our community to rid our City of hatred and inequity that has permeated throughout our society for too long. That starts by acknowledging that racism is a public health emergency and acting accordingly."

Mayor McGee, along with Lynn Public Health Director Michele Desmarais, have submitted to the Board of Health a "Joint Order Declaring Racism an Emergency and a Public Health Crisis in the City of Lynn." The Order is on the agenda for the Board of Health's next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th.

"The City of Lynn is committed to reviewing our policies and working to enact the necessary changes to address the public health disparities and the barriers to healthcare that the Black Community and Communities of Color experience," said Director Desmarais.

Additionally, Mayor McGee has signed on to the "Mayor's Pledge" issued by the Obama Foundation's My Brother's Keeper Alliance. The pledge asks mayors from across the country to commit to the following actions: "review our police use of force policies; engage our communities by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in our review; Report the findings of our review to the community and seek feedback; Reform our community's police use of force policies."

"While these are steps that will move our City in the right direction, there is still a long way to go. Addressing structural racism requires a long term focus and continued efforts from my office and through all levels of city government. I look forward to engaging with my fellow Lynners in this critical work." McGee said.

## CORBELLI FAMILY REUNITED ON FATHER'S DAY

EVERETT - The Corbelli family was prepared for anything, with doctors informing them of virtually every possible outcome as the days went on that their husband - their father - continued to be unconscious in a coma due to infection from COVID-19.

They weren't allowed to see him except on Face-time, and even then, he was unconscious and didn't look like the man they knew.

They hoped for the best possible outcome, but knew that the worst could happen.

Ten days in a coma went on to 15 days, and then 20 days, and finally 30 days.

But after that excruciating time, Joao Corbelli, began to stir, and then he awoke from his coma - weak, but recovering. After two long weeks at a rehabilitation hospital in Braintree, Corbelli was able to return home on the day before Father's Day - making it an utterly emotional and timely return to the family's Everett home.

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the day before Father’s Day on June 20 and we were so grateful to have him back,” said his daughter, Lorena Corbelli, a senior at Everett High that helped lead the #StayHomeEverett movement in April. “When we went to pick him up it was so amazing. There were times the doctors had told us – just prepared us for what could happen...It’s amazing he was able to come home and celebrate Father’s Day.”

It has been a situation where the home – which had been full of uncertainty – has now once again been restored, and a hole in the family had been filled.

“He was in a coma 30 days and in the hospital,” said Lorena. “He was gone a long time. We didn’t know anyone that had COVID-19 and had stayed in the hospital so long. My dad did everything around the house. He would fix things here and help me work on my car. When he was gone our boiler broke and my car had trouble. It’s always been my dad, myself, my mom and my sister. When he was gone, the house felt empty. When he walked back in, the house didn’t feel empty anymore. It felt full again and our family felt whole.”

Earlier this spring, Joao – who works at the Westin in Boston in the Maintenance Department – began not feeling well. He drove himself to the hospital, and that is literally the last time he remembers anything before waking up from the coma.

“He told us the last thing he remembers was going to the hospital,” she said. “We showed him pictures of his face and body and he didn’t even recognize himself.”

Joao started his time in care at Cambridge Hospital and then was transferred to Best Israel where he was on a machine giving him care 24/7 for his kidneys – which were being damaged by COVID. After 30 days there, he did wake up about four weeks ago.

It was a moment that Lorena said would be a changing moment for her life.

“At first he slowly opened his eyes,” she said. “We could only see him on Facetime, but I could tell he missed us so much by looking at his eyes. It was life-changing for me because when he was in the hospital he got pressure sores. I realized it wasn’t going to be a great idea for me to see him that way. Once I saw he started opening his eyes, I wanted to see him again. We were so relieved he was okay. It was so emotional when he woke up.”

While their father was gone, Lorena said the family did their best to take on new responsibilities to try to fill in the gaps left by Joao not being there. Lorena took on cooking duties while her sister, Lorraine, and her mother, Marileida, went back to work and tried to help pay the bills. Her sister even tried to fix the boiler when it broke, which was brand new territory. Interestingly, none of the rest of the family got COVID-19 or showed any symptoms, and they are not sure how their father came down with it. They don’t know of anyone close to them that also got it. However he got it, it got him good and took an otherwise healthy and strong man to the brink.

Lorena said everyone should realize that the virus is not a joke, and that anyone can get it. She said she participated in the #Stay-HomeEverett campaign as a way to draw attention to that fact, and to let people know she was trying to keep her home safe and healthy for when her dad came home.

No one knew if that

would happen, but Lorena said they had hope, and now her father is recovering nicely – and it’s been great to have him home, even if he’s not quite ready to fix the boiler or her car.

“We know it will take a while, but he’s getting stronger every day,” she said. “We try to give him what he wants. When he came home, he was tired of hospital food and wanted a huge bowl of pasta – which we gave him...He used a walker the first week at home and the other day he decided he didn’t need it and walked on his own. It’s those things that fill us with happiness.”

DEMARIA SEEKS NEW ZONING ORDINANCE

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced that a new zoning ordinance aimed at reducing the transportation impacts of new development will be presented to the Everett City Council next week.

This ordinance will allow the Administration to bring greater housing affordability to the City of Everett, and institute a co-operative transportation structure through multiple developments.

The Transportation Demand Management ordinance, which has been in development for several months, requires new developments to measure their likely transportation impacts and address them holistically, taking into account not only parking, but transit, cycling and walking.

“Historically, our development process has looked at transportation through the single lens of parking and traffic, however this approach overlooks the fact that half of all trips in Everett are not taken in an automobile and the exorbitant cost of constructing new parking which can increase the cost of a unit of housing by as much as \$100,000,” said Mayor DeMaria.

The proposed ordinance will use a points system of debits and credits based on the severity of the impact on the proposed development. Debits will be measured by new vehicle trips, added traffic congestion, or the sheer size of the development itself. Credits will be received for measures that actively reduce vehicle dependency. Examples of these include but are not limited to: improvements to the transit system, providing shuttle service to MBTA stations, sponsorship of bike sharing stations, or reductions in on-site parking.

The proposed ordinance also requires that those seeking to develop pay into a public-private partnership.

This organization is conventionally known as a “Transportation Management Association (TMA)” which will provide services to those seeking to develop and monitor all development for compliance.

The City and the Planning Board have worked with the developers of several recently approved projects to test the ordinance and ensure that it is workable for all parties. For example, the developers of the Market Forge Site agreed to widen a portion of Second Street to accommodate the future Silver Line, provide shuttle service, bike share and prohibit their residents from seeking residential parking stickers. Similarly, The 600 on Broadway was allowed a reduction in overall parking spaces in exchange for dedicated car sharing spaces, a prohibition on residential parking stickers, sponsorship of a bike sharing station, and separating the cost for available parking spaces

from the cost of rent. These measures have been proven elsewhere to dramatically reduce the number of vehicle trips generated by new housing development and reduce rental costs while still providing much needed new housing for City residents. The new Ordinance is expected to be introduced to the City Council during the month of July for their input and approval.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPROVE PROJECTS FOR SHIRLEY AVE.

REVERE - The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals approved three separate projects for Shirley Avenue, all of which required several variances last week.

The projects will comprise a total of 95 residential micro-units among three buildings and three commercial spaces in two of the buildings. The city’s coffers will realize more than \$450,000 in permit and other fees and will bring in another \$200,000 for the Community Improvement Trust Fund for infrastructure improvement projects within the vicinity of the new development.

A unique aspect of the project is that there is no provision for off-street parking for the 95 residential units. The leases will specify that each tenant who rents a micro-unit cannot own a motor vehicle, which the developer, Jamie Russo, and the proponents assert obviates the need for off-street parking. With the MBTA’s bus stop on Beach St. within easy walking distance, the project is deemed a “transit-oriented development.”

For all three of the projects, Russo’s three companies (Eastern Equity Partners LLC for the Bagel Bin site at 207-209 Shirley Ave., Shirley Ventures LLC for the former St. Jean’s Credit Union site at 180-184-186 Shirley Ave., and EB VENTURES LLC for the corner block at Shirley Ave. and Thornton St.) came before the board seeking variances involving some degree of relief from the zoning ordinances regarding minimum lot size; frontage; side yard, rear yard, and front yard setback; floor area ratio; parking; maximum building height; and buffer zone screening.

The first project to come up for discussion was for 207-209 Shirley Avenue, the site of the Bagel Bin Restaurant that was destroyed by a fire in 2018. The height of the project will be four-stories with one commercial space and 32 studio apartments consisting of 456 square feet each.

There will be 11 parking spaces in the back for commercial parking, but there will be no off-street parking for tenants since they cannot own a motor vehicle according to the lease that they must sign.

Robert O’Brien, the city’s Economic Development Director, spoke in favor of the project. “The developer made a commitment to lease no units to tenants who own cars for this building, as well as the tenants for the other two projects that the zoning board also is reviewing during this meeting,” said O’Brien.

Hansi Vlladesi, the owner of the Bagel Bin, spoke in favor of the project, noting that this will be an opportunity for his restaurant to return to Shirley Ave.

Ronald Hogan, who has owned a laundromat across the street on Shirley Ave. for 10 years, supported the project, noting that he was pleased to see the investment in the area.

Both Councillor-at-Large

Tony Zambuto and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky voiced their support for the project. “This project is transit-oriented and no developer has done more for the neighborhoods than Jamie Russo, who has a track record,” said Zambuto, who concluded his remarks by adding, “We all want the Bagel Bin back on Shirley Ave.”

“This project is privately-funded, so there are no affordable units offered,” said Novoselsky, who also noted the various issues raised by area residents. “I am pro-development, but a lot of the opponents have concerns about height and parking.”

Ralph DeCiccio, the Chairman of the Revere Disabilities Commission, also spoke, pointing out, “None of the tenants can get either a resident parking permit or visitor stickers.”

Area resident Kristen Janjar of Campbell Ave. supported the return of the Bagel Bin, but echoed the concerns of the other opponents, saying, “Do we need four stories above them? We don’t need people who are not invested in the neighborhood.”

The second project, located at the corner of Shirley Avenue and Thornton Street, calls for the present building to be razed and for the construction of a three-story structure with 18 micro-units. Similar to the other project, there will be no off-street parking provided by the developer, but each unit will be leased only to tenants who do not own cars.

Anne Steinman of 45 Thornton St. noted that there is no sticker required to park overnight on Thornton St. She added, “I do not have the warm and fuzzies with no low-income housing units.”

Lor Holmes, another resident of the area, added, “Put this on hold and do not rush into this. Neighborhood input is needed.”

The third project, formerly the site of the St. Jean’s Credit Union at 180-184-186 Shirley Ave., entails 45 micro-units with two commercial spaces on the street level in a five-story building.

O’Brien, speaking in favor of the project, noted, “The developer will get the right commercial tenants.”

Dr. Jeff Coen, whose business personally has been on Shirley Ave. for 30 years and whose family has been there for 60 years, said, “This is a long time coming. The last 10 years have been an improvement for the neighborhood.”

Hogan, speaking again, noted, “Street-level development will need housing density to succeed.”

Novoselsky added, “I am still a proponent of this project, but have some reservations on the parking and the way it is built. We did not have a community meeting because of Covid-Virus in order to answer some of the concerns from opponents.”

The opponents again reiterated that they thought the process was rushed and that the community had been left out. They noted that all three projects lacked off-street parking for the tenants.

Chairman of the Appeals Board Michael Tucker told the opponents that the issues of who rents the units and whether there has been a lack of community involvement do not fall within the purview of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The projects received the unanimous approval of the ZBA members who were present (Tucker, Alfred Buccilli, John Lopes, and Arthur Pelton; member Nick D’Angelo was absent), but with the following restrictions: All of the residential micro-units units will be leased only to tenants who do not own cars and that this restriction will be a permanent one applicable to any future owner of the properties.

COUNCIL APPROVES BUDGET

REVERE - The Revere City unanimously approved Mayor Brian Arrigo’s Fiscal Year ’21 city budget of \$209.6 million at a Council meeting last week.

But councilors rejected a proposal by Mayor Arrigo to promote certain personnel who would have additional responsibilities in a

newly structured city government, comparable to the Mayor heading a cabinet of top-level administrators to oversee the various city departments.

As a result of the additional roles that those officials would have, Arrigo felt that they should receive pay adjustments of various amounts to correspond with the increased responsibilities.

Councillors-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, Jessica Giannino, George Rotondo and Gerry Visconti, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna and Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino voted against the promotions.

Zambuto, who was voting on his 21st city budget,, said, “I felt that I couldn’t in good conscience have people get laid off and ask people to retire early and then give out raises in a pandemic. I agree with the Mayor wanting to have his own structure and his cabinet, and he can do next year. But whether you call them raises or promotions, it just didn’t look good. It came down to a vote of conscience and six of us councillors felt that way.”

Council President Patrick Keefe said he fully respected his colleagues for wanting to be conservative with spending for the promotions.

“I feel very strongly, though, that some of these positions come with a lot more responsibilities that the city will need,” said Keefe, citing the examples of two officials, Donald Ciaramella (Superintendent of Water and Sewer) and Tech Lang (City Planner), who would be adding responsibilities to their workload.

“Donny is overseeing two very large departments and he epitomizes what we want in a person that is willing to do the work and to not pay him for that is pretty short sighted,” said Keefe. “Tech Leng is highly sought after as an administrator and city planner and she could go outside of the city of Revere and make 20-30 percent more – we could lose some very talented, highly competent personnel like Donny and Tech and others because of some of the decisions we made.”

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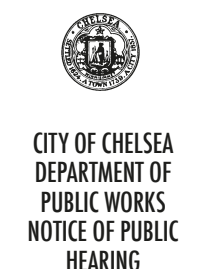
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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING

In accordance with  
Section 1.15, Part IV  
of the City of Chelsea  
administrative code  
section 22-64(b) Estab-  
lishment of solid waste  
collection fees and sec-  
tion 30-65 establish-  
ment of water, sewer  
& trash billing rates  
of the ordinances of  
the City of Chelsea on  
Tuesday, July 14, 2020  
at 6:00pm via Video  
Conference regarding  
the following:  
Public hearing for  
interested residents,  
shall have an opportu-  
nity to be heard con-  
cerning the proposed  
increase of solid waste  
collection fees, and the  
proposed increase for  
water and sewer rates.  
The public is invited to  
attend.  
Fidel Maltez  
COMMISSIONER

7/2/2020  
7/9/2020

LEGAL NOTICE



AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD  
DE CHELSEA  
DEPARTAMENTO DE  
OBRAS PUBLICAS  
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA  
PUBLICA

De conformidad con  
la Sección 1.15, Parte  
IV del código adminis-  
trativo de la Ciudad de  
Chelsea, sección 22-64  
(b) Establecimiento de  
tarifas de recolección  
de desechos sólidos y  
la sección 30-65 es-  
tablecimiento de tarifas  
de facturación de  
agua, alcantarillado  
y basura de las orde-  
nanzas de la Ciudad de  
Chelsea el Martes, 14  
de julio de 2020 a las  
6:00 p.m. a través de  
una videoconferencia  
sobre lo siguiente:  
La audiencia pública  
para los residentes  
interesados tendrá  
la oportunidad de ser  
escuchada sobre el au-  
mento propuesto de las  
tarifas de recolección  
de desechos sólidos y  
el aumento propuesto  
para las tarifas de  
agua y alcantarillado.  
Se invita al público a  
asistir.  
Fidel Maltez  
COMISIONADO DE  
OBRAS PUBLICAS

7/2/2020  
7/9/2020

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Family Pineda  
Family Restaurant LLC  
d/b/a Sabor Centro  
Americano  
40-48 Central Avenue,  
Chelsea, MA 02150  
Chelsea Licensing Com-  
mission, July 16, 2020  
Notice is hereby given  
that a continued public  
hearing will be held by  
the Chelsea Licensing  
Commission on Thurs-  
day, July 16, 2020 at  
6:00 p.m., in the City  
Council Conference  
Room at 500 Broad-  
way, Chelsea, MA, to  
consider a New Wine

and Malt Beverages  
License (on premises)  
application for Family  
Pineda Family Restau-  
rant LLC d/b/a Sabor  
Centro Americano at  
40-48 Central Avenue,  
Chelsea, MA 02150.  
CHELSEA LICENSING  
COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administra-  
tor

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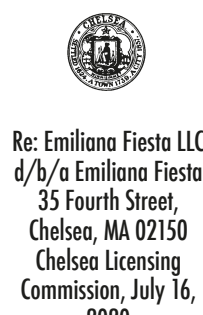
LEGAL NOTICE



Re: May Inc. d/b/a  
Mandarin Buffet  
1100 Revere Beach  
Parkway, Chelsea, MA  
02150  
Chelsea Licensing Com-  
mission, July 16, 2020  
Notice is hereby given  
that a public hearing  
will be held by the  
Chelsea Licensing Com-  
mission on Thursday,  
July 16, 2020 at 6:00  
p.m., in the City Coun-  
cil Conference Room at  
500 Broadway, Chel-  
sea, MA, to consider  
a Transfer of All Kinds  
of Alcohol License  
application to May  
Inc. d/b/a Mandarin  
Buffet at 1100 Revere  
Beach Parkway, Chel-  
sea, MA 02150.  
CHELSEA LICENSING  
COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administra-  
tor

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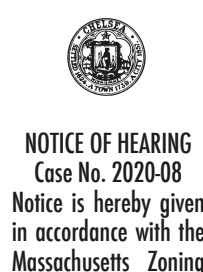
LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Emiliana Fiesta LLC  
d/b/a Emiliana Fiesta  
35 Fourth Street,  
Chelsea, MA 02150  
Chelsea Licensing  
Commission, July 16,  
2020  
Notice is hereby given  
that a continued public  
hearing will be held by  
the Chelsea Licensing  
Commission on Thurs-  
day, July 16, 2020 at  
6:00 p.m., at the City  
Council Conference  
Room at 500 Broad-  
way, Chelsea, MA, to  
consider a New All  
Kinds of Alcohol Bever-  
ages License (General  
on premises) applica-  
tion for Emiliana Fiesta  
LLC at 35 Fourth Street,  
Chelsea, MA 02150.  
If you wish to join or  
speak at the meeting,  
please email Naomi  
Libran at nlibran@  
chelseama.gov.  
CHELSEA LICENSING  
COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administra-  
tor

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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING  
Case No. 2020-08  
Notice is hereby given  
in accordance with the  
Massachusetts Zoning  
Act, Chapter 40A that a  
meeting of the Chelsea  
Planning Board will be  
held by way of Webex  
Video conference on  
Tuesday, July 21, 2020  
6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the  
application of:  
Chestnut Lofts LLC  
For Major Site Plan

Review of a Petition to  
construct a twenty-four  
(24) residential unit  
structure on a parcel  
with insufficient lot  
area, yard setbacks,  
and parking at the  
premises known as:  
25 Second Street  
All interested parties  
wishing to provide  
a public comment  
or to join the video  
conference meeting  
must communicate  
with jdeppriest@chel-  
seama.gov. Name  
and address must be  
included in order to be  
read during the Public  
Speaking section of  
the meeting and email  
address in order to join  
the meeting. Any com-  
ment or request to join  
must be submitted by  
Monday, July 20, 2020  
by 4:00 PM. Plans and  
copies of the applica-  
tion and petition may  
be viewed at https://  
www.chelseama.gov/  
zoning-board-appeals/  
pages/zba-cases-2020

7/2/20, 7/9/20

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING  
Case No. 2020-02  
Notice is hereby given  
in accordance with the  
Massachusetts Zoning  
Act, Chapter 40A that a  
meeting of the Chelsea  
Planning Board will be  
held by way of Webex  
Video conference on  
Tuesday, July 21, 2020  
6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the  
application of:  
SDTJ, LLC c/o Steven  
Piazza  
For Major Site Plan  
Review of a Petition to  
construct a wholesale  
food warehouse which  
does not meet the cur-  
rent minimum zoning  
requirements for front-  
age, rear yard setback,  
height, minimum dis-  
tance between access  
points, number and  
setback dimensions  
of off-street parking  
spaces at the premises  
known as:  
45 Market Street

All interested parties  
wishing to provide  
a public comment  
or to join the video  
conference meeting  
must communicate  
with jdeppriest@  
chelseama.gov. Name  
and address must be  
included in order to be  
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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE  
In accordance with  
Section 2-7 (b) and  
(d) of the Chelsea  
City Charter notice is  
hereby given that at a  
regular meeting of the  
Chelsea City Council  
held on June 29, 2020,  
the City Council voted  
after a second reading

to adopt the following  
orders:  
Ordered, that in ac-  
cordance with M.G.L.  
Ch.44 Section 64,  
budget management  
procedures, whereby  
costs incurred in the  
FY19 were not paid  
and is owed to the  
vendor, and to meet  
this obligation funds  
are required from  
the current year FY20  
budget, that Council  
authorize the expendi-  
ture of \$2,781.33 from  
Parking Department  
expenditure line to sat-  
isfy the unpaid Citation  
Print Rolls cost owed to  
Passport Labs, Inc.  
Ordered, that in ac-  
cordance with M.G.L.  
Ch.44 Section 64, bud-  
get management pro-  
cedures, whereby costs  
incurred in the FY17  
and FY19 were not  
paid and is owed to the  
vendor, and to meet  
this obligation funds  
are required from the  
current year FY20 bud-  
get, that Council author-  
ize the expenditure of  
\$750.05 from Fire  
Department expendi-  
ture line to satisfy  
the unpaid equipment  
(cylinder) cost owed to  
Firematic Supply, Inc.

Ordered, that in ac-  
cordance with M.G.L.  
Ch.44 Section 64,  
budget management  
procedures, whereby  
costs incurred in the  
FY19 were not paid  
and is owed to the ven-  
dor, and to meet this  
obligation funds are  
required from the cur-  
rent year FY20 budget,  
that Council authorize  
the expenditure of  
\$150.05 from Human  
Services Department  
expenditure line to  
satisfy the unpaid HR  
Seminar cost owed to  
Massachusetts Muni-  
cipal Personnel Associa-  
tion Supply.  
Ordered, that in ac-  
cordance with M.G.L.  
Ch.44 Section 64,  
budget management  
procedures, whereby  
costs incurred in the  
FY18 were not paid  
and is owed to the ven-  
dor, and to meet this  
obligation funds are  
required from the cur-  
rent year FY20  
budget, that Council  
authorize the expendi-  
ture of \$97,356.79.05  
from School Depart-  
ment expenditure line  
to satisfy the unpaid  
student transportation  
costs owed to Puritan  
Distribution Inc. d/b/a  
North Shore Shuttle for  
the transport of Chel-  
sea Special Education  
students and Chelsea  
students who reside  
in shelters outside of  
Chelsea, to settle cost  
not billed timely by the  
vendor to the School  
department.  
Ordered, in regards  
of the following sums,  
designated as appro-  
priations, are hereby  
appropriated in Sewer  
Enterprise Fund of  
the City of Chelsea  
as follows: Salaries  
\$521,140, Operations  
and Maintenance  
\$10,928,977, Capital  
\$1,563,857, totaling  
\$13,013,974.  
Ordered, in regards  
of the following sums,  
designated as appro-  
priations, are hereby  
appropriated in Water  
Enterprise Fund of  
the City of Chelsea  
as follows: Salaries  
\$521,140, Operations  
and Maintenance  
\$7,065,086, Capital  
\$1,500,904, totaling  
\$9,087,130.

Ordered, in regards  
of the following sums  
as classified and des-  
ignated with respect  
to each department  
or undertaking as  
Salaries, Operations  
and Maintenance and  
Capital are hereby  
appropriated in Gen-  
eral Fund of the City  
of Chelsea as listed be-  
low and summarized:  
Salaries \$49,580,934,  
Operations & Mainte-  
nance \$131,210,157,  
and Capital \$295,000,  
totaling \$181,086,091.  
Ordered, in regards  
of the appropriation and  
assessments in the  
General Fund are to  
be financed in part by  
General Stabilization  
Funds of the City of  
Chelsea as follows:  
Stabilization Funds  
\$4,965,819.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council autho-  
rizes the transfer of  
\$18,500.00 from the  
Salary Reserve Account  
#0199959-59800 to  
the FY 2020 Auditing  
- Overtime Account  
#0113551-510400.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$1,500.00 from the  
Salary Reserve Account  
#0199959-59800 to  
the FY 2020 Auditing  
- Unused Sick Leave  
#0113551-519100.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$350.00 from the  
Salary Reserve  
Account #0199959-  
59800 to the FY 2020  
Purchasing - Unused  
Sick Leave #0113851-  
519100.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$75.00 from the  
Salary Reserve Account  
#0199959-59800 to  
the Treasurer's De-  
partment- Overtime  
0114551-510400.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$711.00 from the  
Salary Reserve Account  
#0199959-59800 to  
the FY 2020 Parking  
Department - Unused  
Sick Leave #0129351-  
519100.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$21,000.00 from the  
Salary Reserve Account  
#0199959-59800 to  
the FY 2020 DPW  
Administrative De-  
partment - Overtime  
Account #0142151-  
510400.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$6,140.00 from the  
Salary Reserve Account  
#0199959-59800 to  
the FY 2020 DPW  
Snow Removal Department  
- Overtime Account  
#0142151-510400.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the trans-  
fer of \$135.00 from  
the Salary Reserve  
Account #0199959-  
59800 to the FY 2020  
Library Department-  
Sick Buyback Account  
#0161051-515900.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$17,843.00 from the  
Salary Reserve Account  
#0199959-59800 to  
the FY 2020 DPW  
Buildings and Grounds  
Department- Overtime  
Account #0142151-  
510400.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council autho-  
rizes the transfer of  
\$26,000.00 from the  
Free Cash to the Fiscal

Year 2020 Judgments  
- Claims/Judgments  
Account #0194152-  
571200  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$43,893.00 from the  
Free Cash to the Fiscal  
year 2020 DPW  
Snow Removal - Con-  
tract Services Account  
#0142352-530600, to  
provide supplemental  
funds for final snow  
and ice removals.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council autho-  
rizes the transfer of  
\$28,250.00 from the  
Free Cash to the Fiscal  
year 2020 DPW Snow  
Removal - Salt Account  
#0142352-530600, to  
provide supplemental  
funds for final snow  
and ice removals.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$1,600.00 from the  
Free Cash to the FY20  
Employee Benefits  
- Medicare Account  
#0191051-517600.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council author-  
izes the transfer of  
\$7,157.00 from Free  
Cash to the FY2020  
DPW Buildings and  
Grounds Department  
- Overtime Account  
#0147051-510400.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council autho-  
rizes the transfer of  
\$38,253.00 from Free  
Cash to the FY2020  
DPW Buildings and  
Grounds Department  
- Other Expenditures  
Account #0147052-  
570000.  
Ordered, that the Chel-  
sea City Council autho-  
rizes the transfer of  
\$50,000.00 from Free  
Cash to the FY2020  
DPW Solid Waste  
Department - Trash  
- Pickup/Disposal  
Account #0143052-  
524600.  
Ordered, that the City  
Council appropriate  
the following amounts  
from PEG Access and  
Cable Related Fund:  
For the Public Access via  
Chelsea Communi-  
ty Cable Television:  
\$251,215.00; For Ed-  
ucational Access via  
Chelsea  
School Department:  
\$153,700.00; For Gov-  
ernmental Access via  
City Manager's Office:  
\$130,000.00.  
Ordered, that the Coun-  
cil reserve for appro-  
priation the following  
amounts from estimat-  
ed FY2021 receipts as  
recommended by the  
Community Preserva-  
tion Committee:  
1. \$77,588, 10% of  
estimated revenues  
for the acquisition, cre-  
ation and preservation  
of open space;  
2. \$77,588, 10% of  
estimated revenues for  
the acquisition, preser-  
vation, rehabilitation  
and restoration of his-  
toric resources;  
3. \$77,588, 10% of  
estimated revenues  
for the acquisition, cre-  
ation, preservation and  
support of community  
housing;  
4. \$504,319, 65% of  
estimated revenues to  
the Budgeted Reserve.  
And appropriate from  
FY2020 estimated re-  
venues:  
5. \$38,793, 5% of  
estimated revenues  
for CPC Administrative  
Expenses;  
Copies of the orders  
are available at the  
Office of the City Clerk,  
City Hall, 500 Broad-  
way, Room 209,  
Chelsea, MA 02150.

Jeannette Cintron  
White  
City Clerk

7/9/2020

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on June 29, 2020, the City Council voted after the second reading to adopt the following orders:  
WHEREAS, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E½, the City has adopted a new Ordinance, Section 2-200, authorizing six revolving funds; and  
WHEREAS, each year, the Ordinance requires the City to annually vote on or before July 1 on the amount that may be spent from each of these revolving funds during the upcoming fiscal year;  
Now, therefore, IT IS ORDERED:  
Chelsea Community Schools (#4407): Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$100,000 in a single fiscal year;  
All money received after the fund has reached a balance of \$100,000 shall be credited to the General Fund;  
Elder Affairs Revolving Fund (#3802) Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$1,000 in a single fiscal year;  
All money received after the fund has reached a balance of \$1,000 shall be credited to the General Fund;  
Emergency Management Hazardous Material Revolving Fund (#4615) 8) This revolving fund requires authorization for each ensuing fiscal year, and  
9) This fund is hereby authorized until June 30, 2021.  
Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.  
Jeannette Cintron  
White  
City Clerk

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of \$20,000 shall be credited to the General Fund;  
THEREFORE, subject to the following conditions, the City Council hereby authorizes the establishment of a revolving fund for the School Department in accordance with the provisions of Section 71F of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, subject to the following conditions:  
1) Only proceeds received by the City, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 71 section 71F shall be credited to the fund;  
2) Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$250,000 in a single fiscal year;  
3) All proceeds received in a single year after the fund has reached a balance of \$250,000 shall be credited to the General Fund;  
4) Expenditures from this fund shall be authorized by the School Committee or their designee and shall not exceed the available balance of the revolving fund;  
5) Such funds shall be expended only for purposes directly associated provisions of M.G.L. c. 71 Section 71F;  
6) No expenditure may be made from such revolving fund for the purposes of paying full or part-time employee's wages or salaries unless the revolving fund is also charged for the costs of fringe benefits associated with the wages or salaries so paid;  
7) The School Department shall provide a report including all receipts and expenditures of this fund to the City Manager on a quarterly basis and to the City Council on an annual basis in accordance with the provisions of Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws;  
8) This revolving fund requires authorization for each ensuing fiscal year, and  
9) This fund is hereby authorized until June 30, 2021.  
Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.  
Jeannette Cintron  
White  
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA  
REQUEST FOR PRO-  
POSALS  
COVID-19 EMERGAN-  
CYSMALL BUSINESS  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
The City of Chelsea,  
Massachusetts, through  
its Chief Procurement  
Officer, is seeking Re-  
quest for Proposals for  
"COVID-19 Emergency  
Small Business As-  
sistance Program".  
Request for Proposals  
will be available on  
or after July 9, 2020  
by contacting Dragica  
Ivanis, Chief Procure-  
ment Officer at di-  
vanis@chelseama.gov  
or by visiting the City's  
website at http://  
www.chelseama.gov/

purchasing/pages/  
current-bids-solicita-  
tions.  
Proposals must be  
sealed and clearly  
marked "COVID-19  
Emergency Small  
Business Assistance  
Program" and sub-  
mitted to the Office of  
the Chief Procurement  
Officer no later than  
11:00AM on Thursday,  
July 23, 2020.  
The City of Chelsea  
reserves the right to  
accept any proposal,  
to reject any or all propo-  
sals and to waive minor  
irregularities and/or  
formalities as it deems  
to be in the best inter-  
est of the City.  
In accordance with  
our Minority Business  
Enterprise Plan, we are  
inviting all qualified  
women and minority  
business firms to re-  
spond.  
The City of Chelsea is  
an Equal Opportunity  
Employer.  
This Request for Pro-  
posals is in accordance  
with M.G.L. Chapter  
30B.  
Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement  
Officer

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LEGAL NOTICE



THIS PROJECT IS BEING  
ELECTRONICALLY  
BID AND HARD COPY  
BIDS WILL NOT BE  
ACCEPTED.  
Please review the in-  
structions in the bid  
documents on how to  
register as an electron-  
ic bidder. The bids are  
to be prepared and  
submitted at www.bid-  
docsonline.com . Tu-  
torials and instructions  
on how to complete  
the electronic bid doc-  
uments are available  
online (click on the  
"Tutorial" tab at the  
bottom footer).  
The City of Chelsea  
- Public Schools, the  
Awarding Authority, in-  
vites sealed bids from  
General Contractors  
for the Early Learning  
Center - New Vestibule  
Project 2021-201.  
The Project consists of:  
1. The Project involves  
providing new vesti-  
bule with heating and  
security systems.  
The work is estimated  
to cost \$60,000.00.  
Bids are subject to  
M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J  
& to minimum wage  
rates as required by  
M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to  
27H inclusive.  
General Bids will be  
received until July 23,  
2020 at 11:00AM and  
publicly opened, forth-  
with online.  
All Bids should be  
submitted electroni-  
cally online at www.  
biddocsonline.com and  
received no later than  
the date and time spe-  
cified above.  
General bids and  
sub-bids shall be ac-  
companied by a bid  
deposit that is not less  
than five (5%) of the  
greatest possible bid  
amount (considering  
all alternates), and  
made payable to the  
City of Chelsea - Public  
Schools.  
Bid Forms and Contract  
Documents will be  
available at www.bid-  
docsonline.com (may  
be viewed electroni-  
cally and downloaded).

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# Markey and Kennedy answer questions posed by inmates in socially distanced forum

By Lauren Bennett

On July 7, the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department held a Senate Forum with Senator Ed Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy III, candidates for the US Senate in this year’s election.

The forum, which was moderated by Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins, was closed to the public, but was live streamed on Facebook and included questions from men and women in custody at the South Bay House of Correction. Each candidate had their own round of questions and were not in the room at the same time, and masks were worn by everyone and social distancing was observed.

Questions ranged from concerns about transportation access to ensuring support after prison to childcare and housing.

In his opening statement, Senator Markey said that the criminal justice system needs to be “overhauled,” and that resources are not currently provided to people to make sure they get the help they need before, during, and after prison. “We have to change that,” he said.

“You learn a lot about a country by who it imprisons,” Markey said. “We imprison the black and the brown citizens in our country in disproportionate numbers.”

When asked about the necessity for access to transportation, Markey said that he and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley introduced legislation saying that public transportation should be free “so that you’re able to go to your destination, to be where you have to be, to do what you have to do.”

Congressman Kennedy agreed that “the obstacles that exist” for people to be able to get to and from places like work, school, and the grocery store “are massive” and possibly expanding or rethinking programs like the MBTA’s The Ride could be part of the solution.

Markey was also asked why prisons and jails are becoming “de facto mental health institutions,” and he said that de-institutionalizing people about 35 years ago put people with mental illness out on the streets.

“What we did was we took one program and ended it,” he said, adding that the government then did not provide funding to ensure that individuals received proper health care. He said that making access to treatment available “before they do something that results in the police taking them” is necessary, as are sufficient funds for the mental health system in general.

“We criminalize low level offenses rather than give resources,” he said, saying that mental health issues should be treated like the diseases they are.

Markey was also asked why he is “interested in what we have to say if we are not able to vote as inmates?” In Massachusetts, those incarcerated for a felony are ineligible to vote, but are permitted to do so again once they are released.

Markey responded with “because you’re citizens; because everyone should be

treated with dignity.” He said that one day, “you’re going to go back out there,” and after leaving prison, he wants to make sure they get the help and support they need to be successful. “We have to think of you as a part of a larger family,” he said, and make sure that many issues are treated as health issues, not criminal ones.

“Our country in this moment is in the midst of a massive cry for change,” Kennedy said in his opening statement.

Kennedy called for fewer people in jails, and “[making] sure we aren’t incarcerating folks who are sick.”

On police reform, Markey said that “every police officer should have to wear a camera. There should be no circumstances of where they aren’t and there should be a full recording of what took place.”

He added that “any police officer that engages in conduct that violates the constitutional rights of an individual should be held accountable...in the criminal justice system.”

Markey also called for more social workers, mental health resources, drug rehabilitation workers, and employment opportunities to be funded with the reallocation of resources. He said doing so will help rid of the “school to prison pipeline” in America.

“This is the moment of reckoning,” Markey said. “We need police accountability” and to deal with the “racial bias that is built into the system.” He talked about sentencing guidelines and the discrepancy that exists between crack and powdered cocaine.

Markey was also asked about his initiatives against gun violence, and why there is a lot of housing for people dealing with substance abuse but not those involved in gun violence.

Markey said that despite the National Rifle Association (NRA) not wanting it, he succeeded in adding \$25 million to the federal budget for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to conduct research on the causes of gun violence. He also agreed that more assistance and funding for those involved in gun violence is necessary.

“A vision without funding is a hallucination,” he said.

When asked about how he will help with racial disparities if elected to the Senate, Kennedy said “we need to be doing so much more. My efforts are obviously not enough. My commitment to you is to do everything I possibly can.” He talked about filing legislation to address structural inequities, but he said showing up to communities “who have been screaming about this for longer than I’ve been alive” and “where people are unseen and unheard” is vital. “There is value in showing up,” he said.

Kennedy said that “the way in which we approach the ‘war on drugs’ does not work,” and it “has to change.”

He said those in prison for a long period of time also need access to education and professional development programs to give them skill sets to be able to provide for their families once they are out

of prison. Markey also said he will advocate for change to the mandatory minimum sentencing system, which he said is “leading to over incarceration.” Kennedy agreed that they system needs to change.

Housing was another issue brought up several times in different contexts. Markey said that making sure people do not get evicted from their homes and ensuring they have income coming in each month is important.

Kennedy said that “housing is one of the biggest roadblocks that we face here,” and more money is needed for affordable housing as many people who are vital to running the city can’t even afford to live in it. “100 percent, we have to do an awful lot more,” Kennedy said.

One of the women said that many inmates do not trust elected officials like Kennedy because “you haven’t had our background.” She said that when she gets out, she wants to fight for women inmates, and suggested that hiring people like her would be a huge help to elected officials. “People that don’t know what it’s like to be arrested” shouldn’t be the ones making decisions on related topics, she said, adding that she believes former inmates acting as consultants could be beneficial.

“I think it’s a great idea,” Kennedy said. “Government is the way we as a collective respond to challenges.”

In closing, Markey reiterated his commitment to working on the lack of funding for substance abuse and mental health issues, which are “making it difficult for people to reincorporate into society,” he said.

“I promise you that I will fight with every ounce of strength which I have to overhaul this criminal justice system; this policing system,” he added. There are “too many people behind bars who shouldn’t be there.”

Kennedy said that “our normal...isn’t good enough. We have a chance to actually reset the trajectory of our country.” He called for “policies that meet people where they are and say ‘let’s do something about it.’”

The full Senate forum can be viewed on the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department Facebook page.

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# Sartorelli /Continued from Page 1

Mrs. Sartorelli taught dance at the Broadway Dance Studio for many years. But she, like all teachers dedicated to their profession, soared beyond that vital role. For Joyce was a mentor, a friend, a supporter, an inspiration to all who walked through her doors each week.

Six of Joyce Sartorelli's former students – Stacey Kowalski Gurska, Bridget Fitzpatrick Mendez, Ana Rodriguez Lanzilli, Marisol Rordiguez Cabrera, Kelly Atkins Trickett, and Sara Donarumo - gathered last week to reflect on their years of dance training at the studio and the important messages about self-confidence, commitment, dedication, and teamwork that Joyce instilled in them and that they have carried forth in their own lives.

Their memories were warm and genuine, recalling all the good times they had at Broadway Dance Studio: the recitals, the modeling and scholarship pageants, the rehearsals, the First Night Out appearances at Washington Park, the shows at the Topsfield Fair and at malls and city-wide events, the trips to Disney World, the dance exhibitions at the Jack Satter House and the nursing homes that brought joy and smiles to so many seniors so often.

### Starting their careers in dance

"I started dancing for her when I was eight years old and I taught dance with her all through high school and in college," recalled Stacey Gurska, wife of well-known Chelsea Fire Capt. Michael Gurska.

Sara Donarumo and Kelly Trickett were students for their entire dancing careers together at Broadway Dance Studio from 1992 to 2000. Bridget Mendez started dance at the age of five in 1991 and continued



Mrs. Joyce Sartorelli (left), owner of Broadway Dance Studio, with one of her many talented students, Sara Donarumo, in a photo from the year 2000.

through 2000, beginning her lessons – like the others – at Joyce's studio in Cary Square before the move to Sagamore Avenue.

Marisol and Ana Rodriguez are sisters, arriving at Broadway Dance Studio after beginning in dance at the Antoinette "Toni" Barry Dance Studio in Revere.

"Toni and Joyce, way back in the day, knew each other from dancing tap and when Toni announced her retirement, Toni actually suggested for us to go to Joyce's studio and my sister and I saw their Poodle skirt routine and that's how we came to Joyce's studio," said Marisol.

Like Stacey, Marisol and Ana Rodriguez went on to teach at Broadway Dance Studio while they were students in college.

### The key ingredients to Joyce's greatness

What made Joyce Sartorelli such a phenomenal dance teacher?

"I feel she instilled morals and values in us that went beyond the dance studio," said Kelly Trickett. "She really taught us respect, to respect people who are older than us, but more than that, she taught us to respect everybody that we met – she was big on seniority."

Stacey Gurska said

Joyce Sartorelli taught her "loyalty, leadership skills, confidence, to be involved in community service."

"She taught us how to be ladies," said Sara Donarumo. "She really taught how to act not just in the studio but out in public."

"I think as much as she taught us to do all that – I think when we were all in our most difficult stages which is the high school stages when you are being rebellious – Joyce never gave up on us," said Ana Lanzilli. "It was difficult, maybe, to understand what your parents were trying to say to you, but Joyce had a way of being able to guide us in a way that showed us how to go through these times we were going through, but at the same time to see the light at the end of the tunnel and guide us in way that we knew she was there for us. Being a teenager, sometimes you don't make the right choices, but even though you weren't making the right choices, Joyce was there for you."

### Respect yourself and respect other people

Marisol Cabrera said, "There was no other person that could make you feel so special like Joyce could. But it wasn't just about being special, you would walk



Some of legendary dance teacher Joyce Sartorelli's students and lifelong friends - who spent so many happy times during their youth at Broadway Dance Studio, Chelsea. From left, Sara Donarumo, Bridget Fitzpatrick Mendez, Ana Rodriguez Lanzilli, Kelly Atkins Trickett, Stacey Kowalski Gurska, and Marisol Rodriguez Cabrera.

in the studio and Joyce would have an environment for you that made you feel so good about yourself – she wanted everyone to be respectful of themselves, first and foremost. I remember her saying that, 'if you can't respect yourself, you can't respect other people.' She'd make it a point that we're all here representing the studio, representing yourselves, you have your parents – she wanted to make sure that all of us knew that. But at the end of the day, we were all a Broadway Studio family and she would say that, that's what we're here at the studio to be: a family. You were a part of something."

Bridget Mendez said that Joyce Sartorelli had a way of making you work hard "and she taught you how to earn it."

"You didn't just get to wear a frilly skirt during class, everybody had a black leotard, the tights, and the appropriate shoes for class," said Bridget. "When you got to be an assistant, you got to wear shorts. It's just those simple little things, it was a life-skill that 'nothing was going to be handed to you' – you had to put in your work and earn it. And it was something that set me up for life, something as simple as that. You worked for something and you earned it."

Ana recalled that Joyce could be "extremely tough, extremely fair, but you felt completely loved all the time."

Marisol said though she and her sister participated in different styles of dance and had different levels of ability – "The reality is that Ana was a heckuva better dancer than I ever was."

"Make sure you put that in the story," interrupted Ana graciously. "It took Marisol 46 years to say that."

"But Joyce always made it a point to find what you did well," continued Marisol.

### A relationship for a lifetime

"And as we got older, started out own lives, and became parents – to the day Joyce Sartorelli passed on, we maintained such a close relationship with her and a bond with her," said Ana Lanzilli.

Bridget said Joyce's meticulousness to detail was notable – "whether it was a



Former students at Joyce Sartorelli's Broadway Dance Studio, Sara Donarumo (left) and Kelly Atkins Trickett.

Christmas gathering, a tea party, a reunion, – no matter what we did, Joyce played bingo. And there would always be prizes to be won and it was organized, and it was fun – Joyce had a way of putting so much effort into everything that she did."

Despite the difference in ages among the six ladies, they all struck a common theme: we were all a family then and we are still a family now and Joyce Sartorelli made a positive impact in our lives.

"I think Joyce helped shape us into the women that we've become," said Sara.

"Joyce was a mentor," said Marisol. "You respected her. Taking me from as a kid into my teenage years, into college, in to getting married, into being

a mother – think of all those different phases of my life, and think of the relationship that I had with Joyce and what you'd share – I could talk to her and I always still had the level of respect for her. I admired her. When I was a kid, I looked at her almost as a super being, she held this recital and how did she get these 200 girls to unite and excel together?

"And then as a mother and a wife, in a different relationship, I realized that Joyce Sartorelli was still my mentor," said Marisol reverentially. "And the way she would talk to you in that very confident, deep voice."

Bridget said her mother and other parents learned valuable perspectives from Joyce as well. "When I told my mother that Joyce had died, she said that she learned a lot from Joyce, and she's not the same person that she is, prior to meeting Joyce. So Joyce also affected beyond just her students. It was teachers, parents, grandparents or anybody that had any sort of relationship to a dancer – she also greatly impacted those people, too."

### 'Like performing in a Broadway show'

"Joyce empowered everyone," said Stacey Gurska. "She believed in all of us. And she ran her recitals like a Broadway show. Everyone had to wear white gloves for the last number. It was a major New York production."

Marisol remembered Broadway Dance Studio's modeling shows at a packed Wonderland Ballroom, "and Joyce would introduce you and you just felt so amazing on the stage, being a part of such a spectacular event and to have your own moment individually."

Later in her career, Joyce would join with other dance teachers and hold workshops, instructing classes about public speaking, etiquette and protocol in social situations.

Everyone in the group agreed that Kelly Atkins Trickett's remarks were incredibly touching and heartfelt when she offered this beautiful, parting tribute to Joyce Sartorelli:

Said Kelly: "I'm sure there a lot of songs that make us all think of Joyce, but for our first dance recital the closing song was, 'Make The World A Better Place' – and I listen to it over and over again so I knew every single word, and I will always think of Joyce when I hear that, because Joyce really did make the world a better place."

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