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Carter Street, Everett Avenue intersection project moves forward

By Cary Shuman

The intersection of Carter Street and Everett Avenue is one of the busiest traffic areas in Chelsea.

Chelsea High School is the main landmark, with students entering and exiting the school on to both streets. The popular Floramo's Restaurant is located just yards away while customers from Market Basket and Renee Caso Griffin's two Dunkin' stores drive through the intersection on a regular basis.

The well-known intersection is being transformed into one that will be safer and more aesthetically pleasing, and home to the most technologically advanced traffic signalization available.

Ben Cares, infrastructural planner and project manager for the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development, and Rebecca Wright, assistant city engineer from the DPW, hosted a public meeting Monday to talk about the major vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle improvements that will be coming to the intersection and the adjacent streets.

Cares said he will be the lead project for the intersection project.

"This particular project is an intersection and roadway improvement project at the intersection of Carter Street and Everett Avenue – it's just adjacent to Chelsea High School," explained Cares to those who were unfamiliar with the area. "It's very much in need of pedestrian improvement via signalization, updated signalization for vehicular traffic, lane markings, and some minor ramp reconstruction to bring everything to ADA compliance."

Cares said the approximate cost of the project will be \$540,000 and it will be funded through a grant from the MassDOT Complete Streets Program.

Cares said that Rebecca Wright will be helping with

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The past seven days have been a very exciting – and unusual – time to campaign and vote in Chelsea for the Sept. 1 State Primary Election. Between mail-in voting, socially-distanced rallies and statewide bus tours, Chelsea has seen excitement pick up. Shown here are Chelsea City Councillor Leo Robinson welcomes US Senator Ed Markey (above left) to Chelsea last Monday morning; Congressman Joe Kennedy II, (above right) visited the headquarters and product-making operations center of Golden Cannoli located on Crescent Avenue. Kennedy is pictured with the owners of the business, Eric Bresciani, Maria Molloy, and Valerie Bono.; State Rep. Dan Ryan (below left) with Chelsea Council President Roy Avellaneda and Carolyn Boumilla-Vega; and State Rep. candidate Damali Vidot (below right) taking a break from campaigning for a photo with her husband, Tony Rosa.



Casting a Ballot

Candidates, voters navigate one strange election season as Sept. 1 Primary approaches

By Seth Daniel

Thousands of mail-in votes have been requested and hundreds have been cast in-person already for the Sept. 1 Primary Election as mail-in and in-person voting options have brought excitement to campaigns for U.S. Senate and State Representative in Chelsea and surrounding communities.

With COVID-19 changing everything, and radically shifting how candidates campaign, one of the keys to the election this year is focusing on mail-in ballots and creating some excitement for in-person voting and Election Day in-person voting as well.

No one has ever had to

do it before, but candidates are adapting and changing weekly. This week marked a major uptick in the energy of the two centerpiece campaigns – one featuring U.S. Sen. Ed Markey vs. Congressman Joe Kennedy III for U.S. Senator; and the other featuring State Rep. Dan Ryan vs. Chelsea Councillor Damali Vidot for state representative. In the last seven days, all four have held or attended in-person events in and around Charlestown and Chelsea.

Chelsea City Clerk Jeanette Cintron White said as of Tuesday, her office had a total of 2,920 Early Voting requests, of those, there were 155 people who voted Early, in-person at Chelsea

City Hall. Early voting in Chelsea City Hall continues through Friday, and mail-in ballots can be turned in to the City Hall drop box as late as 8 p.m. on Election Day, Sept. 1.

For the high-profile state representative race it spans both sides of the Mystic/Tobin Bridge, so Charlestown figures prominently as well.

The City of Boston reported on Tuesday there had been 3,259 mail-in and absentee ballots requested for Ward 2, which is Charlestown. That is a number that has grown by about 1,000 since last week. That was combined with a lively early, in-person

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Quincy company comes in with massive redevelopment of Stop & Shop site

By Seth Daniel

The new owners of the Stop & Shop store and land on the Parkway straddling the Everett/Chelsea line have proposed a massive redevelopment of the site, with 800 rental housing units and retail offerings that may or may not include a re-make of the grocery store.

The Grossman Companies of Quincy has filed with the City of Everett to begin reviews of the project in September.

Everett City Planner Tony Sousa said they are very excited about the

proposal and that it piggybacks on so many of the other dynamic mixed-use projects in Everett and Chelsea that have surged into the formerly heavy industrial area. He said the project would create more momentum that is already underway with the completed Pioneer, the proposed development at Wood Waste, the Market Forge proposal, the Fairfield development under construction on the Chelsea side of the line and the operational EnVision Hotel. All of it adds up to a very new and different place than most everyone in the

two cities are used to seeing on the forgotten southern side of the Parkway.

"It's everything coming together that is so exciting," he said. "I look at 2014 and 2015 when we did the neighborhood plan and a few years later we did the zoning changes. The we added the federal opportunity zone designation. That is very real and every developer down there has looked into the opportunity zone."

"It's really, really coming together there," he continued. "Go back five years

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Virtual Taste of Chelsea set for September 14

By Cary Shuman

The Taste of Chelsea, one of the premier events on the city's social calendar for the past 16 years, will be virtual next month.

Under the leadership of Joseph Vinard and the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, the "Tastes" have consistently drawn large crowds to the venue under the tent at Eastern Mineral, 99 Marginal St. The event has raised more than \$1.2 million for HarborCov, a local shelter that assists survivors of domestic violence.

Kourou Pich, executive director of HarborCOV, said the virtual Taste of Chelsea will be held on

Zoom on Monday, Sept. 14 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pich said guests are being encouraged to buy tickets and join the program on Zoom.

"Because so many residents have been impacted by the pandemic, we're going to ask that people buy takeout orders or gift certificates from restaurants and join the 2020 Taste of Chelsea virtually," said Pich.

The Taste of Chelsea Program

The program will begin with a slide show about last year's Taste of Chelsea and the 2020 event sponsors. There will also be a presentation about HarborCov's

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Ambrosino confident governor will consider Chelsea's unique situation

By Seth Daniel

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he is confident Gov. Charlie Baker will consider the extraordinary costs that Chelsea has borne in the next round of state and federal funding – saying the governor has been supportive with testing and the use of the EnVision Hotel for COVID-19 quarantining already.

A letter signed by several elected officials and organizations in Chelsea three weeks ago called on the governor to consider a massive package of funding to help with impending evictions, food insecurity, and many other issues Chelsea has and is expected to face in the coming months. Ambrosino didn't sign onto

that letter, but said he has had conversations with the governor.

"We have used a tremendous amount of financial resources and Chelsea has expended more money on helping its residents than most cities and towns in the Commonwealth," he said. "I spoke to the governor about that and he expressed support."

So far, federal CARES Act monies has been doled out equally to each City and Town based on population, but not on how affected they've been by COVID-19 and its related tragedies. In the next round, it is hoped that Baker will consider the plight of a place like Chelsea, and decide to fund it at a far greater rate than a rural

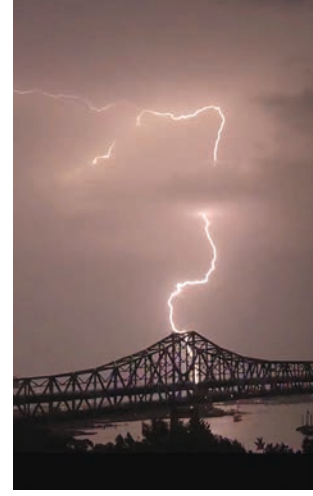
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LIGHTNING STRIKE



PHOTOS BY CHELSEA SCANNER

Sunday evening featured a major and long-lasting electrical storm throughout Chelsea and Greater Boston. Hundreds of lightning strikes and flash flooding occurred. Here, Chelsea Scanner was able to grab this memorable shot of a lightning bolt making a direct hit on the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. They were great shots, but Scanner indicated it was a little too close for comfort.



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City Councilor Lopez and School Committee member Santiago endorse Joe Gravellese

Chelsea City Councilor Enio Lopez and Chelsea School Committee member Marisol Santiago announced their endorsements for Joe Gravellese this week in the 16th Suffolk District State Representative race (Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus). Early voting is underway in the Democratic Primary, with Election Day coming up on September 1.

Gravellese had been previously backed by Chelsea School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera,

and was also unanimously endorsed by the Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee. On the Revere side of the district, Gravellese has been backed by the Revere Democratic City Committee.

“Councilor Lopez embodies the attitude I take to public service - he shows up and he gets things done,” said Gravellese. “Councilor Lopez has worked tirelessly as an employee at the Chelsea Soldiers Home to support veterans; lifts up fellow members of the im-

migrant community; and has dug in to improve infrastructure like streets and sidewalks in Chelsea.”

“Marisol Santiago has long been a champion for working people in Chelsea, and fights every day for fair and equitable public education as a member of the School Committee,” he continued. “I am honored to have their backing and look forward to fighting alongside them on Beacon Hill.”

Voters can learn more about Gravellese’s campaign at www.joegrav.com.

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mission and statistics related to domestic violence.

At 6:30 p.m. Vinard will deliver welcoming remarks. Pich will then speak about the purpose of the Taste of Chelsea and how the funds raise support survivors of domestic violence.

“The funds help out people who are at the shelter and go towards rental assistance, food gift cards, transportation, childcare and hotel rooms in times of emergency,” said Pich.

Vinard the force behind the Taste

Joe Vinard, president of the Chelsea Bank, has helped build the Taste of Chelsea into a mega-event, one of the most anticipated gatherings of the year. He has been one of the event chairs for all 16 Tastes of Chelsea.

Vinard said other Chamber members on the planning committee include Renee Caso Griffin, Gina

Guange, and Arthur Arsenault.

“The concept this year is that we’re going to tell the story about what HarborCov does and what domestic violence is all about,” said Vinard, “Obviously the uptick in cases has been enormous this year with the COVID-19 situation.”

Vinard hopes that residents will continue to support the event as they have so enthusiastically in the past.

“What we’re asking people to do is rather than come and get a taste of Chelsea in person, we’re asking that they get take-out orders from one of our food vendors who have been sponsoring us by coming and serving their food complimentary in the prior 16 years – we want people to get their food and enjoy it while they’re watching the virtual presentation on Zoom,” said Vinard.

Vinard the goal of the committee in making the decision to go virtual was to “keep everyone safe” during the pandemic. Because of the large crowd that attends the event, the 6-feet-apart social distancing guidelines would have been difficult to maintain.

Councillor Robinson and family will ‘attend’ the Taste of Chelsea

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, his wife, Linda Alioto-Robinson, sister Gail Mauch, brother-in-law D. Bruce Mauch, and brother Ronald Robinson, have been supporters of the Taste of Chelsea through the years.

“We’re go every year and it’s a great event,” said Leo Robinson. “We’re sad that the event can’t happen this year in person, but we will be participating virtually in the Taste of Chelsea.”

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community with very few cases.

“We are hoping that in the distribution of federal CARES Act money, he’ll take into account some areas are more dispropor-

tionately affected than others, and Chelsea is in that category,” he said. “I think the governor has indicated publicly he will be considering disproportionate impacts in the state. We’ll

have another round of substantial federal reimbursements. I’m hoping at that time, we’ll get a distribution that reflects our impacts.”

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son voting day at the Harvard Kent School on Tuesday in Charlestown. There lines were out the door for almost all of the afternoon and evening as in-person voting was much more brisk that observers, and candidates, expected.

Neither Boston nor Chelsea had a tally of how many mail-in ballots had been returned to their Election offices.

Both candidates appeared at early voting outside the Harvard Kent on Tuesday with energy and having their campaigns in full swing. More importantly, both have been very present in Chelsea for the past month or more – whether at sign holding events, backyard parties or Zoom meetings.

Meanwhile, another main driver of this Primary Election is the U.S. Senate race between Kennedy and Markey – a race many say is a dead heat right now.

Last Thursday, Kennedy hit Chelsea in the morning to visit Golden Cannoli while he was on his 24-hour, 20-stop campaign tour of the entire state. He appeared at the cannoli plant to visit with the own-

ers and workers as they continued on through the pandemic. Meanwhile, he has garnered quite a bit of support locally from Council President Roy Avellana and Councillor Judith Garcia.

“There’s a Washington that’s disconnected,” he said afterward. “I believe a U.S. Senator can and should do something for the people. You can’t help the people by legislating from afar even with the best intentions. You have to have a ground game. You have to be with the people on the ground. You have to understand what people are facing in your communities to fight for your communities. From day one, our campaign and team has focused on earning the support of local officials particularly in communities that often get ignored.”

On last week’s 24-hour campaign tour, Kennedy said they left Boston at 3 a.m. and returned the next day at 6:45 a.m. after putting more than 600 miles on their vehicle.

Hitting the trail in his own bus this week, Markey rolled into Chelsea on Monday for a campaign

stop on the ‘Leads & Delivers’ tour. Markey has visited Chelsea several times, and enjoys a great deal of support from organizations and City officials as well.

Markey has major support in Chelsea from State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, who has appeared with him at several campaign stops.

On Monday, supporters called on voters to re-elect Markey, as he has always delivered and takes his job personally when it comes to being able to help. It was also stressed that he had a common experience with the voters – having worked his way through college in a working-class Malden family.

“You had to work, you had to study, and you had to try hard to maximize your God-given abilities,” he said. “When I worked the midnight to 8 a.m. shift at Purity Supreme in Somerville, I had to do it. You didn’t have a choice.”

Early voting continues this week at Chelsea City Hall, but ends on Friday.

The polls will open as usual on Sept. 1 for the State Primary Election as well.

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and we have added the Silver Line and the soon-to-be commuter rail station in Chelsea. I can’t say enough about accessing the Silver Line and how it connects us now to the airport, the Seaport and South Station. We didn’t have that five years ago so there wasn’t this synergy that there is now.”

The Stop & Shop parcel on the Parkway is just over six acres of land and sits about 80 percent in Everett and 20 percent in Chelsea. The review will have to come from Everett first, but will also need approvals from Chelsea afterward.

The proposal includes 800 units of rental housing, which translates to 150 Studios, 494 one-bedrooms, and 156 two-bedrooms. The development calls for 906 parking spaces in structured garages. Even with that, the project would call for variances for parking, additional height, and setbacks. It could also feature as many as 40 or more units of affordable housing on site.

The proposal includes 15,000 sq. ft. of retail, which is a far cry from the 90,000 sq. ft. existing grocery store. Sousa said he had no idea if Stop & Shop would re-tool their store as they have in other locations around Greater Boston. Some Stop & Shop stores have focused on a smaller footprint with more prepared foods and a pared down market under



A rendering of the proposed development for the Stop & Shop on the Parkway at the Everett/Chelsea line. The Grossman Companies of Quincy have filed with Everett to demolish the store and rebuilt with 800 living units and 15,000 sq. ft. of retail. It may or may not include a re-tooled grocery store.]

the title ‘bfresh.’ That has taken place in Newton and Davis Square Somerville. It wasn’t readily apparent if that would happen on the Parkway, and Sousa said there is no tenant yet identified for the retail portion.

However, he said some sort of market would be likely needed in that area despite the large Market Basket down the street. With nearly 2,000 units on the docket for that immediate area, Sousa said a market concept for quick grabs and small orders would be a great amenity from the City’s perspective.

The proposal would be situated in several buildings on the site, and would feature an open public space concept as has been the norm in the other build-

ings proposed or built in the area. That, Sousa said, is going to be a feature of the new district on both sides of the City Line. Having public green space accessible to everyone and outdoor seating to accompany retail would be essential, he said, to the character of this newly carved out community.

“There are again here very public facing elements of open space and helping to create a neighborhood feel,” he said. “As more gets developed, we want to make sure open space is shared space and there is retail with outdoor seating and public amenities.”

The Grossman Companies purchased the site in 2018 for around \$16 million.



A view of the buildings from the Parkway in Chelsea going into Everett, by Chelsea Stadium.

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field engineering and day-to-day activities on site. Dagle Electrical will be the contractor and The Engineering Corps (TEC) will be the on-site engineers for the project.

Wright unveiled renderings that showed the existing intersection and the changes that will include line-striping, bump-outs, extension of the sidewalks, and the replacement of a wheelchair ramp.

There will also be new bicycle lane pavement markings designed for use for bicyclists in a separate lane away from vehicles. New wheelchair ramps are also planned for Beech and Carter Streets.

Wright also said bicyclists will also have specific lanes that will run down Carter Street to Blossom Street.

“Another part of the project is traffic signal improvements,” said Wright. “We have the new Miovision detection (that instantly reduces the amount of traffic back-ups), new mast arms (steel structures that hold the traffic signals above the roadway), and new pedestrian signals,” said Wright.

Rectangular, rapid-flashing traffic beacons will also be installed at the intersection to alert vehicles and assist pedestrians intending to cross the intersection.

Cares said the city has

been in “close coordination with Chelsea High School and surrounding businesses” about the project and its impacts on traffic during the construction process. Cares added that he welcomes suggestions from residents about the project, the construction launch date of which was not announced at the meeting.

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, who grew up on Fourth Street, praised the project, saying that, “Anytime that enhances the city and makes it safer, I’m all in,” said Robinson. “Traffic lights, street lights, let’s make the area safer and brighten up the area.”

Markey for Senate campaign foregoes door knocking during Get-Out-The-Vote this election

Staff Report

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across Massachusetts and the country, the Ed Markey for U.S. Senate campaign is prioritizing the health and safety of voters and volunteers, and will continue the policy of not engaging in door knocking this election cycle.


A traditional statewide field operation includes thousands of volunteers and staff knocking on tens of thousands of doors over the

course of a campaign. The Markey campaign made the decision that canvassing during Get-Out-The-Vote would be a danger to public health in the midst of a pandemic.

“For those who love campaigning, nothing compares to meeting up with fellow volunteers, consuming too much coffee, and heading out with clipboards and pens to talk to voters. But for now, public health trumps politicking. We will continue to organize person-to-person, neigh-

bor-to-neighbor, friend-to-friend, just not face-to-face,” Campaign Manager John Walsh said.

“Instead, the Markey campaign has developed a new way of reaching voters during this public health crisis through new and innovative digital tools, relational organizing strategies, and the growth of our on-line community. Together, we can connect with voters in all 351 cities and towns across Massachusetts,” Walsh added.




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The Hassell family hosted a Meet and Greet for State Rep. Dan Ryan at their home last weekend, organized by their daughter Jaylen Hassell.

The event featured an address by Rep. Ryan, questions and answers and it was safely and well attended.



State Rep. Dan Ryan listens to a constituent while Council President Roy Avellaneda and Mark Nadow listen.



Mark & Michelle Nadow - owners of Chelsea Station – with State Rep. Dan Ryan.



Council President Roy Avellaneda, State Rep. Dan Ryan, Tracy Marvelle, Juliana Hassell and Leslie Niedner.



The group socialized during the political time for State Rep. Dan Ryan.



Jaylen Hassell, host of the small gathering.



Stephen from the Ward 2 Democratic Committee.



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In 1955, then-U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy authored his famous book, Profiles in Courage, in which he wrote brief vignettes about eight U.S. Senators who took unpopular actions during the course of their careers, placing the good of the country above their own political fortunes.

Kennedy begins Profiles in Courage with this sentence, “This is a book about that most admirable of human virtues -- courage.”

Whenever we look back at the career of Senator Edward J. Markey, courage is the one word that best describes his 46 years of service in public office.

From the time that he served as a state representative from the City of Malden, Ed Markey never failed to exhibit political courage. As a young state rep, he took on the entrenched power of then-House Speaker Tom McGee. When Markey introduced a bill that McGee disfavored, McGee exacted his retribution by taking away Markey’s office space in the State House and placing his desk -- literally -- in a hallway.

When Ed ran for Congress in 1976 to succeed the late Torbert Macdonald (who was a college roommate and close confidante of JFK), Ed’s signature tag line that made him stand out from the crowd of a dozen or so candidates was this, “They may tell me where to sit,” he said, “but nobody tells me where to stand.”

Markey did not have the support of the big politicians or the big money interests in that campaign, but the voters of what was then the 7th Congressional District recognized that the 29 year-old Markey possessed what JFK identified as that most important -- yet elusive -- quality in a politician: Courage.

Throughout his lifetime of public service in Washington, Ed Markey has exhibited a degree of courage that is unmatched by any of his peers. Whether taking on the telecommunications industry or national banking interests, Ed Markey has been in the forefront of placing the interests of the American people ahead of the special interests.

However, Ed’s signature issue during his years in Congress has been the protection of our environment. His recent co-sponsorship of the Green New Deal with dynamic New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was especially-fitting, because Ed has been in the forefront of fighting against polluters and on behalf of our environment before Ms. Ocasio-Cortez was born.

At a Markey campaign rally recently in Weymouth, our correspondent, a 20 year-old college student, commented that she was highly-impressed with Senator Markey because of the detail with which he spoke against the proposed gas compressor station at the Fore River Bridge that poses a threat to the health and safety of everybody in our region. No member of Congress has shown a deeper commitment to our environment than Ed Markey.

However, despite his attention to the “big issues,” Ed Markey always has been highly-involved in the local issues of his constituents, from spearheading the designation of Revere Beach as a National Park, to securing funding for the Winthrop ferry pier, to countless other projects, both large and small, in Chelsea, Malden, Everett, and the other cities throughout his state and district.

The bottom line is this: Ed Markey has been an outstanding U.S. Senator who has represented all of the people of Massachusetts with dignity, integrity, and a deep understanding of the issues that matter to us.

We are supporting Ed Markey in his campaign for re-election because during this unprecedented time in the history of our nation, Ed’s experience, wisdom -- and courage -- are needed more than ever.

Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Showing up and doing the work

By Joe Gravellese,
candidate for State Representative

When 2020 started, I never envisioned running for office. My involvement in politics has always been behind the scenes - from organizing for candidates, to working on legislation at the State House, to working on the nuts and bolts of making city government work more effectively at the Mayor’s office in Revere.

But as I speak to voters around the district, it’s clear that we need leadership in government for whom politics isn’t about having their name on a sign or appearing at photo ops - it’s about showing up and doing the work.

Over the last five months, I’ve used this space to speak with you each week about the specific things I want to fight for if elected. From transportation, to education, to job training, I’ve laid out an ambitious agenda to stand up for the residents of Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus.

But leadership isn’t just about saying the right things, it’s about translating words into action. And I have a history of showing up, digging deep, and working behind the scenes to fight for change.

At the State House as legislative director for Rep.

Lori Ehrlich, I mobilized a group of workers from all over Massachusetts to share their stories about how they were exploited by “noncompete” agreements - from sandwich shop workers, to a summer camp counselor, to people working in technology and scientific research whose opportunities to start businesses and pursue new ideas were limited by bad policy.

By making the case directly to other legislators and to the public, we were able to build support for a bill that eventually prevented the worst kind of abuses of noncompete agreements.

I was also involved in organizing a coalition that fought for a law holding utility companies accountable for gas leaks. I was in meetings with powerful legislators and staff, directly making the case for why certain language was needed in the bill to make it effective. The end result was a bill that led to the repair of thousands of gas leaks, and further raised the profile of this important issue.

Turning the page to my time at the City of Revere, the work I did was also not glamorous, but it was important.

The day after Mayor Arrigo’s victory was confirmed, I sat down for a meeting with members of

Revere’s Healthy Community Initiatives office. In that meeting in the basement of City Hall, the plan was hatched for the new Substance Use Disorder Initiatives office, which brought the city’s work to tackle addiction under one roof and gave it proper funding and support.

In the first months of the Mayor’s administration, I pushed every day in meetings to move this project forward, to apply for the grants needed to fund it, and to work with city staff to roll it out to the public. The end result was a new, vital city office that has contributed to a 40%+ drop in overdose deaths in Revere.

I was also involved in re-launching Revere’s Commission on Disabilities. The Commission hadn’t met for years, and had no clear direction. So I put out a call to hire new commissioners, and recommended the appointment of Ralph DeCicco to head up this work. Working with Ralph, we energized the commission and set it on a path toward ensuring ADA compliance at city facilities, creating more programming and support for youth with disabilities, such as Special Olympics and programs at Revere Recreation, and created a transparent and fair process for

applying for handicapped parking spots.

My willingness to show up and do the work is also reflected in how I’ve run my campaign. Even a COVID-19 has upended traditional campaigning, I’ve worked hard to adapt. I’ve done over ten hours worth of virtual town halls and interviews where I answer questions and speak directly to voters. I’ve published a series of policy papers both in print and online for you to review. I’ve spent time in all three communities in the district, dropping literature and getting to know community leaders.

The series of endorsements I have received in this race - from trade unions, to the Massachusetts Teachers Association, to environmental advocates like the Sierra Club - stem from the fact that when these groups meet with me, they know that I’ve done my homework on the issues, have a deep conviction to do what is right, and have a work ethic that pushes me to keep on fighting for change, even when it’s hard.

When I started this campaign, I knew that nobody owed me anything - I’d have to work hard to earn each and every vote. I’ve tried my best to do just that, and I hope to earn yours by September 1.

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I SUPPORT DAN RYAN

To the Editor,

As a lifelong resident and active member of the Chelsea community, I am proud to support my friend, Daniel J. Ryan, as the Democratic nominee for State Representative in the 2nd Suffolk District. I have known Dan for over a decade and strongly believe that we should re-elect him to continue being our representative in the Massachusetts State House. Please vote for Daniel J. Ryan in the upcoming Democratic Primary election on September 1, 2020.

In the past six years that he has served in the state legislature, Dan has consistently been at the forefront of important legislative proposals that have sought to increase equity, improve the environment, assist families in need, and increase educational opportunities for all of our children. I particularly appreciated Dan’s successful efforts at increasing the funding that supports kids in urban districts to get college credits while attending high school.

Dan comes from a proud family tradition of military service, which is especially meaningful to me, as a mother of a US Marine. I admire his profound sense of community service and dedication to justice for all people, regardless of background. He has demonstrated this commitment to justice through his countless efforts in support of civil

rights, workers’ rights, and equality at all levels. Dan has also been a leader in efforts to address substance abuse, which are also particularly important to me as a Social Worker that works with families in crisis.

During this exceedingly difficult time in our community, and the world, dealing with Covid-19, I have seen Dan step up to support and help our community. His ability to reach across the “aisle” and work with everyone in the community has been especially refreshing. We need our elected leaders to work collaboratively and genuinely to tackle the issues that affect all of us.

Dan Ryan has been a leader that time and again has shown that he can work with all sides to achieve positive outcomes. And in these unfortunately divisive times in our country and community, we deserve to have leaders that can demonstrate respect and restraint when it comes to solving issues. I am voting for Dan Ryan because he has been an exemplary state representative for our community. I am proud to stand with him and again ask that you vote for Daniel J. Ryan as our representative for the 2ndSuffolk District on September 1.

Carolyn P. Boumilla-Vega
Lifelong resident and Chelsea homeowner
Chairperson, Ward 2 Democratic Committee

LETTERS to the Editor

DAMALI VIDOT IS MY CHOICE

To the Editor,

This election season is one of the most important in our lifetimes. As voters and engaged residents, we need to know that our elected officials will show up for the community, even when times are tough. In the current race for the State Representative of the Second Suffolk, there’s one clear choice: Damali Vidot for State Representative of Charlestown and Chelsea.

Damali’s work as an At-Large Chelsea City Councilor has solidified my belief in her to be the voice and advocate of the people. I have been so impressed with her level of commitment to truly understand the needs of her constituents and have witnessed how hard she works to create positive change in our communities. She exemplifies compassionate, bold, and community-driven leadership in all that she does.

During the COVID-19 pandemic that hit Chelsea the hardest in the entire state, Damali mobilized stakeholders to help curve the rate of infection and death. She helped organize collaborative efforts that got the attention of the Governor and brought much-needed emergency resources to Chelsea. Without her, the impact that COVID-19 had on our people would have been far worse. When others turned a blind eye to the pain of communities like Chelsea, Damali was putting in the

work to make sure we were seen and heard.

Damali isn’t just an effective leader. She is also one of the most relatable, down-to-earth politicians: she is a woman of color, a mother, a native of the community she serves, a youth advocate, and a tenacious advocate of human rights and social justice. She is unafraid to challenge the status quo, and leads with integrity and a deep commitment and clear vision to see our communities thrive.

We are living in times where we need to ensure that the people we elect into office fully commit to the important roles we elect them into. After COVID-19, we need to know that our elected representatives will work diligently to achieve what is in the best interest of the people of our communities. Damali Vidot is that person.

Over the last four and half years, Damali has consistently shown up for us in her role as community leader and Chelsea City Councilor At-Large. Because of her track record of effective leadership, and her authentic ability to stay connected to the people, I am excited to vote for her and see what she will achieve for us on Beacon Hill.

I encourage you to join me this Primary election day, September 1, to elect Damali Vidot as Massachusetts State Representative for the Second Suffolk District. We have waited long enough for this type of leadership.

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Exelon says it will shut down remaining two generators in 2024

By Seth Daniel

After a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ruling against Exelon energy’s Mystic Generating Station, the company said late last week they will continue with the plan to shut down the remaining two generators on the Everett power plant just across the Mystic River from Charlestown – joining two older generators that will shut down in 2021 and leave the vast acreage without a power plant use at all.

Exelon said after its complaint against ISO New England was dismissed was dismissed by FERC, the tough decision to close the plant was probably their only course of action. They would close Mystic Units 8

and 9 – which were brought on new only in 2003 – on May 31, 2024. That will join the already-planned closure of the much-older Mystic Unit 7 and Mystic Jet, which are scheduled to close on May 31, 2021.

“Mystic Generating Station has a long and proud history of keeping the lights on in Greater Boston and beyond, dating back to the Second World War,” read a statement from the company. “We appreciate FERC’s consideration of our complaint that challenged the process ISO-NE is using to replace Mystic’s reliability benefits to Boston, and while we disagree with their order, we accept it. As a result of the order, there are no options to continue commercial electric generation at Mystic Generating

Station Units 8 and 9 after the Cost of Service agreement expires on May 31, 2024; consequently, we will retire Mystic 8 and 9 at that time.”

The decision dates back several years to 2018 there was some discussion of closing the two units if a Cost of Service agreement couldn’t be worked out. They planned at that time to close them in 2022, but an agreement was worked out to keep the generators running through 2024. Not long ago, Exelon had tried to work out another agreement for a third year Cost of Service agreement, but ISO New England apparently declined.

Instead, they determined they didn’t need Units 8 and 9 and began a Request for Proposals (RFP) pro-

cess to find different service to replace the retired Exelon units. There were a variety of proposals presented, including wind power and traditional utility modifications. In the end, ISO New England chose a proposal by National Grid and Eversource to enhance reliability.

That whole process triggered a complaint from Exelon saying ISO New England exceeded their authority and didn’t follow their process correctly. While Exelon said they felt they had good arguments, FERC disagreed and dismissed the complaint late last week.

At that point, Exelon said they had no choice but to shut down the Mystic Station – leaving a huge unknown as to what might

happen with the land and the equipment if the plant does indeed shut down, not to mention whether or not the reliability of electricity would indeed be ensured for Greater Boston.

Exelon said they are still evaluating whether or not they would keep the LNG plant there, and said that even with the power plant closed, the LNG facility is in a strategic location that could retain value for them.

“We have not made a decision to retire Exelon Generation’s nearby Everett LNG Facility,” read a statement. “We are continuing to evaluate Everett’s future and are hopeful that it will continue to operate following Mystic’s retirement. Everett is strategically located, with interconnections to two interstate

pipelines and a natural gas distribution system, and a large LNG trucking operation. Marketers and utilities in the Northeast have relied on LNG from Everett for decades as an integral peaking fuel to supplement their pipeline supplies.”

The two units to retire in 2024 are located in the back of the Exelon property and are major generators at all times of the day and year – running on clean natural gas provided by the LNG facility. They were built and initiated in 2003.

The Unit 7 and Mystic Jet are older generators from the 1970s that mostly run on oil and are brought on at peak times only for the most part. They were announced to be retired next year some time ago.

U.S. Department of Labor finds OSHA falling short when needed most

Staff Report

With unjust firings resulting from requesting a mask, reporting feeling sick, or suggesting safer work protocols to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection, thousands of workers are finding their rights on the job being violated without consequence, according to MassCOSH.

As complaints of retaliation against whistleblowers skyrocket during the COVID-19 pandemic and the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Inspector General (OIG) reporting workers suffering emotionally and financially, the Massachusetts Coalition of Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH) and its partners say workers’ lives are at risk due to a slow and inadequate response from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

According to an Aug. 14 investigative report from the U.S. Department of Labor’s OIG, OSHA received more than 4,100 complaints of illegal retaliation against whistleblowers during the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic, from Feb. 1, 2020, through May 31, 2020. This is a 30-percent increase compared to complaints received during the same four-month period in 2019.

Despite the urgency of enforcing public health and safety laws to stop the spread of a deadly virus,

OSHA has reduced the number of whistleblower inspectors. It now takes 279 days for OSHA to complete a whistleblower investigation, an 86 percent increase from 2010.

“OSHA was challenged to complete investigations in a timely manner before the pandemic and the potential exists for even greater delays now,” states the OIG report. “As COVID-19 illnesses and deaths continue to rise, OSHA needs to act quickly to investigate whistleblower complaints so employees feel protected when reporting unsafe working conditions.”

“The reality of the situation is people are getting sick and some are dying because of a disease they acquired on the job,” said MassCOSH Communications Director Jeff Newton. “But due to a botched government response, when workers speak up to demand better safety, they are finding themselves without protection and can become targets for retaliation. OSHA is failing to give workers the protection they urgently need when they report dangers that put their lives, their families, and the public at grave risk.”

This past June, the National Employment Law Project surveyed more than 1,100 workers nationwide and found that one in eight reported “possible retaliatory actions by employers against workers in their company who have raised

health and safety concerns during the pandemic.” Black workers were more than twice as likely as their white counterparts to report possible acts of employer

retaliation.

“U.S. OSHA must act immediately implement the inspector general’s recommendations,” said Marcy Goldstein-Gelb, co-director

of the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health, a close MassCOSH partner. “Add staff. Cut red tape. Do whatever it takes to make protecting whis-

tleblowers a priority. When workers can safely speak out, we can save lives in the workplace, and protect our families and communities.”

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

On the first day of early voting last Saturday, volunteers turned out to support Joe Gravellese in Revere and in Chelsea, standing out through early heat and an afternoon rainstorm. Pictured include Minnah Sheikh, Vanny Huot, Sara Wilson, and Olga Tacure.



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Council President Avellaneda endorses Rep. Ryan and Sen. DiDomenico

Earlier this week, Council President Roy Avellaneda endorsed State Representative Dan Ryan's re-election bid in the Second Suffolk District, which includes the Boston neighborhood of Charlestown and much of Chelsea; as well as State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, for Tuesday's State Primary on September 1. Avellaneda cited his long-standing working relationship with the pair of legislators and their shared experiences working on the COVID-19 response as well as other issues in Chelsea over the recent months.

"Sal, Dan and I have worked on issues together for quite some time. That relationship continues now that we are elected officials. Chelsea and Charlestown are better served when we work as colleagues to deliver the goods and services that our constituents rightly deserve," said Avellaneda. "I proudly stand by Senator DiDomenico and Representative Ryan and endorse their re-election."

Councilor Avellaneda laid out an extensive list of issues and projects to which they have been in constant communication since he assumed the role of Council President in January.

"2020 has certainly been a trying time for Chelsea and the Commonwealth," he said. "We have a strong delegation in the State House. They have helped navigate state resources to address the current crisis and also long-standing in-

equities."

Avellaneda discussed working with Senator Sal DiDomenico and Representative Ryan in shutting down the Chelsea Curves project when debris from the worksite engulfed the surrounding neighborhood with dirt and dust. They worked with City Manager Tom Ambrosino and other city and state officials to hold the contractor accountable. The State's commitment to COVID-19 resources including millions of dollars in testing, PPE and food supplies were also items of note in the work they have done as a team.

"When this pandemic started and the news of the Holyoke Soldier's Home began to roll out, Roy was one of the first people I heard from to make sure that the Chelsea Home was taking the necessary steps to protect its residents as well as the community at large. As Council President Avellaneda took a pro-active role in working with us to assess the situation at hand and marshal resources both locally and through the State to confront the pandemic. I'm proud of his endorsement and even prouder of our working relationship for the people of Chelsea," said Representative Ryan.

Avellaneda also discussed the leadership of Senator DiDomenico in bringing together the City Council and School Committee members in early discussions about education

funding and the economic crisis the State was facing.

"The Senator brought us all together through Zoom and other conversations early in the pandemic," said Avellaneda. "He discussed a grim outlook for education funding months ago but pledged to work to deliver the resources Chelsea needed to get through the school year and re-open safely when the time is right. Senator DiDomenico and the State delegation delivered on that promise. They actually went above the projected funding forecast that we thought we'd be faced with. I look forward to our continued work together and strongly endorse Senator DiDomenico's re-election."

Avellaneda said doing the job in the State Legislature is about more than Tweeting or getting media attention.

"Being an elected official and working in a community that faces the challenges that Chelsea has isn't about Tweeting or trying to make a splash in the media," he said. "The job is a behind the scenes daily grind of lobbying and pressing local, state and federal officials on a regular basis with phone calls and meetings to get the needs of a community like Chelsea addressed. Both Sal and Dan have showed the required diligence, perseverance and long hour days over their time served in public office to make a difference and deserve to be re-elected."

COVID-19 CASES ARE ON THE UPTICK

Confirmed positive cases in Chelsea are on the rise again the week Aug. 17-23, with 81 cases reported in that week. That's down from 90 reported cases in the week prior, but still quite a spike from mid-August.

For Aug. 23, there were 25 new cases reported, and Chelsea is said to have a higher rate of infection compared to other places. That said, there were nine new cases reported on Aug. 24, and five new cases on Aug. 25 – a bit of a downturn.

"Our greatest weapon in this pandemic is to put safety first at all times, through physical distancing, face coverings, frequent hand washing and cleaning, and prompt medical care and self-quarantine when sick," read a statement from the City. "Stay vigilant, stay informed, and stay safe, and together we will get through this."

POP UP FOOD PANTRIES TO END ON AUG. 29

The City's pop-up food pantries will conclude operations on Saturday, Aug. 29, in favor of the new Chelsea Eats food debit card that is open to all qualified Chelsea residents and can be used at stores in the area.

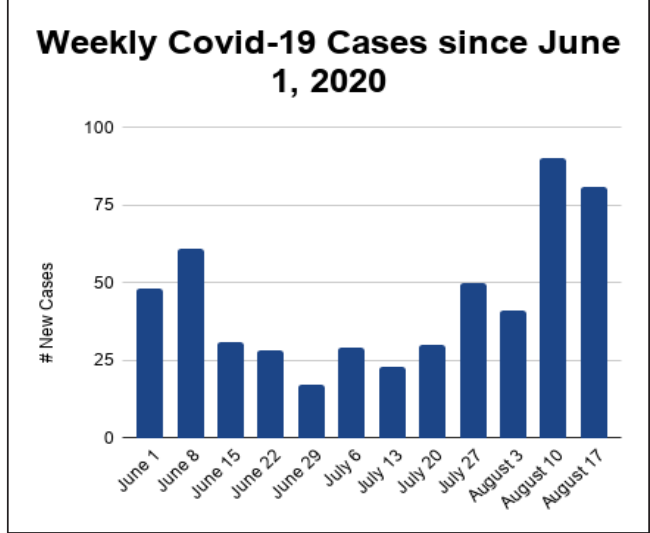
Until then, pop-up pantries will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at:

- Thursdays, Chelsea Square, 2nd Street.
- Fridays, Mary C. Burke Complex, 300 Crescent Ave.

MAIL-IN VOTING FOR SEPT. 1 PRIMARY

State Primary early voting ballot holders, don't forget to return ballots to City Hall. Those voting by mail can return them the following ways:

- Mail the ballot to City Clerk's Office, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway Chelsea, MA
- Drop it off at the City Clerk's Office,
- Deposit it in the 'Green Mail Drop' box at City Hall (Washington Street side). This green mail dropbox receives all payments and all other city business documents, including Vote-by-Mail application (deadline



to return 8/26) and 2020 Early Voting Ballots

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UPDATED PAVING SCHEDULE

- Second Street from Broadway to Arlington Street: Aug. 27, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Chestnut Street from Williams Street to Everett Avenue: Aug. 27, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Please be advised that there will be time drive-ways will not be accessible. On-street parking is prohibited during the times and dates posted on the traffic control devices distributed throughout the work zone. Do Not Park in This Area.

DOWNTOWN SHORT TERM PARKING

The City of Chelsea is implementing short-term parking zones designed to aid restaurants, retailers, and small businesses during the reopening process under COVID-19 restrictions. There are 17 locations across the city now available. Signs marked "Grab & Go Zone" were posted this month. The rules of these zones are as follows:

- 5-minute spaces are distributed throughout the city near local businesses
- May be used customers or delivery vehicles
- Meter payment is not required
- Parking Enforcement will monitor compliance

Find the map of all the

areas on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Chelsea5Minute>

For more information, please contact the City of Chelsea Info line by dialing 311 or 617-466-4209.

POP UP TESTING SITE

A pop-up testing site will continue to offer free COVID-19 tests to all Chelsea residents this week. Here is the schedule:

- City Hall (500 Broadway)

Monday to Friday, Aug. 17-21, 2-6 p.m.

VETERANS AFFAIRS FOOD EVENT

The next Chelsea Veterans Services monthly food event for veterans will be Sept. 2. Veterans must sign up for this service by calling 617-543-9545 or by emailing ftoro@chelseama.gov.

Pick-up will be between 10 a.m. and noon at 150 Marginal Street (opposite PORT Park). Deliveries are also available as needed.

PAVING OPERATIONS AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Tremont Street


The City of Chelsea is about the start work on the following street from July 30th to September 4th.

1. Tremont Street from Williams Street to Ferry Street.

The work scheduled is as follows:

- Final Paving 8/26/2020-9/4/2020

*Please be advised that this work is weather sensitive, should rain be forecast during this period of work that work will shift in schedule to the next day. Do Not Park in These Areas. Please be aware of Parking Restrictions 7 AM-3 PM. For questions or concerns please call me directly at 617-466-4200.



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Worcester man charged with human trafficking women at Encore casino

Staff Report

A Worcester man facing charges of human trafficking and kidnapping has been held without bail following a dangerousness hearing, Attorney General Maura Healey announced today. The AG's Office alleges the defendant trafficked a victim for sex at Encore Casino in Everett and at a Natick hotel and kidnapped another victim in an attempt to traffick her for sex as well.

On July 14, a Middlesex County Grand Jury indicted Ronald Hall, 46, of Worcester, on charges of Trafficking for Sexual Servitude (2 counts), Kidnapping, Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (2 counts), Deriving Support from Prostitution, as well as a being a Habitual Criminal. Hall was arraigned on the charges in Middlesex Superior Court on July 31 and held without bail pending a dangerousness hear-

ing.

After a dangerousness hearing last Thursday, Judge Kathleen McCarthy ordered Hall held without bail. Hall is due back in Middlesex Superior Court on Sept. 8 for a scheduling conference.

The charges against Hall are the result of an investigation led by Massachusetts State Police assigned to the AG's Human Trafficking Division and the AG's Gaming Enforcement Division along with MSP's High-Risk Victim Unit. During the investigation, authorities developed evidence indicating that Hall trafficked a victim for sex at Encore Casino in Everett and at a hotel in Natick. Hall facilitated sexual encounters between the victim and sex buyers and received the majority of the money as a result. The AG's Office also alleges that Hall kidnapped another victim, attempted to traffick her for

sex, and physically assaulted her. The victim later escaped and was intercepted by authorities.

These charges are allegations, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

This case is being prosecuted by Deputy Division Chief Jennifer Snook and Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey Bourgeois, both of the AG's Human Trafficking Division, with assistance from Chief of the AG's Victim Services Division Nikki Antonucci, Financial Investigator Jill Petruzzello and Digital Evidence Analyst Brenna Casey of the AG's Digital Evidence Lab. The investigation was handled by the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the AG's Human Trafficking Division and the AG's Gaming Enforcement Division, along with MSP's High-Risk Victim Unit, and Homeland Security Investigations.



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SENATOR MARKEY VISITS CHELSEA ALONG THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



US Senator Ed Markey stopped by Chelsea along the campaign trail last Monday morning. Markey is in a primary election being held on Sept 1st.



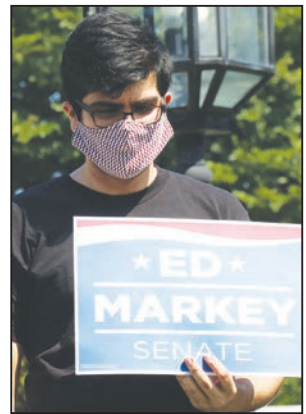
Supporting Senator Ed Markey is Juan Jaramillo.



Standing in support of Ed Markey for US Senate, Gladys Vega and Councillor Leo Robinson.



Senator Ed Markey is greeted in Chelsea by his long time supporter, Massachusetts Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Roberto Rivera holds a sign supporting Senator Ed Markey in Chelsea.



Senator Sal DiDomenico welcomes the residents gathered across from Chelsea City Hall and has a few words of endorsement for US Senator Ed Markey.



Chelsea School Committee member, Marisol Santiago has a few words with Senator Markey.



Gladys Vega, heads up the Chelsea Collaborative and spoke on Senator Markey's behalf, supporting all he has done to help Chelsea.



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Senator Ed Markey addressed the residents of Chelsea last Monday morning, in front of Chelsea City Hall.

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Supt. Abeyta hires seven new administrators, furthers more diverse workforce

By Seth Daniel

Seven new school leaders have been hired by Supt. Almi Abeyta this week, with an eye at furthering diversity and inclusion at the top of the ranks in the Chelsea Public Schools – something teachers challenged district leaders on at a School Committee meeting in June.

Abeyta said Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) is proud to welcome a talented and diverse group of leaders to CPS this school year, which will start remotely and hopefully phase into in-person learning later in the term. This year’s leaders come from within CPS and from outside, she said.

“We have worked hard to recruit the brightest and most diverse group of leaders to serve in our schools,” she said. “Our recruiting efforts have drawn candidates from around and outside of Massachusetts to work in our wonderful community of Chelsea. We are excited to welcome such accomplished leaders to our team.”

She said the schools prioritize an inclusive working environment and values the diverse backgrounds and characteristics of all people. As such, a goal of CPS is to diversify District staff, she said, noting that a diverse staff will better reflect the District’s diverse student population. This was something Abeyta said earlier in the summer they were going to work on, and this was the first effort at that.

Of those seven leaders hired, five were people of color. One candidate grew up in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea Public Schools, being promoted from within. Another hire was promoted from within as well. All of the others were from outside of the district, though one hire began her teaching career in Chelsea more than 20 years ago.

The new leaders include:

•Eyal Bergman, Superintendent Resident

Bergman’s background is in community-based work. He started his career in the nonprofit world working with adolescent Latino youth doing after-school programming, gang-prevention work, and community organizing. When he was asked to collaborate with school staff to help strengthen relationships between families and teachers, he quickly realized how much he loved that work. He decided to switch into school-based settings, and most recently he was the founder and director of the school district’s Family & Community Engagement Office in El Cajon, CA (just outside of San Diego). The goal of this work was to support both families and educators to deepen trust with each other so that they could partner as a team in support of students.

His parents and extended family are all from Argentina so he and his brothers grew up speaking Spanish. He has always enjoyed working in the Latino community and that is why he is excited to be in Chelsea. He is now a doctoral student doing his residency in CPS for the 20-21 school year.

•Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty, Literacy and Humanities Coordinator 5-12

Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty served as a principal of an elementary school in the City of Boston and a middle school principal in the City of Cambridge. She has served as a school leader for almost twelve years. Under her leadership she was able to improve an under-performing school to a high performing.

Dr. Blake-Canty worked with Dr. Maria Brisk (Boston College professor and Former Chair of the Lynch School of Education) for over a decade with improving the academic performance of second language learners using Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL). They also presented



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their work at conferences throughout the country.

Dr. Blake-Canty obtained her doctorate from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She has also garnered a CAGS in Urban Leadership from the University of Massachusetts, Boston in 2008. She holds a master’s degree in Urban Education from Wheelock College in Boston and an undergraduate degree in Child Psychology from Emmanuel College.

•Trelane Clark, Principal, Hooks Elementary School

Trelane Clark has been serving students and teachers in the field of education for just over 23 years. After attaining a bachelor’s degree in Spanish and African American Studies and Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education, Clark embarked on her teaching career in the Boston Public Schools. Additionally, she has had the opportunity to teach students in a variety of public, private, urban, and suburban settings in Virginia, Washington, DC, Boston, and its surrounding areas. Since matriculating from the University of Massachusetts Boston with a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies, Clark has served as an assistant principal for the past nine years. Her professional mission as an educator is to inspire educators to teach from the heart, model resiliency, lead with integrity, value relationships, and ensure equity for students, families, and educators.

•Blanca Restrepo, Principal, Berkowitz Elementary School



Camilo Machado



Jessica Pepple

Blanca Restrepo immigrated to Chelsea from Colombia at a young age and graduated from Chelsea High School. Restrepo has been working for the Chelsea Public Schools for 26 years. Restrepo attended Boston University and received her Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic Language and Literature. She began her educational career in Chelsea as a paraprofessional then went on to become a teacher. After having been in the classroom for many years, she went on to pursue her Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language from Salem State. Upon completion, she was hired as the ELL teacher and then as the Literacy Coach for Hooks Elementary School. In 2017, Restrepo completed a CAGS in administration from the University of Massachusetts- Boston and became the Sokolowski School Assistant Principal.

•Jessica Pepple, Assistant Principal, Browne Middle School

Prior to becoming Assistant Principal at the Browne Middle School, Pepple was the Vice Principal at Prospect Hill Academy’s Upper Elementary Campus, leading teachers around the SEL framework and culturally responsive teaching for grades 4th through 6th. Pepple also served as their math interventionist- helping teachers and students to become more proficient in using critical thinking skills to understand math concepts, while integrating RTI intervention. Two years ago she migrated from Orange County Public Schools, where she spent four years as the district instructional coach for the School Transformation Office, successfully creating a climate focused on student achievement in Central Florida, through designing data tracking tools, standards-based instruction, and curriculum for under-performing schools. Jessica currently holds an Ed.S in Educational Leadership and an MBA with a concentration in Human Resources.

•Camilo Machado, Assistant Principal, Sokolowski Elementary School

Mr. Camilo Machado immigrated from Brazil a little over nine years ago. His interest in education flourished during his time learning English. His experience attending an adult ESL school encouraged Machado to pursue his dream of becoming an educator and serving students that were going through a similar experience. He began his educational career in Chelsea as a paraprofessional in 2015 at the Hooks Elementary School. In 2016, Machado attained a master’s degree in Education with a major in English as a Second Language and joined the Hooks EL Team.



Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty



Jody Klein

Jody Klein is very excited to join Chelsea Public Schools as the Assistant Principal at the Kelly School. Klein is back to where she started her career in education and is thrilled. She taught in Framingham as a 4th grade dual-immersion teacher and has been a teacher and administrator in Newton for 20 years. In Newton, she began a high school literacy program, created a summer program for English learners and taught the SEI administrator courses. Additionally, she teaches in the Brandeis Teacher Leadership Program and mentors teacher leaders.



Eyal Bergman



Trelane Clark

Jody Klein, Assistant Principal, Kelly Elementary School

USPS Board of Governors announces bipartisan Election Mail Committee

Staff Report

The United States Postal Service Board of Governors last week announced the establishment of a bipartisan Election Mail Committee that will actively oversee the United States Postal Service’s support of the mail-in voting process. The committee will be chaired by Governor Lee Moak, who will be joined on the committee by Gov. Ron Bloom and Gov. John Barger.

The Postal Service has a long history of effectively helping Americans participate in elections via mail-in ballots, which are expected to account for less than two percent of all mail volume from mid-September until

Election Day. However, because of the ongoing pandemic, many states are anticipating the expanded use of the mail for voting during the upcoming national election, and in some instances are allowing mail-in voting and no-excuse absentee voting for the first time under statute, and each state has unique requirements and deadlines for ballots under state laws.

The Election Mail Committee will use its oversight role to reinforce the strong commitment of the Postal Service to the mail as an important part of the nation’s democratic process, and will regularly monitor execution of USPS’s work on election mail to ensure that

our part of this election process is implemented in the most effective way possible.

In a joint statement, the Governors announced:

“The United States Postal Service will play an indispensable role in ensuring that those Americans who wish to vote by mail will be able to do so and have their votes counted. The Governors take our responsibility with the utmost gravity, and we will work to ensure that the Postal Service continues to perform for the American people this election season.

“Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has the full support of the Governors. He was selected to help bring needed changes to the

Postal Service, which has experienced over a decade of financial losses and faces the need for fundamental reform. The essential public service functions of the Postal Service must be

maintained, and the Postmaster General’s reform initiatives will help ensure that they can be for many years to come.”

The Governors of the U.S. Postal Service:

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

NOT A LOT OF FUNDRAISING IN STATE REP. RACE

EVERETT - While the race for state representative in Everett this summer has had a good deal of interest and debate – at a social distance of course – it hasn’t generated a lot of fundraising or spending compared to other nearby races for state representative.

State records from the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) have been revamped during this election cycle to require candidates to submit campaign reports every month – giving those on the outside a clearer look at how campaigns are running from month to month.

It, of course, has been a brave new world trying to campaign and raise money within the confines of COVID-19 restrictions, which means there are no in-person fundraising events or rallies or numerous house parties bent on raising money for campaigns. In all, incumbents have led the way due to their network of established donors from the past, and that was no exception in Everett where State Rep. Joe McGonagle outpaced his challenger, Councilor Michael McLaughlin in fundraising last month.

McGonagle and McLaughlin started June in relatively similar spots when it came to fundraising and capital available. However, McGonagle raised \$19,901 in July to bring his cash on hand to \$21,102 on July 31.

Some of his notable donations came from Councilors Anthony DiPierro and John Hanlon, as well as School Committeeman Frank Parker. Former House Speaker Tom Finneran, and his wife, Donna, also contributed to the campaign \$200 each in July. The Everett Superior Officers Union also contributed \$500 in July.

Maximum donations of \$1,000 came from the owner of Capitol Waste, EM Duggan’s Executive Vice President and his wife, the owner of JK Glass Company, Natick Attorney Cheryl Kimball and June Corry of the South Shore.

Of the 82 donors to the campaign, 22 were from Everett – or about 27 percent.

It was a big month for the McGonagle campaign in July, though, as it only raised \$2,900 in June, showing that the campaign hit its stride with fundraising just last month. There were only seven donors to the campaign in June, and one was from Everett.

Meanwhile, for challenging Michael McLaughlin, July was also his biggest fundraising month, but he fell far short of the McGonagle war chest.

McLaughlin raised \$4,500 in July, and has \$4,887 on hand as of July 31.

Of his eight donations, four were from Everett and another two had extensive business in Everett – including Frank Mastrocola and Attorney Anthony Rossi.

Those giving the maximum donation of \$1,000 were Mastrocola, Lidia Rossi, Attorney Rossi, and Anthony Rossi Sr. of Everett.

The McLaughlin campaign did not show any fundraising in June.

On the expenditure side of things, July had nothing really to speak of from either candidate when it came to spending – though anecdotally the spending has seemed to pick up in August. Those numbers, however, will not be out until after the Sept. 1 Primary Election.

The largest expenditure in the campaign thus far has been from McGonagle to Somerville political consultant Feargal O’Toole. He was paid \$8,897 from the McGonagle Campaign in July.

The only other expenditures of note were \$500 in ads in June and \$450 in ads in July to Advocate Newspapers. There was also \$1,000 in printing costs in June to Connolly Printing of Woburn.

For McLaughlin, the only expenditures in July were \$125 to Independent News Group, and in June \$1,100 to Connolly Printing of Woburn.

Other state representative races in surrounding cities have far outpaced the Everett race, with incumbents and challengers raising significantly more money and spending it as well.

U.S. AMBASSADOR



The third drive-in movie night took place on Friday, Aug. 16, at the RiverGreen Park in West Everett. The socially-distanced outing has been popular all summer long for families and friends with and without vehicles. There was free popcorn and drinks and the City showed ‘Moana’ on the big screen. It was an audience-choice showing, as those in attendance picked that movie over several other choices.



CARRINGTON DEAD AT AGE 90

EVERETT - Former U.S. Ambassador Walter Carrington often described growing up in Everett during the 1930s and 1940s not as an oppressive environment for a young black boy like himself – which would have been the norm in America at the time – but rather a “racial cocoon” where he was welcomed everywhere and felt no hint of racial discrimination or prejudice from his friends or his teachers.

It was, as he described it in a heartwarming essay a few years back, “an Atypical Black American Boyhood.” Carrington, 90, grew up in Everett, attended Everett public schools, then went on to Harvard University – preparing him for a distinguished role in the Civil Rights Movement and as ambassador to Senegal and Nigeria.

Locally, in 2017, he was the Grand Marshal of the City of Everett’s colossal 125th anniversary celebration, and last year he was an honored guest in attendance on the opening morning of Encore Boston Harbor.

“Everett then was a very unique city,” he said. “We had a population of 50,000 and only about 50 black families and those black families were scattered

throughout the city,” he told the Independent in 2017. “There was no black area. It was very integrated. Later, I learned the National Urban League had done a study and found that Everett was the most integrated city of its kind in the country. I grew up in a very integrated community, which was unique for those times.

“In fact, I grew up in an area with mostly Irish and Italian kids,” he continued. “I was the only black and I would tell people I could swear in Italian with a Sicilian accent before I had ever learned to swear in English. It was a great place to grow up in the 1930s and 1940s. That gave me the ability to thrive and go on and do things I wanted to do.”

Carrington, now of Newton, left behind his wife and constant companion, Arese Carrington.

This week, she said her heart was broken and she was honored to have been by his side.

“My heart is heavy and broken with the passing of my beloved husband Ambassador Walter Carrington,” she said this week. “He was a brilliant, loving gentle husband. We shared a great love and bond, unity, trust and respect for each other. I remember him showing me his childhood home in Everett and going down memory lane of his high school days at Everett High. He was so happy to have been the Everett’s Grand Marshal and as we rode down the streets in an open car, he was pointing out places to me.

It was such an honor for me to be by his side on his courageous journey of selflessness in the service of humanity especially as he fought for human rights and democracy in Nigeria.

“He was such a great man, an activist to the core who did so much for civil rights, human rights, democracy, rule of law and social justice,” she continued. “He was passionate about the important things in life and always showed such humility and compassion. Heartwarming tributes have been pouring in from around the world. He touched so many lives and had an impact on so many countries. His legacies will live on forever.

Arese Carrington said her husband will be laid to rest in the place he regarded as his hometown – Everett. Despite his sojourn round the world, his wishes were to be returned to his home that he cherished so much.

His time at Harvard was a special one, and he was talented in debate and public speaking – something he credited to mentors in Everett like Lt. Gov. Sumner Whittier. After Harvard, he became the youngest member ever of the Massachusetts Commission Against

Discrimination (MCAD). It was there he was instrumental in deciding a case against the Boston Red Sox that forced the team to integrate racially more than a decade after Jackie Robinson had broken the color barrier.

He was a member of the Peace Corps in Africa, which is what eventually drew him back there as an Ambassador to Senegal and, later, Nigeria.

A stint of four years in Nigeria as Ambassador was truly a life-changing, and life-threatening, stretch of service – and something that defined his renowned career.

Facing a harsh military dictatorship, Carrington decided he would stand up for his values and for American values – things he learned to be dear to him while growing up in Everett. Speaking up was a dangerous thing, but he said he had been resolved to continue calling for democracy in Nigeria.

“That entire experience was something important for me and gave me a chance to speak up in defense of the values I believed in,” he said during the 2017 interview.

Later, after democracy came to the country of Nigeria, the government surprised Carrington by naming the diplomatic area of the capital after him.

Still today, the Water Carrington Crescent exists as the area where more than 12 diplomatic missions call their home in Lagos, Nigeria.

Not bad for a humble kid from Everett who formed those values in the schools and on the streets of Everett, Massachusetts.

BPDA TO HOLD ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) Molly McGlynn is reminding East Boston residents there are still two more opportunities to participate in a virtual community meeting regarding the Suffolk Downs proposal.

McGlynn added that residents still have time to weigh in on the project through the Public Comment Period.

“The meetings will include Spanish and Arabic translation, and are posted to our website here: www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/suffolk-downs,” said McGlynn. “As part of these meetings, the agency will be seeking additional community input on the project through August 21.”

The remaining virtual BPDA meetings are scheduled for Thursday, August

20 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 25 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

McGlynn added the virtual meetings are being held to facilitate additional outreach to Spanish- and Arabic- speaking residents, as part of the BPDA’s review of the project. At each meeting, there will be a presentation by the proponent that will provide an overview of the project, anticipated impacts, and proposed mitigation.

Following the presentation, members of the public will be given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments and feedback. Simultaneous translation services will be provided through the Zoom platform. Suffolk Downs project documents have been translated into Spanish and Arabic, and these are available to the public on the BPDA’s and project proponent’s websites.

With the BPDA poised to approve the 161-acre Suffolk Downs mixed-use project the community process came under some criticism that resulted in a civil rights complaint by the Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR). LCR filed the civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) back in February.

The complaint charges that the BPDA has violated federal civil rights law by failing to make the Suffolk Downs review process accessible to non-English speakers.

According to the complaint filed on behalf of GreenRoots, Inc. and City Life/Vida Urbana, LCR is asking HUD to halt the project until the BPDA comes into full compliance with federal laws, and urge the City of Boston to voluntarily conduct an independent language access audit of all city agencies.

“We are not anti-development. We are pro-growth—smart and equitable growth,” said Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, Executive Director of Lawyers for Civil Rights. “The BPDA was well aware that a significant percentage of East Boston residents speak primarily Spanish or Arabic. By failing to hire interpreters versed in the language of planning or zoning, or to translate key documents, the BPDA is effectively excluding immigrant residents of East Boston from the development process. Under well-settled federal law, this exclusion constitutes national origin discrimination.”

If approved, the project will create an entirely new neighborhood in the heart of Eastie, a historically

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working-class community with a significant non-English speaking population.

McGlynn said each meeting will be hosted online, using Zoom.

“You must register for each meeting through the links provided below, then you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting,” she said. “You will also receive an email before the meeting regarding technical assistance. The meeting will open about 20 minutes before the start time for each meeting for you to join and troubleshoot any technical issues, including respecting simultaneous translation services. If you’re calling in by phone, you’ll need to download the Zoom application to see the presentation and access language interpretation.”

EAST BOSTON YMCA RETURNS

EAST BOSTON - The East Boston YMCA on Bremen Street has been busy all through the COVID-19 pandemic as a neighborhood food distribution site for families and a free emergency day care provider for essential workers.

As the state’s phased COVID reopening plan began earlier this summer things at the Eastie Y have been slowly returning back to normal with some restrictions.

As summer programs began, the Eastie Y provided summer day care for youth with limited capacity and strictly enforced rules and regulations.

Recently another part of the Eastie Y’s operations made a comeback.

The East Boston YMCA reopened its fitness portion of their operation to members at a reduced capacity.

“If this pandemic has shown us anything, it is that East Boston is a strong community,” said the Eastie Y’s Executive Director Joe Gaeta. “It has been 5 months and the community continues to pull together in its time of need. To this date, the Y has served over 250,000 meals, 3,000 produce bags and 6,000 plus hours of emergency childcare for children. The last missing part was the health and wellness portion of the Y’s mission.”

Under Governor Baker’s phased plan, gyms were allowed to reopen in Phase 3 starting July 13.

Gaeta said the Eastie Y took its time to make sure all areas of safety were met before opening their doors.

“Our gym is very safe,” said Gaeta. “The Y has taken measures that either meet or exceed the guidelines issued by the State. Each machine is spaced 14 feet apart and all group exercise classes are held outside. We have a brand new reservation system where members secure space for 45 minutes and are in their own areas while working out, this allows for targeted cleaning of the equipment after each usage every hour on the hour.”

Extra sanitation stations, advanced chemicals and shields are part of the Eastie Y’s plan to keep members safe while on their fitness journey.

Gaeta said members who have returned have been very receptive to the new guidelines and excited about the new levels or precautions that the Y has labeled “Safe for you, Safe for us.” For each entry, members must take a virtual pre-screen before arrival and temperature check to enter the facility, and masks are to be worn throughout their visit.

“Just because the gym side is open does not mean the Y has stopped its other areas of focus,” said Gaeta. “The gym side opens at 1pm for members so that the Y can still be a beacon of food service for the community. We are still giving out grab and go meals and

pantry bags at our Bremen Street and Ashley Street locations.”

Gaeta said grab and go service is Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Bremen Street and 10am-2pm at Ashley Street. The Y is also still running its childcare center and summer camp at reduced capacities in line with the Department of Public Health.

“We have been very, very busy here at the Y, but we can see the difference we are making in East Boston” said Gaeta. “All of this work cannot be done without the generous support of members who opted to keep their memberships drafting while our gym and programs were on hold, their continued support is what keeps us serving the community.”

Donations can still be made to the YMCA to help with their community efforts. Please contact Joe Gaeta at 617-418-8320 or jgaeta@ymcaboston.org for more information.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT IS READY FOR VOTE

REVERE - The City of Revere Elections Department is preparing for record voter turnout ahead of this year’s Sept. 1 State Primaries and Nov. 3 State Election. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many residents’ polling locations have changed and new Vote-By-Mail procedures have been implemented.

As of today, The Election Commission has already processed 4334 Vote by Mail ballots and 444 Absentee ballots. “In September 2016, which is comparable to September 2020, only 2,138 voters cast a ballot. We have already tripled that number,” said Diane Colella, Revere’s Election Commissioner. “In my 20 years on the Election Commission that number has never been so high during a State Primary in an election year.”

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Massachusetts legislature has approved no-excuse Vote By Mail for all 2020 elections. Registered voters can complete the application, available on the Elections Department website, and mail or bring it to the Elections Department. The deadline to submit a Vote by Mail application or an absentee ballot application for a mailed ballot for the September 1 primaries is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. In person early voting for the State Primaries will be held from Saturday, August 22, 2020 through Friday, August 28, 2020. The hours of early voting on Saturday, August 22, 2020 and Sunday, August 23, 2020 is 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The hours of early voting from Monday through Thursday is 8:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:15 a.m. until noon. Early voting will be held at St. Anthony’s Church, 250 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151 Bingo hall, rear entrance.

The City will also install a secure drop-box for ballots with a camera monitor next to City Hall to give voters another chance to avoid in-person-voting. All votes placed in these secure ballot boxes will be counted if dropped off before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

The Elections Commission website has been updated to include all new polling locations and early voting information (available here), information about what will be included on ballots at each election, and all deadlines (available at https://www.revere.org/departments/election-commission/ballot).

RTA WANTS FULLY REMOTE MODEL

REVERE - President Revere Teachers Association (RTA) Gina Garro said this week that the RTA believes the only safe start to school is in a fully remote model for all educators, staff and students.

“We fully acknowledge the difficult situation the community is in, and despite our strong desire to be in school with our students we know that it is not currently safe to do so,” said Garro. She added, “The positivity rate for COVID-19 in Revere recently caused Mayor Arrigo to call for a remote start to school this coming September. Remote learning means that all students and educators learn and teach from home until it is safe to return to the buildings.”

Garro said educators should not be mandated to teach from their classrooms, nor should the city’s most vulnerable students be back in their classrooms.

“Any gathering of educators or students puts the entire community at risk,” said Garro. “We will know that it is safe to phase in a return to school buildings when community health and safety benchmarks are met and the infrastructure of all school buildings are proven to be up to standard.”

Garro said the RTA stands together with members of the community, students and their families to demand a safe learning experience for all.

Last week the Parent Teacher Safe Reopening Committee placed black balloons at four schools across the city--Revere High School, Sergeant James J. Hill Elementary School, Rumney Marsh Academy and Beachmont Veterans Memorial School.

“These balloons represent the pain and loss our community has suffered as a result of COVID-19 as well as the potential additional suffering and death that could result from sending educators and students back into the school buildings before it is safe,” said Garro. “We must not allow for a single preventable case of illness or death to result from being back in the buildings too soon. One death is too many. We must return to the buildings only when it is safe.”

This week the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) commented on school reopening plans here and across the state.

Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly serves on MASS’s Executive Committee as their Urban Schools representative.

In an Op-Ed penned by MASS members the group said some communities, like Revere, are choosing not to reopen school buildings, opting instead for full distance learning for all students. Other communities are moving forward with a “hybrid” model, in which some groups of students alternate between in-person learning and distance learning, in order to ensure physical distancing in schools.

“Neither of these approaches is being met with universal acclaim,” wrote MASS. “Superintendents and School Committees find themselves caught between the impassioned viewpoints of two opposing camps. They are hearing from parents who advocate for at least some return to in-person schooling, in part because of fears about the long-term effects of students being out of school, without the support and interactions they need to thrive. They’re also hearing from constituents, including many teachers’ union

leaders, who insist that school buildings should remain closed altogether to protect students and staff and to prevent the spread of the virus.”

Like Revere, many of the 275 members of MASS were eager and hopeful to have their School Committee approve a hybrid model.

However, the Revere School Committee who voted for a ‘remote’ learning model to start off the school year last week despite an outline of precautions that would have been implemented in a ‘hybrid’ learning model.

“Despite these precautions, some communities ultimately will decide, as some already have, that even a partial reopening is not worth the risk, and begin the year with all students learning from home,” said MASS. “In those communities, Superintendents will work with teachers’ unions to design and implement distance learning plans that reflect lessons learned last spring about what worked well and what needs improvement.”

MASS said districts will have to find creative ways for students and families to “meet” their new teachers, even if not in person, to establish relationships at the start of the school year. Districts operating fully remote models also will have to devise strategies to serve students with the greatest needs, particularly students with disabilities, English learners, children living in poverty, and others who were not fully engaged in distance learning from March to June. Challenging questions remain about how schools can provide additional services remotely to address students’ social-emotional needs, especially their mental and physical health.

“There is no shortage of opinions about what is the “right” way to approach the new school year,” wrote MASS. “While superintendents have urged State officials to provide more clear direction for school opening, unless State officials change their position in the days ahead, these decisions are left solely in the hands of the superintendents and school committees. Therefore, each Superintendent has a weighty responsibility to cut through the noise, examine the facts, weigh the pros and cons, and recommend a plan that best protects and educates the students in their community. Ultimately, each proposal must be approved by the School Committee, but even their decision is not final unless the terms are negotiated with the local teachers’ union.”

MASS said no matter how the school year starts in Revere the new school year can begin successfully only if everyone involved is committed to working together for the benefit of students.

“In the remaining weeks before students resume learning, we have a critical opportunity for parents, educators, union leaders, and community partners – regardless of the model they each wanted to see adopted – to move forward with a shared sense of purpose,” wrote MASS. “We are living in imperfect times, to say the least, so while no plan can achieve a “perfect” result, let’s all strive to be creative, open-minded, resilient, and unequivocally determined to get our students back to learning.”

RESIDENTS URGED TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES TO STOP COVID SPREAD

WINTHROP - Town

Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley are urging residents to follow COVID-19 prevention guidance from local, state and federal public health officials following a recent uptick in positive cases.

On Wednesday, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health released COVID-19 data on individual municipalities throughout the state.

According to the data, Winthrop has had 20 new, positive cases of COVID-19 over the past two weeks, a higher number of case counts compared to the previous two weeks.

Town data also shows that there have been 326 positive cases of the virus in Winthrop since Jan. 1.

“This increase speaks volumes; this virus has not gone away, and it is critical that everyone keeps diligently following public health guidance by wearing face coverings, social distancing, washing your hands often and staying home when sick,” Town Manager Faison said. “For the wellbeing and health of everyone in our community, please do your part, remind your family and friends to do their part, and together, we can reduce the number of people this virus reaches.”

Gov. Charlie Baker, in response to a statewide rise in positive cases, implemented several new efforts and stricter guidelines, which went into effect Tuesday, Aug. 11. These included a reduction in the maximum number of people permitted at outdoor gatherings on both public and private property from 100 to 50 and a requirement that people wear face coverings whenever more than 10 people from different households gather.

The recent announcement by Gov. Baker reinforces an earlier order issued in May, which requires everyone, exempting children under the age of two or those with an underlying health condition, to wear a mask in public when maintaining social distancing, a minimum of six feet from others, is not feasible.

Indoor gatherings remain limited to groups of 25 or fewer people under Gov. Baker’s recent increased restrictions.

Restaurants have also been barred from selling alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption unless accompanied by a food order in an effort to ensure bars remain closed.

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orders may be issued by local or state public safety officials in the event hosts violate the limit on the number of people permitted at a gathering or the face covering order.

“Following guidance on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 could be lifesaving, and we cannot stress enough, please take these state orders and the general public health guidance we’ve been sharing seriously,” Public Health Director Hurley said.

COVID-19 prevention tips from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health include:

- Remember that an infected individual can spread COVID-19 before they have symptoms, which is why social distancing, maintaining a minimum of six feet from others, is critical.
- Those who must go out are urged to:
- Avoid gathering in groups
- Maintain six feet from people outside your household
- Do not shake hands or hug
- Wash your hands often
- Those who are at a high risk for COVID-19, including those over the age of 65 and with underlying health conditions, are advised to stay home and avoid non-essential tasks and errands
- Wear a mask in indoor and outdoor spaces where social distancing from people outside your household is not possible. This does not apply to those under the age of two and with underlying health conditions.
- Face coverings should:
- Cover the nose and mouth
- Fit snugly and comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with either ties or ear loops
- Permit breathing without difficulty
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- For more information about COVID-19 prevention and symptoms, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website here and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website here.
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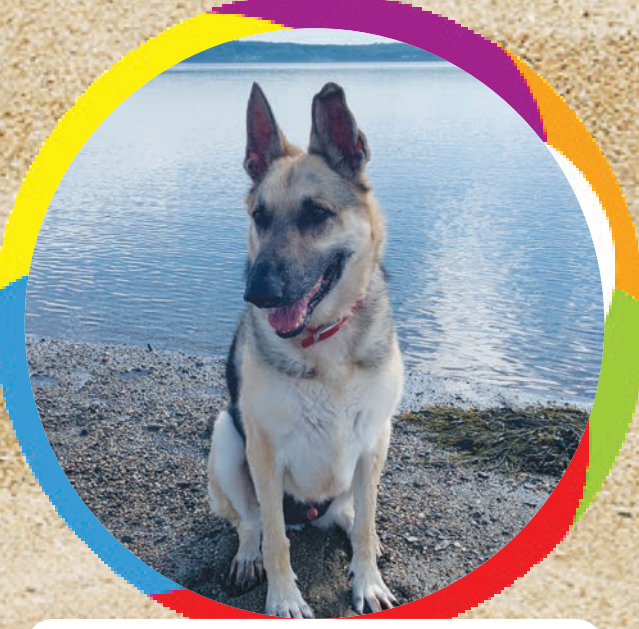
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News in Brief

AG HEALEY ENDORSES TERRENCE KENNEDY FOR GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL

Governor’s Councilor Terrence Kennedy is proud to announce he has received the endorsement of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey in his bid for re-election. The Democratic Primary is Tuesday, September 1st.

“I am proud to endorse Terrence Kennedy for re-election to the Governor’s Council. During his time on the Council, he has advocated for appointing diverse judges that better reflect the makeup of our Commonwealth. And he has championed restorative justice. He is exactly the voice we need representing us.” Said Healey.

Kennedy said “I am honored to have the support of Attorney General Maura Healey”

The Democratic Primary is Tuesday, September 1st, Early Voting has already begun and Mail Ballots must be returned by Primary Election Day. Terrence Kennedy is a practicing attorney of 37 years. He has been married to his wife Cheryl for 35 years. They have three grown children, Alyica, Julie and Peter.

Terrence Kennedy represents the 6th District of the Governor’s Council which includes Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus and Swampscott of Essex County, Cambridge, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester of Middlesex County, Chelsea Revere and Winthrop, Boston neighborhoods of East Boston, North End, Back Bay, Chinatown and Beacon Hill of Suffolk County.

CHELSEA OFFICIALS ENDORSE GIANNINO FOR STATE REP.

On Monday, two Chelsea elected officials, Councilor At-Large Leo Robinson and Councilor Naomi Zabot, District 3 endorsed Revere City Councilor At-Large Jessica Giannino’s candidacy for State Representative. Giannino is running for the 16th Suffolk District and has been a member of the Revere City Council since elected in 2012. In addition to the above Councilors, Giannino received the endorsement of former Community Action Programs Inter City (CAPIC) Executive Director Robert Reppucci.

“It’s been a pleasure to have watched Jessica grow from the time she was first elected to the City Council eight years ago,” said Leo Robinson, Chelsea City Councilor At-Large. “She is a natural leader and has been able to present her plan to move the city forward with poise. I’m endorsing her campaign because the 16th Suffolk District deserves a Representative that has never strayed from the needs of the residents of Chelsea, Revere and Saugus.”

“It is vital that we vote according to our values, so I’ll be voting for Jessica Giannino for State Representative, 16th Suffolk District, on September 1st,” said Naomi Zabot, Chelsea City Councilor District 3. “Jessica is an effective advocate for environmental causes, social justice, and gender and racial equity. Jessica’s performance as city councilor over the past 10 years is a reflection of her diplomatic and compassionate nature, and her desire to be the change she wishes to see. Jessica is approachable

and engaged, and shows great determination and commitment to her community, the residents she represents, and the world as a whole. I am pleased to endorse Jessica Giannino for State Representative.”

“I am endorsing Jessica Giannino as candidate for State Representative because she is a dedicated, experienced, competent and compassionate candidate,” said Robert Reppucci, Former CAPIC Executive Director. “She understands the needs of all segments of the district population. I have known her to be a person of high integrity who places the interest of constituents first.”

“Coming from a family full of dedicated public servants I’m honored to receive recognition from my counterparts in Chelsea,” said Giannino. “I will ensure that the 16th Suffolk District in its entirety is represented by someone who believes passionately in putting the community first. I look forward to adding Chelsea and Saugus residents to my growing list of constituents.

Jessica began her career in politics as a City Councilor At-Large for the City of Revere in 2012. In that time, she has worked on countless issues that impact the daily lives of the citizens of Revere, as well as ordinances that will impact generations to follow. In 2013 her inclusive style and strong leadership qualities prompted her colleagues to elect her Vice President of the Council. In 2016 and 2018, Jessica had the honor of serving as City Council President. During that time, she worked to ensure the agenda maintained a balance between protecting and growing the city’s economic base, without compromising the quality of city services to residents. Jessica believes it is her responsibility to ensure that Revere’s government is accountable to the people, financially responsible and forward thinking.

JOE GRAVELLESE WITH CHELSEA’S MARISOL SANTIAGO AT A RALLY FOR ED MARKEY IN REVERE

Chelsea City Councilor Enio Lopez and School Committee Member Marisol Santiago Endorse Joe Gravellese for State Representative

Chelsea City Councilor Enio Lopez and Chelsea School Committee member Marisol Santiago announced their endorsements for Joe Gravellese this week in the 16th Suffolk District State Representative race (Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus). Early voting is underway in the Democratic Primary, with Election Day coming up on September 1.

Gravellese had been previously

backed by Chelsea School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera, and was also unanimously endorsed by the Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee. On the Revere side of the district, Gravellese has been backed by the Revere Democratic City Committee.

“Councilor Lopez embodies the attitude I take to public service - he shows up and he gets things done,” said Gravellese. “Councilor Lopez has worked tirelessly as an employee at the Chelsea Soldiers Home to support veterans; lifts up fellow members of the immigrant community; and has dug in to improve infrastructure like streets and sidewalks in Chelsea.”

“Marisol Santiago has long been a champion for working people in Chelsea, and fights every day for fair and equitable public education as a member of the School Committee,” he continued. “I am honored to have their backing and look forward to fighting alongside them on Beacon Hill.”

Voters can learn more about Gravellese’s campaign at www.joegrav.com.

LABORERS’ LOCAL 22, LOCAL 3 SEIU ENDORSE GIANNINO

Last week, both Laborers’ Local 22 and Local 3 SEIU endorsed Revere City Councilor At-Large Jessica Giannino for State Representative, 16th Suffolk District. Giannino has been a member of the Revere City Council since elected in 2012.

“I’m pleased to say that the Laborers’ Local Union No. 22 has unanimously endorsed Jessica’s candidacy for State Representative of the 16th Suffolk District,” said Louis Mandarini, Local 22 Business Manager. “The Executive Board and members of Local 22 are very grateful for her support and commitment to the working men and women in the construction industry.”

Laborers’ Local 22 works with signatory contractors to ensure that the general construction in Boston and the North Shore are done with the most experienced workers in the industry. Local 22 offers training to their membership through the New England Laborers’ Training Trust Fund each month in Hopkinton, MA.

“The Firemen and Oilers, Local 3 SEIU proudly elects to endorse Jessica Giannino in her bid for Massachusetts State Representative,” said Anthony Morico, Local 3 President. “Councilor Giannino has been a community leader who has fought for the rights and values and advocates for the people of Revere, Saugus and Chelsea. We believe that Jessica has demonstrated the strength and commitment that it will take to continue his effort

in standing up for working families.”

Firemen and Oilers Local Union Local 3 SEIU evolved from the oldest Local in the Firemen and Oilers Union. The brothers and sisters of Local 3 work in a vast array of industries and services, keeping schools and offices clean, drinking water pure, and streets plowed.

“With the election less than two weeks away, I’m very glad to have secured the support of some very indispensable Massachusetts unions,” said Councilor Giannino. “I’m very appreciative to have the encouragement of industry leaders like the members of Laborers’ Local 22 and Local 3 SEIU as I campaign for State Representative, and I look forward to working alongside them on Beacon Hill.”

GIANNINO RECEIVES SEVERAL PUBLIC SAFETY UNION ENDORSEMENTS STATE REP.

Last week, Revere City Councilor At-Large Jessica Giannino received the endorsements of the Revere Police Superior Officers Union, Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association (MCOPA), Massachusetts Coalition of Police (Mass C.O.P.) and Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union (MCOFU). Giannino is running for the 16th Suffolk District and has been a member of the Revere City Council since elected in 2012.

“The Revere Police Superior Officers Union is pleased to announce our endorsement of Jessica Giannino’s candidacy for State Representative,” said Sgt. Charles Callahan, Revere Police Superior Officers Association President. “As a Chair of Public Safety on the Revere City Council, and coming from a family deeply committed to public service, it is clear that Jessica is the best candidate for the job. Through her years as an elected official, it is quite evident that Jessica has a strong grasp on the importance of community and we look forward to working with her as she continues to be a strong advocate for public servants throughout the 16th Suffolk District.”

The Revere Police Superior Officers Union represents high-ranking officers of the Revere Police Department. The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association is a fraternal organization representing Chiefs of Police across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

“I’m pleased to announce that the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Coalition of Police has voted to endorse Jessica Giannino’s campaign for State Representative of the 16th Suffolk District,” said

John Nelson, First Vice President, Massachusetts Coalition of Police. “It is important to have Jessica’s commitment to public safety for the citizens of the Commonwealth and we look forward to her continued support of the Massachusetts men and women in blue who serve across our state.”

Mass C.O.P. is the largest law enforcement union in the Commonwealth. For 40 years, they have focused on the welfare of Massachusetts police officers and 911 police dispatchers. They now represent over 4,000 members serving in more than 157 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

“In the opinion of our Executive Board, nobody will fight harder than Jessica Giannino for public safety and to improve the quality of lives for the residents who reside in the 16th Suffolk District,” said Kevin Flanagan, MCOFU Legislative Representative.

The MCOFU currently represents all employees in Bargaining Unit 4 of the DOC, Bristol County Jail and House of Correction CO’s, the Plymouth County BCI and Communication Officers and the Dukes County Correction Officers.

“I’ve grown up with a deep understanding of the sacrifices that police officers make each time they report to work,” said Councilor Giannino. Every day when my dad puts on his uniform and goes to the station, he sets out to protect not only my family, but our entire community. That being said, I’m completely humbled to have the noteworthy endorsements of the Revere Police Department Superior Officers Union, MCOPA, Mass C.O.P. and MCOFU. It is an honor to have these seasoned men and women serving the Commonwealth, and to have their support as I campaign for State Representative means the world to me.”

MCU EXCEEDS GROWTH EXPECTATIONS

Metro Credit Union (MCU), Massachusetts’ largest state-charted credit union, today announced continued growth and expansion despite the coronavirus pandemic. Recently, Metro surpassed \$2.3 billion in assets, and the organization continues to see historic levels of home mortgage originations. Metro has also remained committed to the expansion of its Commercial Lending division. Most recently, Metro’s near completion of its three-year infrastructure project, which includes the transformation of its technology, marketing, and human resources departments, has led to several new hiring opportunities. Part of Metro’s transformative project is the transition

to COCC, an innovative collection of core financial technology platforms. While Metro seeks highly skilled candidates in all areas of the business, it is especially interested in those with prior COCC experience.

Since March, Metro has added 20 employees to its team, which brings the organization’s total head count to 325. Notable new hires include Kevin Malone, Senior Vice President, Senior Commercial Lender; Jason Truong, Vice President Commercial Relationship Manager; and most recently, Kim Monahan, Senior Vice President, Senior Commercial Credit Officer. In addition to Commercial Services, the Marketing, Operations, and Risk and Security departments have also seen significant growth this year.

“I’m extremely proud of the work we’ve been able to accomplish so far in 2020 even when the odds have been stacked against us,” said Robert Cashman, CEO and president. “I’m looking forward to finishing the year off strong as an organization, and welcome qualified candidates to consider joining us for the ride ahead.”

Metro is hiring across many different areas of the organization and seeks outstanding candidates to join its fast-growing team. The organization prides itself on its outstanding culture built on its core value system of team work, excellence, integrity, service, community, and fun. Recently, Metro was named an honoree in the Boston Business Journal’s annual 2020 Corporate Citizenship Awards, a recognition of the region’s top corporate charitable contributors. This year, Metro was the only credit union in the state recognized by the Boston Business Journal for its charitable work. Earlier this summer, the organization was named the overall winner in the Credit Union Hero category of the Community Hero Awards by Banking New England for its work producing Still She Rises, an October 2019 event that raised more than \$55,000 for domestic violence prevention. Metro has also played its part in the fight against the coronavirus, donating 5,000 N95 masks to Partners HealthCare in April, and \$5,000 to the One Chelsea Fund in May.

Metro Credit Union is the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$2.0 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to more than 225,000 members in Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Rockingham and Hillsborough counties in New Hampshire, as well as to employees of over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2020-14
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on:
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of:
Jose Galdamez and J and J Senior Services Transportation, LLC

For Special Permit seeking approval for use of a section of the existing parking lot for the parking of vehicles to an off-site entity at the premises known as: 936 Broadway
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.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 comment or request to join must be submitted by Friday, September 4, 2020 by noon. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: <https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/>

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CITY OF CHELSEA
PUBLIC HEARING
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS
The City of Chelsea’s Department of Housing and Community Development will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Thursday, 10 September 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The public may remotely attend

this public hearing by accessing it via web or phone using the instructions below.
The purpose of this public meeting is to discuss the City’s proposed program and budget amendments to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for the Community Development Block Grant funding for the FY’2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which were allocated under the FY’2018 Mini-Entitlement Program by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
Furthermore, the City hereby proposes the creation of a new

MicroEnterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N), in order to support small businesses serving primarily low- and moderate-income residents. The City proposes, through an FY’2018 budget amendment, the transfer of \$90,000 from the FY’2018 First Time Home Buyers Program (Activity 4D) to the FY’2018 MicroEnterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N) and \$17,500 from the FY’2018 Housing Program Delivery (Activity 4A) to the FY’2018 Micro Enterprise Program Delivery (Activity 5A). The program amendment will create the Micro Enterprise Grant Program and the budget amendment will transfer the above listed funds.
Interested parties are welcome to attend and provide public

input. Furthermore, the City will amend the FY’2018 Environmental Review Records to address the proposed project, if approved.
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Councilor Vidot cites leadership and values as key contrast in final week of the campaign

Damali Vidot, Chelsea City Councilor At-Large and current candidate for State Representative of Charlestown and Chelsea is using the last six days to make a final pitch to voters in Charlestown, and turn out for voters in Chelsea.

“The response and support we’re receiving from so many constituents in the Second Suffolk District is a clear sign that people want leadership with lived-experiences and authentically represents our true people-powered movement,” said Councilor Vidot. “Now more than ever, it’s important that the residents in this district can count on a leader who is not only actively involved in the day-to-day emergency response efforts during this pandemic,

but also understands the urgency of reimaging and recreating the systems that harmfully burden and impact this district and left us disproportionately vulnerable to COVID-19.”

Starting only in May, Vidots campaign has seen tremendous momentum. The campaign has made over 50,000 calls, and has turned out more than 100 volunteers who are inspired by Vidot’s leadership, and commitment to progressive values. It’s clear that the momentum has caught the eye of Beacon Hill. Commonwealth Magazine reported this week that a super PAC affiliated with Governor Charlie Baker spent \$34,770 on mailings on behalf of Republican and Democratic incumbent’s like Representative Ryan.

“What we have said throughout this campaign remains true: our district needs a leader who is accountable to the people. Not to the Governor, not to the speaker, not to donors; we need Representation that is accountable to the people. COVID-19 has exposed vulnerabilities that require stronger advocacy than what we’ve received from our current Representative. If elected, I will be a champion for the needs and shared values of Charlestown and Chelsea Residents.”

To date, organizations that have endorsed Vidot include 350 Mass Action, Mass4Bernie, Mass Women’s Political Caucus PAC,

New Progressive Leaders, DSA, Right to the City Vote, Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts, Our Revolution MA, Chinese Progressive Political Action, Latino Victory Fund, Renew New England, Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund, Sierra Club, Sunrise Boston, Mass Alliance, Progressive Massachusetts, and Mass Peace Action.

Within the Second Suffolk District, Councilor Vidot received endorsements from Councilors Enio Lopez and Yamir Rodriguez, School Committee Members Marisol Santiago and Roberto Jiménez-Rivera, and community leaders Joan Cromwell, Roseann Bongiovanni, Maria Belen Power, Fidel Maltez, Tito Meza, Zaida Ismatul Oliva, Daniel Occena, Christian and Danille Calvo, Minnie Cruz, Ceez Castro, Flor Palacios, Irma Mazzoni, Patricia Montes, the Garrity Family, Mswati Hanks, and Stacy Amaral. From neighboring Somerville, Damali earned the endorsements of School Committee Member Andre Green, as well as from City Councilors Ben Ewen-Campen, JT Scott, Jesse Clingan, and Council President Matt McLaughlin. Gerly Adrien, Jonathan Paz and Quinton Zondervan, City Councilors from Everett, Waltham, and Cambridge, respectively, also endorsed Damali Vidot in the race for the Second Suffolk seat.

Vidot decided to run in early May at the peak of

the pandemic, after seeing mothers wait in food lines for hours to get a box of food to feed their families. Recognizing the inequities that existed pre-pandemic, she understands intimately that the work that must be done will require visionary, bold, and effective leadership that is rooted in the community to move us forward.

With the primary election just 5 days away, Vidot is building the momentum to be elected to the State Representative Seat. If successful, she would be the first Latina, and first woman, to represent the Second Suffolk District in the district’s history.

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Staff Report

As people increasingly read and listen to books on their smartphone or tablet, they’re discovering one of the best resources is their local library. North Shore residents can access a wide selection of popular digital ebooks and audiobooks free from North Of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE) libraries. With a library card, members of the community can borrow from

the digital collection by visiting the library’s website or downloading Libby, the award-winning one-tap reading app from OverDrive.

“OverDrive is an easy-to-use service, and surprisingly cost-effective for our cooperative group of libraries,” said Ron Gagnon, Executive Director of NOBLE. “We are happy to be able to extend services to our libraries’ users during these trying times. Usage

of our OverDrive collection was on a consistent upward climb over the 12 years we have had the service, but has increased 50% the recent months.”

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Libby today.

Twenty-five libraries are members of the North Of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE) founded over 30 years ago to share library resources to better serve their users and to share technology and expertise to improve service and efficiency. Nearly 2.6 million items are available to users of member libraries and over \$21.5 million worth of materials were shared among NOBLE libraries in 2019.

OBITUARIES

Richard Mastalerz

July 7, 1953 – August 7, 2020

Richard Mastalerz, 67, passed away on August 7 at his home in Tavares, Florida.

Born and raised in Chelsea, a beloved son of the late Walter and Shirley (Darish) Mastalerz, Richie attended local Chelsea schools and received his B.S. degree from Lowell Institute.

Richard was self-employed, operating Beacon Building Services providing landscaping and cleaning services in Massachusetts. A longtime Chelsea resident he retired to Tavares, FL.

In his lifetime, “Richie” enjoyed sports and could easily recite player and game statistics. He will forever be remembered as a kind and loyal friend to many in Florida and Massachusetts.

In addition to his parents, Richie was also predeceased by a brother, Ronald “Ronnie” Mastalerz. He is survived by his brother, Jay Walt Mastalerz and his wife, Loretta (Grasso) Mastalerz of Lynnfield and his longtime friend, Mary Jo Peterson of Wakefield.

Graveside services were held at Greenview Memorial Park, Everett on Wednesday, August 26.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Anthony Memorial - Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

Gloria Elizabeth La Monica

She devoted her life to her family

Gloria Elizabeth La Monica, 89, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on August 21.

Gloria moved from Maine to Massachusetts and settled in Chelsea. She then relocated to Fort Lauderdale where she lived until her death. She worked as a waitress at the Governor’s Club Hotel, Gibby’s Steak and Seafood Restaurant and later alongside her daughters at Paper Mpressions.

Gloria devoted her life to her family and loved spending as much time as possible with her grandchildren. She always said that they kept her young. She was an avid baseball fan and enjoyed watching every game that her favorite team, The Florida Marlins, played. She was an avid reader, enjoyed playing cribbage, cooking and generously sharing her contagious smile with everyone she met.



Gloria was the first of 14 children born to Harvey Butler Coombs and Margaret Cahill Coombs on December 15, 1930 in Brunswick, ME. She was the devoted wife of the late Joseph A. La Monica, beloved mother of Joseph La Monica and his wife, Diane, Angela La Monica and Maureen Rotella and her husband, William, all of Fort Lauderdale; adored Nana of Christine and Joseph (Nicole) La Monica, Kelley (Mitchell) Rotella-Stoun, Christopher Rotella, and Michael Rotella and proud great grandmother of Peyton Stoun.

She was predeceased by her sisters: Jackie Skelton, Joyce Pulsifer, Georgia White, Judy Iler and brothers: Keith, Richard, Dana and Winfield Coombs. She is survived by her sisters: Helen Vigliotta, Betty Nelson, Shirley Larrabee, Mona (Louie) Lacasse and her brother, Robert (Josephine) Coombs and by many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Lawrence Cardone

Walbar Metals retiree and, founding and lifelong member of the Mottola VFW Post in Revere

Lawrence D. Cardone entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, Aug. 19 in the peaceful surroundings of his Chelsea home. He was 90 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, a loving son of the late Vito M. and Vilma (Rizzo) Cardone, he married Maria E. (Bilardi) and was widowed with Maria’s passing in January of 2019 after sharing 62 years of unbridled love and devotion.

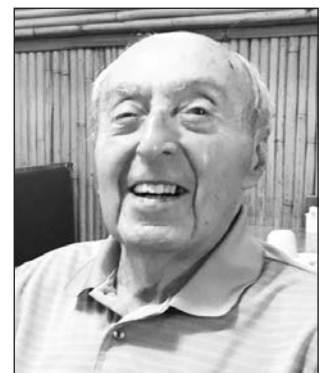
A lifelong resident of Chelsea, he worked as a lab technician for Walbar Metals in Peabody.

In his lifetime, Lawrence enjoyed spending time with his family, playing with his grandkids and great grandkids and making new friends wherever he went. Lawrence loved to take trips with his family, visiting Italy, Florida, Hawaii and Las Vegas many times with them.

Since the local casino opened, Sunday morning visits became his new favorite way to start the week. He truly enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, and nothing made him happier than a cold beer and sharing a good story with loved ones.

He was a lifelong and founding member of the Mottola VFW Post, helping to build the original building in Revere with his brother, Emilio. In 1951, Lawrence joined the US Army and served honorably during the Korean Conflict. Having attained the rank of corporal, he was honorably discharged in 1953.

He was the beloved husband of the late Maria E.(Bilardi) Cardone and devoted father of John A. Cardone of Chelsea, Rose Anne Musto and her husband,



band, Paul of Saugus, Lawrence M. Cardone and his wife, Kathy of Chelsea; cherished grandfather of John Cardone and his wife, Melissa, Dr. Anthony Cardone DMD and his wife, Sheree, Stephen Polidoro and his wife, Jennifer, Lisa Pellegrino and her husband, Flavio, Paul Cardone and his wife, Briana, and Maria A. Cardone; adoring great-grandfather of Lilly and Aubrey Cardone, Stephen and Sophie Polidoro and Isabella, Nicholas and Gianna Pelligrino; dear brother of Emilio Cardone of Malden, Rose Thayer of Lowell, Elizabeth Addivinola of East Boston, Dianne Russo and Margaret Mamzur, both of Revere, and the late Michael Cardone.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere. Services concluded with military honors and interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. Family and friends who wish are encouraged to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card by visiting: www.WelshFuneralHome.com

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chelsea Curves construction look-ahead through September 5

This is a brief overview of construction operations and traffic impacts for the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work, temporary ramp and street closures, and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

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

the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone begins in the left lane before the Carter Street off-ramp. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.) After the Carter Street off ramp, the South Bound lanes are split with a work zone in the middle. Traffic can travel in either side of the work zone.

- LANE REDUCTIONS OF ROUTE 1: Over the weekends of Aug. 28 and Sept. 11, Route 1 will experience lane closures where Route 1 passes through the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the combined Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project, southbound (towards

Boston) will be reduced to a single lane on the Friday of those weekends at 11 a.m., and northbound will be reduced to a single lane on Saturday of those weekends at 6 a.m. Both southbound and northbound will be restored to two lanes of traffic by 10 p.m. on Sunday. Signage will be posted to alert and guide vehicles. This operation is necessary to construct portions of the viaduct which cannot be replaced with prefabricated bridge units (PBU's)

SILVER LINE ALTERNATING SINGLE LANE BUS TRAFFIC

- The Silver Line busway will continue to have single lane

bus traffic underneath the Chelsea Viaduct. Silver Line service will be maintained without interruption or delay using alternating direction bus traffic. The single, alternating lane condition has now been extended through Friday, Sept. 18.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

- 5TH STREET will be temporarily closed on Thursday Aug. 27 and 28.

WORK HOURS

- Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m. – 1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9

p.m. – 5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND: Bridge deck and gutter repairs continue in the left lane over the Tobin Bridge. We will continue to remove bridge deck and install new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.

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

- UNDERNEATH ROUTE 1: Crews will remove deck machines, weld bearings, install snow

fence, paint steel, remove asphalt, and erect prefabricated bridge units (PBU's).

TRAVEL TIPS

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

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

Natick man arrested after stabbing another on Encore gaming floor

Staff Report

State Troopers and Everett Police Officers arrested a Natick man overnight Thursday shortly after he allegedly stabbed another man during an altercation inside Encore Boston Harbor.

Troopers and Officers apprehended David Guante, 30, of Natick, at a parking lot across the street from the casino, to where he had fled after the incident. A small knife was recovered. The suspect was booked at the Everett Police Department for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

The victim, a 24-year-

old Lynn man, who was located in the casino's lobby after the incident, was conscious and alert and was able to provide responding Troopers a description of his assailant. The victim sustained a puncture wound believed to be minor and was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital.

The investigation by Troopers and Everett Officers assigned to the State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit indicates the stabbing occurred at approximately 2 a.m. during an altercation in the main cashier cage area.

No further information is being released at this time.

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Experience matters: Rep. Ryan turns it on in home stretch

In response to last week’s report regarding a momentum swing in the Second Suffolk District race for his opponent, Rep. Dan Ryan responded by saying he could paraphrase Mark Twain’s ‘The reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated!’

However, those that follow local politics in and around the Second Suffolk District know what Ryan and his team are capable of pulling off when the electoral chips seemed stacked against them. As the paper reported last week, Ryan’s opponent in his race for re-election showed signs of momentum in an attempt to dislodge the popular incumbent. His challenger’s camp touted nearly \$60,000 in regional and national donations as evidence that this insurgency was more part of a national movement than it was a local election. This, along with regional endorsements from statewide Progressive and Socialist groups, along with elected officials from around the Commonwealth.

Ryan, on the other hand, took a page from former US House Speaker Tip O’Neil’s mantra, “All Politics is Local.”

This past Tuesday, where Boston allows one day of early voting in each neighborhood, was an opportunity for the Ryan camp to test run their local vote pulling efforts in Charlestown. And that they did;

with the typical campaign tools of providing rides to the polls, door knocking and vote pulling with old fashioned shoe leather. This was done amidst a throng of local supporters holding signs while building enthusiasm. The energized atmosphere made it seem more like Bunker Hill Day than Election Day, Ryan said.

As the first elected official from Charlestown to win a seat at any level in 37 years, Ryan and his team, displayed the coalition that he has built up over his many years of public, non-profit and volunteer service throughout Chelsea and Charlestown.

“We knocked doors in four languages,” said Ryan. “This wasn’t done through any statewide coalition of activists. I walked my own neighborhood with kids who grew up here, kids I coached, kids my son and daughters know from school and playing sports. They come from different backgrounds and are more economically and racially diverse than the Charlestown I grew up in. Like in the ‘Welcome Back Cotter’ theme song, ‘The names have changed since we hung around but those dreams have remained and they’ve turned around.’”

He continued, “I represent two of the greatest communities in Massachusetts. Both Chelsea and Charlestown have deep roots but also attract people



State Rep. Dan Ryan is touting momentum shifting after the early voting this week in Charlestown and Chelsea.

from the world over. With that you get a diversity of opinions and issues to work on. I build coalitions. That’s what I do. That’s what was on display this week.”

That laser focus on his district was evident in Chelsea as well. Ryan walked the streets of Chelsea with City Councilors Leo Robinson and Cal Brown to talk to voters. Council Presi-

dent Roy Avellaneda also announced his support of Ryan this week. These local endorsements are added to the early announcements of support from Attorney General Maura Healey, who lives in the district and Boston Councilor Lydia Edwards, who represents Charlestown. The Ryan Team also displayed Chelsea support during a mid-week visibility with over 25 residents in attendance to hold signs and spread the Election Day message. There were also small gatherings in backyards and local restaurants to discuss issues with voters. Of course, all these activities took on a socially distant COVID-19 reality in their orchestration.

“These are definitely trying times. In the end, I think experience matters,” Ryan

emphasized. “We may be wearing masks and are not allowed to congregate in large groups. But, really, it is still all about knowing your district and the people in it. That is how you deliver good government and that is how you win elections. I think on September 1 the voters will show that my team has been able to do both really well. We are just getting started.”

Encore initiates new protocols after videos of large hotel parties emerge

By Seth Daniel

Just about everywhere, people are ready to shake the quarantine and let loose this summer, but they’re not going to be able to do that at Encore Boston Harbor anymore.

On Monday, Encore Bos-

ton Harbor released new protocols for its hotel area following videos on social media and in news reports showing large parties happening in hotel rooms there – perhaps as many as 50 people in one of the videos.

Spokesman Eric Kraus said once alerted to the be-

havior, they put a stop to it, and have put in place new protocols that will prevent such gatherings from happening before they start.

“We have zero tolerance for irresponsible or unsafe behavior anywhere on our property,” said Kraus. “Once aware of any issue,

we immediately take the necessary steps to rectify the situation. We have enhanced our policies and protocols to further underscore the importance of physical distancing and safety.”

Effective immediately, Encore said they would allow a maximum of four people to any hotel room, and a maximum of eight people in any two-bedroom suite. They will also initiate fines of guests who violate the occupancy limits, with charges of \$3,000 to the registered guest of any room violating the limits.

Other protocols include:

- All supplies taken to guest rooms monitored to ensure that there are no party materials or excessive quantities of food and beverages;
- Surveillance utilized to monitor hotel hallways and elevator banks to ensure

safe physical distancing and room occupancy;

- Increased security personnel stationed at the hotel elevator banks to ensure only registered guests have access to hotel rooms and that no more than four people are in an elevator at any given time; and
- Security personnel increasing their patrol of hotel floors throughout the night.

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Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for July

Staff Report

The state’s July total unemployment rate is down 1.6 percentage points at 16.1 percent following a revision to the June rate of 17.7 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts added 72,100 jobs in July. This follows last month’s revised gain of 94,600 jobs. Over the month, the private sector added 67,300 jobs as gains occurred in Leisure and Hospi-

tal; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Education and Health Services; Other Services; Manufacturing; Construction; and Information. Losses occurred in Financial Activities and Professional, Scientific, and Business Services. Government added jobs over the month.

From July 2019 to July 2020, BLS estimates Massachusetts lost 452,600 jobs. Losses occurred in each of the private sectors, with the largest percentage losses in Leisure and Hospitality; Other Services; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and Construction.

The July unemployment rate was 5.9 percentage points above the national rate of 10.2 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by 12,600 from 3,684,300 in June, as 50,300 more residents were employed and 62,900 fewer residents were unemployed over the month. Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 13.2 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – dropped to 64.9 percent. Compared to July 2019, the labor force participation rate is down by 2.8 percentage points.

July 2020 Employment Overview

- Leisure and Hospitality gained 35,300 (+18.9%) jobs over the month. Over

the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 156,100 (-41.3%) jobs.

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 15,000 (+3.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 73,900 (-12.8%) jobs.
- Education and Health Services gained 7,300 (+1.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services lost 77,700 (-9.6%) jobs.
- Other Services gained 6,300 (+6.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are down 36,300 (-26.0%) jobs.
- Manufacturing added 2,300 (+1.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 12,900 (-5.3%) jobs.
- Construction gained 1,900 (+1.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Construction has lost 19,500 (-12.0%) jobs.
- Information added 600 (+0.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information lost 4,800 (-5.1%) jobs.
- Financial Activities lost 600 (-0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities lost 5,900 (-2.6%) jobs.
- Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 800 (-0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 37,000 (-6.1%) jobs.
- Government added 4,800 (+1.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Government lost 28,300 (-6.2%) jobs.

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