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Felipe Lugo - a CHS alum who created all of the signs. See

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Plan made

School Committee in agreement on fully remote learning

By Seth Daniel

The Chelsea Public Schools switched gears from its initial school re-opening plan this week, and presented a fully remote online plan to start the school year in September – a plan the School Committee adopted enthusiastically with an 8-0 vote.

Supt. Almi Abeyta told the Committee in a Special Meeting on Tuesday night that the plan that had been previously presented - which included the option of the fully remote Online Learning Academy (OLA) or a hybrid, in-person and remote learning option - was now going to be changed. That was because the COVID-19 numbers for the city have

inched up, with her particularly watching the percent positive metric.

"Why are we suggesting this new approach?" she asked. "On Aug. 5 our date from the (state) was released. The City at that time had 4.93 percent positive rate. This is an increase in what we had in previous weeks...The 5 percent rate was a metric we use internally because we did look at that metric. At that point, when we looked at that positive rate, we decided it was too high to return to school. I said it over and over, if we get to 5 percent I will not open up schools...Therefore, our new recommendation is to return in the fall fully remote and return

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Fire crew exhausted after battling four-alarm blaze

By Paul Koolloian

On Tuesday, August 11, Chelsea Fire Department responded to 34 Hooper St. for a report of a building

Firefighters Revere working a detail on Broadway opposite Revere City Hall observed heavy smoke showing from the area of the Revere/Chelsea line and notified Revere Fire Dispatch. Simultaneously at 4:22 p.m., Chelsea 911 received the one initial call reporting the building fire.

First arriving crews

from E3/L2 under the command of Captain Ron Gobin reported heavy smoke showing and requested the working fire. Upon arrival at the scene, Deputy Chief Michael Massucci reported heavy fire and smoke showing from a large 2 1/2 story building and ordered successive 2nd and 3rd alarms bringing mutual aid from Revere, Everett, Boston, Winthrop, Somerville, Saugus and Malden and Medford.

Due to the excessive

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To survive, City Manager says downtown needs to be more dense

By Seth Daniel

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he believes that if Chelsea's downtown is going to survive COVID-19, it has to become a more dense area with more living units and businesses to serve those new residents.

To accommodate that, he

the downtown area, a plan detailed in a Council Committee on Conference late last month.

"I'm trying to get relief for developers in the downtown from parking," he said. "I guess my philosophy is the downtown has been impacted

program for residents of strong we have to build dained in 2019, and took density in the downtown if we're going to survive the COVID-19 era. I'm in favor of creating more density and making it easier for developers to develop in the downtown. Our barrier to that is this parking ordi-

That ordinance was one

is asking for a new parking by COVID-19 and I feel that was voted in and oreffect in January. It calls for any new development that needs a variance for parking to not be eligible for the City parking sticker program. Now, that is becoming a potential hurdle for developing in the tight

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State representative candidates face off in MassVote online forum

By Seth Daniel

State Rep. Dan Ryan and Chelsea Councilor and state representative candidate Damali Vidot faced off in one of the first debates of this strange and unique



State Rep. Dan Ryan speaking about housing issues during the MassVote debate.

election season - and yet ipated remotely via Zoom another unique piece was there was no stage.

Both candidates and Moderator J. Keith Motley, of UMass-Boston, partic-



Councilor Damali Vidot speaking about environmental justice issues during the MassVote debate.

in the MassVote-sponsored debate for the 2nd Suffolk District - which encompasses Charlestown and most of Chelsea.



The moderator of the online debate was UMass Boston's J. Keith Motley.

Sitting in their homes debating the issues gave the event more of an informal appeal, but it didn't lack any seriousness in regards to the weight of issues debated. After the one-hour question-and-answer rum, Rep. Ryan came off as the polished and experienced state legislator who is accustomed to the system on Beacon Hill for getting things done. Meanwhile, Councilor Vidot came off as someone with a new voice that would challenge the ways things are done on Beacon Hill and would call to re-invent long-standing priorities in society.

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Acting Lt. Robert Norton of Chelsea Engine 1 gets water on the home at 34 Hooper St. that triggered a 4-alarm fire on Tuesday afternoon in extremely hot conditions. The fire spread fast, but was brought under control in about an hour. It is under investigation, but is believed to have started on the back porch.

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For the latest news in Chelsea that you need to know, check chelsearecord.com



Residents urged to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites

At a meeting on Monday night, Chelsea Board of Health and area health officials warned residents to take simple, common-sense precautions to avoid getting bit by mosquitoes this summer and fall.

That's because of an increased risk of two different viruses that are spread through bites by infected mosquitoes - West Nile virus (WNV) and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE). These mosquito-borne illnesses can cause serious health problems. The good news is that there are a few easy steps that residents can take to avoid mosquito bites and "mosquito-proof" their homes throughout the

rest of mosquito season. •Be aware of peak mosquito hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that take place during the

evening or early morning hours. Otherwise, take extra care to use bug spray and protective clothing.

•Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites. Although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

•Apply bug spray when you go outdoors. Use a bug spray with DEET N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items

such as clothing, shoes, bed nets, and camping gear and should not be applied to the

•Drain standing ter. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or getting rid of items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors. Fix any holes or tears in screens, so mosquitoes

can't get in. More information is available from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For additional information contact: Luis Prado, lprado@chelseama.gov.

Markey, Pressley secure EPA commitment to better monitor Chelsea air quality

Staff Report

Senator Edward J. Markey and Representative Ayanna Pressley last week released a response from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 to their request for rapid deployment of air quality monitors in Chelsea.

The lawmakers sent a letter to the EPA on July 15 in response to several concerns over Chelsea's air quality, including recent demolition and construction work that left parts of Chelsea coated in thick dust; the city's alarming rate of coronavirus cases, which is the highest in the state; and other longstanding sources of air pollution and other environmental concerns. The letter noted the absence of any federal or state ambient air quality monitors in Chelsea, and requested the immediate deployment of mobile air

quality monitors. In a response to the lawmakers, the EPA committed to work with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) to monitor particulate matter emissions and overall air quality, related to both recent demolition activities and longstanding air quality concerns. And if concerns are identified, the EPA committed to deploy a permanent air quality monitoring station in Chelsea. On a short-term basis, the EPA has identified nine mobile air sensors that can be deployed immediately and conveyed that information to MADEP.

"The residents of Chelsea can breathe a little easier today. The EPA has committed to taking the first step towards addressing poor air quality in Chelsea by deploying air quality monitors," said Senator Markey. "Chelsea residents have faced the unjust burden of multiple pollution sources for too long. They deserve the right to air quality monitoring in their community, and I am glad the EPA has heeded our request to take this first step to responding to dangerous inequities in air quality."

"The EPA deploying air quality monitoring in Chelsea is a welcome and critical first step in addressing the consequences of decades of environmental racism that has impacted our most communities," said Congresswoman Pressley. "For too long, the residents of Chelsea have been breathing some of the most polluted air in the Commonwealth and suffering disproportionately high rates of asthma, COVID-19, and other respiratory illnesses as a result. We're encouraged by this progress, and our work is far from over, we must continue to fight for environmental justice for Chelsea and other vulnerable communities across the country."

"For too long Chelsea has been a sacrifice zone for the region," said Maria Belen Power, Associate Executive Director, Green-Roots, Inc. "Our residents have suffered the consequences of poor air quality for generations, impacts which have been exacerbated by COVID19. The very least our communities deserve is access to relevant and reliable data on the air we breathe. We are extremely grateful to Congresswoman Pressley and Senator Markey for their leadership. Without their advocacy on behalf of our communities, this would not have happened. Today we celebrate this commitment by the EPA and MassDEP. We will continue to work hard to ensure our residents can breathe cleaner air and live healthier lives."

GreenRoots is an environmental justice organization working in Chelsea and East Boston for more than 25 years, of which the organization has focused on air quality and public health for more than 14 years.

Both EPA and MADEP committed to following up with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to better monitor air pollution at the Chelsea demolition and construction sites, in order make sure companies are suppressing dust particles and minimizing exposure to residents. Additionally, the EPA committed to working with MADEP in studying air quality in Chelsea more closely this fall.

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in-person when conditions allow."

That decision was promulgated on Friday after the numbers came out, but the announcement on Tuesday by Gov. Charlie Baker that Chelsea was a "highrisk" community - one of only four statewide - only bolstered that decision.

School would start on Sept. 16 in the all-remote format, but there would be a pre-opening professional development period for teachers to learn more about remote instruction. The fully remote section

would last through roughly Oct. 4, and there would be a full, in-person option for eligible students such as those in special education separate programs. There would also be Centers for Online Learning open that provide internet and would potentially have a monitor. On Oct. 5, there could be a potential "easing in" period would with more in-person learning opportunities. There wouldn't be a fully hybrid, in-person for all grades until potentially Nov. 2 and any hybrid, in-person options would start at the lower grades and work up to the higher grades. Through it all, the OLA would be available and cohesive for parents that do not want their students to return at all. All of the potential dates for in-person school, however, could change and would be dictated by the rates of the virus in Chelsea.

A great concern, Abeyta said, with the remote learning is students in Special Education, English Learners and those with Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Another challenge is to improve the remote learning program from what it was during the emergency learning situation in the spring.

"The challenge for us is we have to improve remote learning and we know this," she said. "What we heard and what we know is we need more structure and organization and accountability for families, students and teachers."

The decision was bolstered by scores of teachers, and Chelsea Teacher's Union officers, who spoke live about the issue and who submitted written testimony. All of the teachers and Union officers supported a fully remote option for the sake of safety.

Many of them referred to what has been a successful summer, online learning program where many of the hiccups in remote learning from the spring were

worked out quite well. One student, George W. McKinnon, wrote in on behalf of the student council in one of the middle schools. He and other students advocated for a return to school in person, noting that parents needed to go to work and couldn't leave kids unsupervised. Meanwhile, he also said many sports camps and summer programs in Chelsea and beyond have operated very safely this summer. If they can, he reasoned, why can't the schools.

Parent Michelle Nadeau said it is important that kids get to go back in person.

"The isolation from being at school and having peer interactions has been nothing short of devastating," she said.

School Committeewoman Rosemarie Carlisle said her vote in favor of remote was for the children's safety, but she indicated that she wanted teachers to work out the issues and concerns they have before there is an in-person model deployed.

That was echoed by members Jeannette Velez and Henry Wilson.

"School is our community and we need to bring that community back to our community as quickly as possible," said Wilson.

Member Marisol Santiago, however, said she would push to keep remote learning in place as long as possible – and she said that was coming from someone who has a child with an IEP. She said safety has to be paramount.

"Schools are equipped to rush kids back to school," she said. "I'm going to be an advocate for remote learning as long as possible."

Chair Kelly Garcia commented that she is a teacher as well, and going back to the classroom in person scares her personally.

There was little hesitancy in the vote, and it was a quick 8-0 vote for a Committee that has been divided this year on some key issues. There was a great amount of pressure from teachers and parents on both sides of the matter.

Abeyta clarified that families will still be asked to choose whether they want a full remote plan all year, or if they are up for going hybrid when the time comes. Having that decision will allow the schedules for remote and in-person to mesh seamlessly later when it is safe for students to return.

CPS Phased In Reopening Plan

Dates below are estimates only and subject to Chelsea's COVID-19 positivity rate

Pre-Opening Aug 31 – Sep 15	Phase 1 Full Remote Sept 16 – Oct 4	Phase 2 Easing In Oct 5 – Oct 18	Phase 3 In-person hybrid begins Oct 19 – Nov 1	Phase 4 In-person hybrid expands Nov 2
Professional Development for teachers/staff	Online Learning Academy (OLA) begins for PK-12 families that selected it	OLA continues	OLA Continues	OLA Continues
No school for students	Full in-person option begins 100% remote for eligible students; extended day PK, All kindergarten, SPED sub- separate; Chelsea Opportunity Academy	Extended day PK, SPED sub-separate, COA begin full in-person option	Kindergarten begins full in-person	All in-person options continue
Sept. 16 is first day of school for ALL STUDENTS	Hybrid schedule begins, 100% remote for all 1st -12th grade students	WIDA Level ELL 1 & 2 begin in-person hybrid schedule	Grades 1-4 begin in- person hybrid schedule	Middle school/CHS begins in-person hybrid schedule
	Centers for Online Learning open for middle and high schools	Centers for Online Learning open for middle and high school	Centers for Online learning continue for middle and high school	7000

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heat, a 4th alarm was struck by Deputy Chief Quatieri for manpower purposes. The fire appeared to have originated in the rear of the building and quickly spread up into the first and second floors as well as the attic. The fire was under control within an hour with companies tied up performing overhauling duties and making up equipment.

Chelsea Fire Arson investigator Michael Gurska, Firefighter Angel Arietta

and Massachusetts State Police Fire Marshal's Office were on scene investigating the cause of the fire. Mutual Aid crews from Cambridge, Lynn and Medford covered the City's stations during the fire.

- LEGAL NOTICE -**CITY OF CHELSEA**



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 via Video Conference. Any members of the public wishing to provide a public comment must communicate via email at fmaltez@chelseama.gov Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speak section of the meeting. Any comment needs to be submitted by August 18, 2020 by 12 P.M.

Proposed Work and Purpose: To install approximately 59 total feet of conduit in Spencer Avenue. Southwesterly from pole 112/8 near intersection of Eleanor

The public is invited to attend.

Street. WO#2386607

FIDEL MALTEZ DEPUTY COMMISSIONER August 13, 2020



Notice of Openings for Boards and Commissions in the City of Chelsea Pursuant to the City of Chelsea Charter, Section 9-5(d),

this is a Notice of all Board and Commission upcoming vacancies in the City of Chelsea through December 31, 2020. During that timeframe, openings will occur in the

following Boards and Commissions: The Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board; the Board of Health; the Board of Registrars of Voters; The Com-

munity Schools Advisory Board; The Conservation Commission; The Chelsea Disability Commission; The Council on Elder Affairs; The Historical Commission; The Licensing Commission; The Planning Board; The Traffic & Parking Commission; and the Youth Commission. Information about each of these Boards is available at https://www.chelseama.gov/home/pages/ board-openings. All of these Boards have three year terms except for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, which is a two year term and the Youth Commission, which is a one year term. Those interested in applying should send both a letter of interest and a resume either by mail to the City Manager, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

on Friday, October 2, 2020.

or by email to tambrosino@chelseama.gov. August 6, 2020 Materials should be received by the close of business



CENTER FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Thursday, August 13th at 6PM

RSVP and Receive Zoom link by emailing: mariabelenp@greenrootschelsea.org or Watch Live on Facebook

Candidates for 2nd Suffolk & 16th Suffolk State Representative Races Topics: Housing, Health & Climate

> Committed to Join: Rep. Dan Ryan City Councilor Damali Vidot City Councilor Jessica Giannino Joe Gravallese



Neighborhood



POLICE Briefs BY SETH DANIEL



There are 17 locations across the city now available. Signs marked "Grab & Go Zone"

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 17 locations across the city now available. Signs marked "Grab & Go Zone" were posted last week. The rules of these zones are as

- •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.

CHELSEA **PROSPERS CALLING ALL ARTISTS**

The City of Chelsea's Chelsea Prospers program has three different opportunities for our creative residents to present their art through murals in downtown.

•Painted murals - we are seeking artists able to execute their own designs on a large scale. These will be mostly on Division Street.

•Wheatpaste murals seeking submissions of digital art that our team will print and install. These will be installed mostly on Cherry Street.

•Birds of a Feather - everyone can take part in this effort. Send original images of a bird or a few words on what is learned from birds. It will be printed and installed as part of a community mural, only made possible by coming together.

Deadlines are coming soon. Stipends and technical assistance are available for the painted and wheatpaste murals. Complete details and links to apply on the website: https:// www.chelseaprospers.org/ opportunities

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:

•Chelsea Square (near the Police Station)

Thursday, Aug. 13, 1-5

Friday, August 14, from

•City Hall (500 Broad-

Friday, August 14, 2-6

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: •Sidewalk Replacement

8/13/2020-8/25/2020 •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.

LYNN STREET **PAVING SIDEWALK SCHEDULE**

The City of Chelsea has started work on Lynn Street from Central Avenue to

Chester Avenue. The work scheduled is as follows:

 Sidewalk Replacement 8/17/2020-8/25/2020

•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 works will shift in the schedule to the next day. 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 these areas. Please be aware of Parking Restrictions 7 a.m. -3p.m. posted by the D&R Contracting of Melrose for Roadway, Cicconi & Sons of Boston for sidewalks. For questions or concerns please call me directly at 617-466-4200.

CHELSEA FUNERAL FUND

For the dignity of loved ones who have passed, the Chelsea Funeral Fund provides up to \$1,700 in financial assistance for cremation or burial. The fund is for Chelsea residents in need, regardless of religious affiliation, and is managed by Saint Luke's Episcopal Church. To inquire, contact Reverend Edgar Gutiérrez-Duarte at 671-884-3300 or at vicarsanlucas@aol.com.

RAFT PROGRAM RENTAL **ASSISTANCE**

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

 Your immigration status does not matter.

•You may be eligible for RAFT if you have not been, or will not be, able to pay rent, mortgage payments, or utilities due to COVID-19.

•You must be in contact with your landlord or property manager (RAFT funds are paid to them).

•If you are not on the lease, you can provide your landlord's contact information to confirm that you are a tenant. •If you need help to cov-

er vour security deposit (for first or last month's rent), you can specify the unit you plan to move into, even if you have not yet signed the lease.

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

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

DIAPER DRIVE FOR **FAMILIES IN NEED**

Chelsea Community Connections and the City of Chelsea are working together to distribute diapers to families in need. Because of the tremendous demand, distribution is dependent on donations of both packages of diapers and funds to purchase supply. Anyone who would like to donate to the Diaper Drive can do so at the Chelsea Community Connections website. This will ensure the youngest Chelsea residents have their basic needs met.

COLLABORATIVE MASKS FOR SALE

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Chelsea Collaborative was supporting a group of jornaleros (day laborers) to launch a worker-owned tailoring cooperative in Chelsea for entrepreneurial immigrants in search of economic opportunity. They have now come together to support community crisis responders and help undocumented families in Chelsea weather the financial crisis. The jornaleros are sewing proper masks to protect Chelsea's community response organizations from the spread of the virus. Masks are being sold for \$10 each and the proceeds are going to support undocumented families who are not eligible for unemployment benefits. 300 masks have already been sewn and distributed with more on the way. Individuals can purchase masks as well. To purchase any masks, you may place an order via email, please provide your name, phone number, address and number of masks by contacting: sylviar@chelseacollab. organd then via Cash App: \$ChelseaCollaborative.

ANNUAL SIDEWALK **WORK SCHEDULE**

The following is a schedule of sidewalk work coming. There is not on-street parking in these areas during these work times.

•Tremont Street - Aug.

•Lynn Street – Aug. 13-

•Cabot/Eastern Ave. -Aug. 20-27

•Beacon Street UTB -Aug. 21-27

WATER LEAK **ALERTS**

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

Got these cards? Get more of the help you need now.



UnitedHealthcare® Senior Care Options (HMO D-SNP) includes extra benefits to help you get care and services you may be missing today. If you have MassHealth Standard only or MassHealth Standard and Medicare, that could be a big help in these uncertain times.

Get extra benefits for a \$0 plan premium.

Senior Care Options is a Medicare plan. It works with your MassHealth Standard plan. You'll keep all your MassHealth Standard benefits and add more. You could get extra benefits like:



Health & Wellness Products Card:

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Transportation Assistance:

\$0 copay for rides to doctor appointments.



Dental Coverage:

\$0 copay for routine exams, cleanings, fillings, dentures, implants and more.



Prescription Drug Coverage:

Access to thousands of prescription medications commonly chosen by doctors and pharmacies.

Get the plan that gives you more. Call today. 1-844-825-6417, TTY 711



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UnitedHealthcare SCO is a Coordinated Care plan with a Medicare contract and a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Medicaid program. Enrollment in the plan depends on the plan's contract renewal with Medicare. This plan is a voluntary program that is available to anyone 65 and older who qualifies for MassHealth Standard and Original Medicare. If you have MassHealth Standard, but you do not qualify for Original Medicare, you may still be eligible to enroll in our MassHealth Senior Care Option plan and receive all of your MassHealth benefits through our SCO program.

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AMERICA IS CIRCLING THE DRAIN

On January 30 -- what seems like a lifetime ago -- the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 was a world-wide pandemic. On that same fateful date, the United States' Centers for Disease Control issued a press release that stated as follows: "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today confirmed that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has spread between two people in the United States, representing the first instance of person-to-person spread with this new virus here."

One month later, on February 29, after the first confirmed coronavirus death in this country, President Donald J. Trump said as follows:

"We've taken the most aggressive actions to confront the coronavirus. They are the most aggressive taken by any country and we're the number one travel destination anywhere in the world, yet we have far fewer cases of the disease than even countries with much less travel or a much smaller population."

Given Trump's reassuring statement, who among us could have imagined that five months later, the United States would rank as the nation that has been the most-ravaged by the virus? With more than 160,000 of our fellow Americans victims of the virus -- and increasing by 1000 per day -- we have recorded 25 percent of the world's deaths, though we have just four percent of the world's population. And our five million confirmed cases -- an increase of one million in the past 17 days alone -- account for almost one-quarter of cases world-wide.

The daily life of every American has been affected by the virus, with no end in sight. Not only has the fabric of our society been shredded, but the very foundation of our democracy -- the ability to hold fair and free elections -- is in serious jeopardy.

The virus has reduced us to the status of a banana republic in every respect -- and we're continuing to spiral ever downward, day-by-day.

CAR REPOSSESSIONS ARE ON THE RISE

Although most of the attention of the financial crisis brought about by the coronavirus pandemic has focused on the evictions and foreclosures facing millions of outof-work Americans, the number of repossessions of motor vehicles because of loan defaults is starting to increase dramatically.

With the expiration of a ban on debt collection actions having ended in Massachusetts on July 31, lenders have begun to repossess the motor vehicles whose owners have defaulted on their loans.

We are not taking issue with the lenders -- who only are seeking to protect the value of the motor vehicle for which they have the title -- but we are mentioning it to point out that this is yet another side effect of our nation's feeble national response to the pandemic.

The loss of an automobile will have catastrophic consequences for many families. But the sad reality is that some policymakers in Washington obviously do not care.

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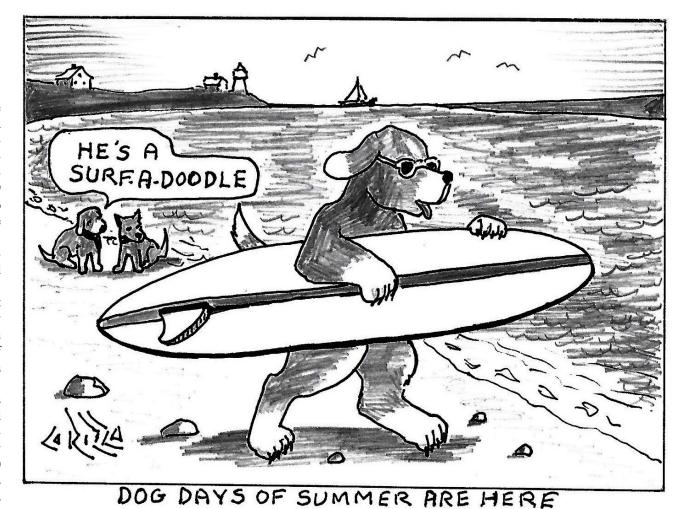
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Forum



GUEST OP-ED

To thwart polluters, we need better policies

By Joe Gravellese, Candidate for State Representative

The hazards of living near heavy polluters in our district - from Logan Airport to our south, to the Wheelabrator incinerator in Saugus, to the emissions from trucks and tailpipes that impact Chelsea each day - are usually invisible. We can't immediately see the results, but they're there - increasing rates of asthma, cancer, and COVID-19, in communities like Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus.

Sometimes, the invisible becomes visible. Last Sunday, when smoke billowed out of the Wheelabrator facility in Saugus, it was a visible reminder of the consequences of decades of tailed environmental policies - and a clear example of the need for change. But just asking for change isn't enough - we need to look at the big picture, and put in place the structures that will create change.

The first step is making sure Massachusetts is putting appropriate resources environmental enforcement. In July, the Boston Globe reported that enforcement actions and fines against polluters - such as landfills and gas facilities

dipped nearly 75% since 2006, as the number of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection employees fell off by nearly 25%.

When we don't have the people in place to do air quality observations, safety inspections, and other needed checks, the result is going to be weaker enforcement. This is a bipartisan mistake, as every year our supermajority Democratic legislature continues to pass budgets that dedicate less than 1% of the state budget to environmental protection, despite warnings from public health and environmental groups about the critical need to invest in these programs.

Beyond strengthening the Department of Environmental Protection, we also need to put in place stronger ethics laws that cut back on the revolving door of government regulators being heavily influenced by the companies and industries they are supposed to regulate. It doesn't matter how well-staffed our environmental protection agencies are if they are staffed by people who are too cozy with polluters.

I am the only candidate in my race to have committed to not taking cam-

paign contributions from fossil fuel lobbyists or executives. This should be a requirement of anyone serving in a leadership role on legislative committees like the Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, or the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy.

When it comes to the Wheelabrator facility specifically, we need to look at both short- and long-term steps to improve public health.

In the long-term, we need a state-level commitment to zero-waste policies that move us away from sending so much trash to landfills and incinerators. Ultimately, if trash is produced, it's going somewhere - and right now, cities and towns are putting many items into the trash that we already know how to reuse or recycle, like food waste, yard trimmings, mattresses, and paper goods. Even just by offering up better recycling and reuse programs for the things we already know how to work with, we can cut municipal waste by over 50%. These steps are essential to preventing future expansion of landfills and incinerators, which we should be concerned

about whether they be in our backyard or someone else's.

In the short-term, the work of lobbying both the Saugus Board of Health and the MassDEP regarding Wheelabrator's operations is important, though limited in likely effectiveness without broader policy shifts. We also need to look at immediate steps to provide public health relief, such as fighting to have the unlined, 140-acre landfill lined to prevent pollution from leaking into the nearby marsh; and putting in place - and enforcing tougher guidelines on what comes out of the smoke

To be certain, none of this work will be quick or easy - whoever picks up the baton to continue the fight against pollution in vulnerable communities like ours will have to overcome decades of entrenched policy. But there are steps we can take to shift these policies, and move us toward a cleaner and more sustainable future.

Joe Gravellese is a candidate in the Democratic primary for State Representative on September 1 in the 16th Suffolk District (Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus).

GUEST OP-ED

Suffolk DA Rachael Rollins statement on bail and the bail fund

By DA Rachael Rollins

(The following statement is in regard to the release of a convicted sex offender and rapist in Dorchester through the efforts of the Massachusetts Bail Fund in July. Last week, the DA's office brought charges against the man for allegedly raping and kidnapping another woman shortly after being bailed by the Massachusetts Bail Fund.) To the Editor,

Each one of the over 25,000 cases we handle a year is unique and the Office examines many factors in determining how best to proceed in each case. The decision to request bail or move for dangerousness is one of many that requires a careful consideration of

what best serves the victim.

rapist isn't the victim in the case. The person raped is. Dangerousness

under s. 58A requires an evidentiary hearing. There are important victim-centered reasons for not requesting such a hearing and instead requesting bail. Further, the dangerousness statute only allows defendants to be held without bail for a limited period of time, after which they are eligible for release on bail, and only permits prosecutors to request a dangerousness hearing during an arraign-What I find interesting

about the Bail Fund's recent behavior of posting higher bails for violent serious crimes - like the alleged rape recently committed by a convicted sex offender and rapist - is that

any incentive for good be-

And to be clear, the alleged havior by the alleged offender is removed. When a family member or friend posts bail, there is an added pressure on the defendant. Any violation, whether a new offense or not showing up in court, could result in that family member or friend losing their money that was posted for bail. That's how the bail statute works. The Bail Fund isn't a friend or family member of the accused. There is no discussion on the ride home of 'what the hell are you doing?' or 'what in the world have you done?' There is no pressure applied to the accused by the Bail Fund. Rather, their mantra is 'Free Them All.'

If this office made a decision to request bail and not a dangerousness hearing to spare the victim of a rape any additional trauma, I can absolutely live with that decision. But bailing out a convicted sex offender and rapist, and then going home, is the act of a coward. So is not making a statement after you make a decision like that. The Bail Fund bailed out Shawn McClinton and he is now accused of raping someone else, in Boston. I would have so much more respect for the Bail Fund if they had bailed him out and then let him stay in one of their homes. Because that's what family members and friends usually do when they bail a loved one out. Not bail them out, set them loose on a community they don't live in, and drive back to the safety of their homes.

Rachael Rollins is the Suffolk County District

Attorney.

National Association of Social Workers endorses Gravellese

The National Association of Social Workers Massachusetts Chapter -Political Action for Candidate Election (NASW MA PACE) has endorsed Joe Gravellese in his campaign for State Representative in the 16th Suffolk District (Revere, Chelsea, Saugus).

"The National Association of Social Workers MA-PACE is proud to endorse Joe Gravellese in the 16th Suffolk district race," said Allison Bodek, co-chair of NASW MA PACE. "Joe's vision of economic and environmental justice, as well as equitable access to education, transportation, and health care for all are in line

with NASW-MA's mission. We are excited to endorse a candidate whose platform will not only support social workers, but also the clients and communities we serve."

Joe Gravellese said of the endorsement, "The members of the National Association of Social Workers do critically important work, often with little recognition - from those supporting vulnerable students in schools, to those helping our neighbors struggling with addiction. But beyond the important work they do on the job, social workers also understand the importance of using their voice and their political action to lift up the most vulner-

able people in our society. NASW MA works tirelessly to address inequities in education, housing, and economic opportunity. It is a true honor to have their endorsement, and I look forward to working alongside them in the Legislature to move Massachusetts forward."

For all the reasons we have cited above and more, the PACE committee is proud to endorse Joe Gravellese for State Representative in the 16th Suffolk

The Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Voters can find their polling location by visiting Where-DoIVoteMA.com.

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Chelsea students were able to experience a change of pace and scenery while also gaining some valuable skills this summer through the Massachusetts Port Authority's Community Summer Jobs Program. Now in its 29th year, Massport's program supported 33 Chelsea area high school and college students in summer jobs with community organizations.

This summer, 279 area high school and college students will earn a paycheck through our Community Summer Jobs Program. Massport is funding summer jobs at three Chelsea organizations including: Chelsea Boys & Girls Club, Chelsea Collaborative and Chelsea Department of Public Works.

Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to support youth employment in neighboring communities including: Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln and

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Worcester. "Our role as a good neighbor, especially

in our neighboring communities," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Creating work opportunities for these young people allows them to gain hands-on experience and give back to the communities in which they live." Participating organizations are responsible for re-

cruiting, interviewing, hiring and supervising student employees. Since Massport's Community Summer

Jobs Program started in 1991, thousands of summer jobs have been funded providing local high school and college students with the opportunity to gain important job skills while serving their community. The Massachusetts Port

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LETTERS to the Editor

I SUPPORT DAMALI VIDOT

To the Editor,

As a social work researcher, I understand how a community's prosperity and stability relies on how we treat our most marginalized members.

On Sept. 1, I will be voting for Damali Vidot for State Representative in our democratic primary because she knows this, too.

Damali is running for State Rep because our most vulnerable populations-like undocumented immigrants, low-income people, families of color are not getting the attention they need from our state legislators. She saw how COVID-19 impacted these groups who were already hurting, and how it exacerbated existing inequalities. She's running for office so that our neighbors have a champion who centers their needs in the State House.

When we prioritize the lowest-income families in policymaking, it makes our whole city prosper. When we center the wellbeing of at-risk youth in legislation, it makes our entire community safer. Focusing on the issues that matter to working people, such as wealth inequality, environmental justice, racism, housing equity will benefit our society as a whole, and ultimately improve quality of life not only for those who are struggling, but also for privileged and middle-class people like me, too.

And as a mother, Afro-Latina, a domestic violence survivor, former youth worker, and Chelsea City Councilor, Damali isn't an outsider trying to "help the less fortunate." She's a community member fighting to lift up her own people. By doing so, she'll lift us all.

That's the kind of representation Chelsea needs in the State House, and that's why I'll be voting for Damali Vidot on Tuesday, September 1.

Vote by Mail, Vote Early, and Vote for Damali Vidot!

Sarah Neville Researcher and PhD Candidate, Boston College School of Social

(The following letter was sent to the Boston Globe editorial board by Council President Roy Avellaneda and three other Council Presidents in support of U.S. Senate candidate Joe Kennedy III)

WE DISAGREE To the Editor,

We write today to strongly disagree with the editorial board's decision to endorse Senator Ed Markey in his primary race against Congressman Joe Kennedy

We agree with the board that the degradation of our climate and our environment is one of the defining issues of our time. We represent cities that know this in painful, visceral, personal terms. More than most other Massachusetts communities, it is our lungs that fill with dirty air, our greenspaces that disappear to toxic infrastructure, and our skies that cloud with airplane fuel and noise. It is our seawalls that shake, our neighborhoods that overheat, our streets that flood, and our waterways that churn with poison and

pollution. And it has been our voices that have been left out of this country's climate and environmental power circles for 50 years. Senator Markey knows that. Because he's been sitting at the table the entire time. while our people were

clawing for a chair. We don't dispute the Senator's leadership on spectrum technology and nuclear arms. With due respect, those issues don't come up very much in our communities. What does come up is the exploitation of the American worker, the continued segregation of Massachusetts schools, the vicious legacy of mass incarceration, and the inability of most families to afford health care, child care, groceries and rent. We wish Senator Markey had been a leader on any one of those.

What concerns us most, however, is that the board seems to dismiss its colleagues' reporting that Senator Markey does not spend very much time fortable. To mistake good intentions for progress. To reassure yourself that, so long as you criticize the status quo, you hold no particular responsibility to change it. This is a mistake. And communities like ours have paid the price for this insu-

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New restrictions not a major impact on Encore right now

New restrictions for occupancy by the state will likely not affect Encore Boston Harbor, a spokesman said over the weekend.

Restrictions in place and announced on Friday were not expected to have a significant impact on the resort, but if there were further upticks, Spokesman Eric Kraus said they would abide by any new restrictions. The restrictions went into effect on Aug. 11.

"If the governor and the state have to roll back, we will roll back," he said. "No one wants to have an uptick in positive results. We will do whatever we can to help the state reduce any

increases. The best thing we can do is provide a safe environment to have a safe experience."

Kraus further said they have no plans to furlough any workers right now, responding to rampant rumors that the casino was having to pull back on employment.

"We have no plans for a furlough at this time," he said. "We still have 1,400 on furlough and would love to bring them back. Everything is dictated by business demand. If there is demand, there will not be furloughs."

Kraus said the safety program put in place one month ago for their opening has been working re-

"It really is very effective," he said. "We're seeing more volume on slots and we're starting to see people come back to the tables. Day-to-day performance is what we expected no surprises."

Encore will be before the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) on Thursday, Aug. 13, to discuss the possibility of bringing in Roulette and Craps games through a piloted device created at Encore for socially distanced standing games.

The MGC will also talk about the prospects of returning poker to the casinos potentially.

JOE-4-SUN provides helping hand during tough times

By Hannah Goetz

Federal financial aid to help families struggling to bear the economic impacts of coronavirus is set to soon

Even if a new round of assistance is authorized, communities like Chelsea hit hard by the pandemic will continue to feel the strains of high unemployment and costs that federal aid just doesn't cover.

For Chelsea households, that means finding new ways to save money on everyday things. Hundreds of families have discovered some relief in a new program with old neighbor-

Tonia Hines, a 64-yearold Chelsea resident, received a zero dollar electric bill this month thanks to JOE-4-SUN—an innovative solar program that provides deep energy savings to income-qualified families in Massachusetts and

"I think for people like me that are on disability or are low-income, this helps out a lot," said Hines. "You know when I got the bill I was like 'Okay, how much is this gonna be?' And I was gonna have to figure out how to budget my money. But then, once I saw it, I was like 'Oh my God, this is such a relief!"

Hines and 625 other households have unlocked access to previously costly green energy at a 50% discount because a closed landfill in Ashland is now home to a 5.8-megawatt low-income community solar farm. The new project, built and owned by Boston-based Citizens Energy Corporation, offers subscribers about \$300 in annual electricity savings and the largest discount on solar energy in the state.

Citizens Energy founded by former Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II in 1979 to make life's basic needs more affordable. The energy non-profit started off by using global

petroleum deals to finance heating oil assistance to needy families in the midst of skyrocketing energy prices. One of the company's first partners to reach eligible households was the Chelsea-based agency Community Action Programs Inter-City.

Robert Repucci, CAPIC's recently retired executive director, worked side-by-side with Joe and the Citizens team for four decades to bring affordable heating oil to families in need. The relationship with CAPIC under his successor, Richelle Cromwell, has continued with JOE-4-SUN, which was announced last year at a Revere event with Repucci, House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo at his side.

Hines found out about the affordable green energy program through CAPIC as have residents of Revere and Winthrop, communities also served by the agency for over 50 years.

"I'm glad that this client was able to get a discounted rate by participating in the JOE-4-SUN program," said Cromwell, adding that she "hopes that we will see more residents benefit from this program."

For close to 40 years, Citizens was known for its JOE-4-OIL slogan: "No one should be left out in the cold."

"Now, we're fighting to make sure that no one is left in the dark," said Kennedy, as Citizens becomes a household name in Massachusetts again for a different kind of program-one that puts the benefits of green energy to work for families in need.

Hines, a Boston native, said she had considered trying to lower the cost of electricity for her apartment with solar energy in the past, but, as a renter, thought "it was only for people who own their homes."

Access to renewable energy has long been restricted to wealthy homeowners, but, through this

cutting-edge program, Hines is joining a new wave of renters building equity in both their futures and those of their families.

The ground-mounted array in Ashland, built with almost 16,000 panels, is one of six arrays comprising the company's innovative JOE-4-SUN program. Citizens, a major solar developer nationally and the largest builder of community solar arrays, uses energy from its projects to provide discount green power to Massachusetts, New York and California families in need.

"We have always been a different kind of energy company," said Kennedy, who has dedicated his career to fighting industry norms and economic inequality. "But now, more than ever, it is important that we work with seasoned community advocates, like CAPIC, to ensure that our most vulnerable populations will not be left in the

Hines, proud to call the Hub her home, says she considers the Kennedy legacy to be something that makes her home especially noteworthy.

"I'm really glad that the Kennedy's—Joe Kennedy and his family-are still helping people in Boston," said Hines, fondly recalling meeting Joe's uncle, U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy outside Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester. "They're always willing to help people no matter what color they are, no matter what their income is-and from what I can tell, they are always honest about what they are fighting

While there is little the average person can do about COVID itself, Hines says there is a little something that her Chelsea neighbors can do to cut costs and limit the strain on their wallets.

"This is really good for people that are struggling," explained Hines. "Now we are not gonna have to worry about that one bill."

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chelsea Curves construction look-ahead through August 8

Construction Look-Ahead: August 9 – 22

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 IM-**PACTS**

•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.)

•LANE SHIFT: During the overnight hours on Friday, August 14, roadway configuration changes and southbound (towards Boston) lane shifts will take place in the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the combined Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Work will begin after 9 p.m. and finish before 5 a.m. the following day. This operation is weather dependent. If weather conditions are not right on the 14, the operation will take place overnight on August 17.

•Once the shift is complete, southbound traffic will be split into two lanes with the work zone between them from approximately the top of the Carter Street off-ramp, adjacent to Chelsea High School, to 4th Street, adjacent to the 4th Street northbound offramp and the Congregation Agudas Shalom synagogue.

•CARTER RAMP CLO-SURE: Carter Street Off-Ramp (from Route 1 South Bound) will be closed on Thursday, 8/13 during the daytime from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This closure will be followed by three overnight closures on Wednesday 8/19, Thursday 8/20 and Friday 8/21 (9 p.m. -5 a.m.)

•DETOUR BETWEEN CARTER AND EVER-ETT RAMP: There will be a detour between the Carter Street and Everett Street South Bound lanes on Thursday, 8/13 and Friday 8/14 during the nighttime (11 p.m. to 4 a.m.). The detour will allow for the reconfiguration of the temporary barrier from Stage 3 to Stage 4.

SILVER LINE ALTER-NATING SINGLE LANE **BUS TRAFFIC**

ver 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 9/18.

LOCAL STREET CLO-SURES

• A R L I N G T O N STREET will be temporarily closed on Thursday 8/13, and Friday 8/14 during the daytime (7 a.m. - 3:30)

STREET **ANGE** temporarily closed on Wednesday 8/19, and Thursday 8/20 during the nighttime (9 p.m. -5 a.m.).

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)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 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 replace and paint steel; power wash and paint columns and support beams; excavate, erect steel; install bridge overhead deck; install prefabricated bridge unit Installation; install snow fence.

TRAVEL TIPS

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.

State delegation secures local resources in \$1.8 billion bond bill

will benefit immensely from that we need." an Information Technology Bond Bill bond bill signed by Gov. Charlie Baker last

Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Rep. Dan Ryan joined their colleagues in the Senate and House to pass legislation authorizing up to \$1.8 billion in spending for the improvement of information technology equipment and related projects in Massachusetts - bringing millions into the Chelsea and Charlestown communities to assist students in getting online for fall classes and to help senior citizens get access to computers.

The legislation also contains key funding for food security, housing and economic development, and investments in educational technologies in Massachusetts schools.

"As a member of the conference committee for this bond bill, I felt it paramount that we not only authorize capital investments for our district, but also maintain a strong focus on historically underserved and economically disadvantaged communities," said Senator Di-Domenico. "I am especially proud that this legislation includes the \$5 million I worked to secure for the development of a MassHealth and SNAP common application portal so low-income families can more easily access the nutritional resources they need during these trying times. I am grateful to Representative Ryan for his partnership in securing local

priorities for the residents

of Chelsea and Charlestown

and Senate President Karen

Spilka for her leadership

in in ensuring that our com-

Chelsea and Charlestown munities receive the support

Said Rep. Dan Ryan, "I truly appreciate the work of my colleagues in the legislature, Speaker DeLeo, as well as the Governor for working collaboratively to bring vital resources to the Commonwealth's IT infrastructure. As we continue to re-think our world and how we interact remotely, our children and most vulnerable citizens will have more opportunity to engage with the world through improved technology."

"Now, amid COVID-19 pandemic, more than ever, everyone realizes the importance of our information technology infrastructure," said House Speaker Bob DeLeo. "These investments will strengthen the resilience of our state and help provide more equitable access to key services for our residents. I thank Governor Baker, Senate President Spilka, and my colleagues in the Legislature for their work on this important bill and commend Representative Ryan for his tireless work on behalf of his district." The bill specifically in-

cludes budgeted items directly benefitting Chelsea and Charlestown: •\$300,000 to

schools in Boston to provide increased broadband internet access. •\$2.25 million for tech-

city of Chelsea.

families in Boston.

nology resources at the Chelsea Senior Center and Veterans' Services. •\$250,000 shall be ex-

pended for the community technology program in the

•\$100,000 for the One Bead Project to expand technology for low-income

•\$1.5 million shall be expended to address disparities in education, housing and small businesses in the city of Chelsea which negatively impact socially and economically disadvantaged communities including, but not limited to communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice sys-

tem or by racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias. The plan includes \$660 million dedicated to state information technology needs, including \$40 million in education grants to public schools to enhance remote learning environ-

ments and services. The capital plan also in-

cludes the following: •\$798 million for state and local general technology infrastructure:

•\$660 million for state information technology up-

•\$110 million in public safety infrastructure and equipment;

•\$117 million for reinvestment in disproportionately impacted communi-

•\$105 million in educational information technology and other capital proj-

•\$65 million in housing and economic development grants;

•\$37 million in food security grants; •\$30 million in public

safety accountability technologies including body cameras and a race and ethnicity data sharing system:

•\$10 million to fund technology investments at community health centers.

The bill was signed into law by the Governor.

DiDomenico, Senate pass bill to increase higher education opportunities for people with disabilities

Staff Report

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate recently passed legislation to remove existing barriers for students with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders or other developmental disabilities so they can attend public institutions of higher education. The bill, which passed with bipartisan support, honors the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was signed into law 30 years ago by President George H.W. Bush.

Under An Act Creating

Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, students would not be required to pass the MCAS, have a high school diploma, meet minimum requirements for academic courses, or take college entrance exams in order to access inclusive academic, social, and career development opportunities on college campuses with their peers. In addition, the bill also makes clear that strengthening access to higher education for students with disabilities is a goal of the Commonwealth's higher education

"I am very pleased that we were that we were able to pass this crucial piece of legislation to remove barriers to higher education and open doors to greater opportunity for individuals with disabilities," said Senator DiDomenico. "As the husband of a special education teacher, I intimately understand that importance of creating a more inclusive education system and creating additional pathways to success for our students with physical and developmental disabilities. I am grateful to Senate President Karen Spilka, Senate Ways & Means Chair Michael Rodrigues, and Senator Joan Lovely for their leadership on this issue. It is my sincere hope this bill continues making its way through the legislative process to the Governor's desk for his signature."

Building on the success of the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (MAICEI) grant program, the bill codifies that program, which enables school districts and public institutions of higher education to partner together to offer inclusive concurrent enrollment initiative options for students with disabilities ages 18 to 22. Since 2007, over 1,200 students with disabilities

have taken advantage of the opportunity to participate academically and socially in the life of participating colleges in Massachusetts through the MAICEI pro-

In response to the challenges facing school districts and public higher education institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senate bill ensures no additional costs are placed on a school district beyond the existing obligations already required under state and federal special educa-

Furthermore, the bill also ensures that colleges are not required to bear any additional costs of providing individual supports and services for students with severe intellectual disabilities, severe autism spectrum disorders, or other severe developmental disabilities who attend the college through the MACEI

Finally, the bill delays the implementation of the requirements placed on our school districts and higher education institutions within the bill until the 2021-2022 school year.

The bill now heads to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

MassDOT schedules temporary overnight ramp and lane closures on route 1 southbound

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that there will be temporary overnight lane and ramp closures on Route 1 southbound towards Boston. These closures are scheduled take place at various times and locations from Thursday, August 13, through Friday, August 21, and are necessary to facilitate work on the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project.

The time, location, and detour information for the upcoming closures are as follows:

Route 1 Southbound Full Closure over the Chelsea Viaduct

•A full roadway closure on Route 1 southbound over the Chelsea Viaduct will take place overnight on Thursday, August 13, and on Friday, August 14, from 11 p.m. through 4 a.m. the following morning.

•Southbound traffic will be directed to exit at the Carter Street off-ramp, turn right on Carter Street, turn left on Everett Avenue, and proceed to the Everett Avenue on-ramp to rejoin Route 1 southbound. The northbound lanes will not

•The full closure is needed to shift the lanes on Route 1 southbound and set up the next work zone for the project.

be impacted.

Roadway Reconfiguration and Lane Shifts within Chelsea Viaduct

•Roadway configuration changes and southbound lane shifts will take place in the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Rehabilitation Project from 9:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, to 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 15.

plete, southbound traffic will be split into two lanes around the work zone between the Carter Street and 4th Street off-ramps. This will allow for a continuous work zone throughout the

•Once the shift is com-

project area and facilitate necessary bridge deck repairs and safety improve-

Carter Street Off-Ramp Closures

•The Carter Street offramp on Route 1 southbound will be closed on Thursday, August 13, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to facilitate demolition operations.

•The Carter Street offramp will be closed the following week on the evenings of Wednesday, August 19, Thursday, August 20, and Friday, August 21, from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the next morning. The closures will take place to facilitate the setting of prefabricated bridge units.

Appropriate signage will be in place to guide drivers to detours in the work area.

The schedule for this work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

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downtown area.

Ambrosino said he is proposing a special downtown parking sticker that would allow residents to park in a special downtown lot from midnight to 5 a.m., perhaps in the new lots being constructed by the state

under the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. That sticker would be different and would not allow those residents to park in the neighborhoods, but only in the designated downtown parking areas.

"I'm trying to create pedestrian activity downtown

and I need to create residential parking downtown to get that," he said. "One of these developments will be our own Salvation Army building."

The petition will likely be before the Council in the

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It was a thread that ran throughout the debate as Rep. Ryan cited a long successful record. and Councilor Vidot cited dreams and aspirations for a new set of priorities that would elevate concerns of both communities in the 2nd Suffolk.

Vidot off the bat said she decided to run for the seat which she did not plan on doing at all until after the pandemic started - because of a lack of leadership from the district's state delegation, including state representative.

"Food insecurity and housing insecurity have long been an issue, but I feel the current elected officials have been ok in turning a blind eye to it," she said. "I didn't think the same folks that perpetuated these cycles...would be the ones to lead us out."

Ryan said he is asking the voters to send him back to Beacon Hill because he has been doing a good job, and many of the problems tackled in Charlestown and Chelsea have become models for the state.

"I think people should re-elect me because I'm doing a good job," he said. "It's an amazing district and a diverse district, not only racially but socioeconomically...There was talk earlier about a lack of leadership for this district. The Student Opportunity Act was championed by Dr. Mary Bourque from the Chelsea Public Schools. The head of the Police Chiefs of Massachusetts reshaped the way police think about policing that's Chief Brian Kyes in Chelsea and he's a state leader. The Chelsea Collaborative, GreenRoots and the Charlestown Coalition - which I was a founding member of - are all leading. What we're doing in the 2nd District creating the statewide models on how to fix urban communities. That's why people should re-elect me. I understand the issues and I'm moving things forward. I have a record to run on and it's a pretty good one."

Vidot said when referring to a lack of leadership, it wasn't about overall leadership, but just the state del-

"Ultimately why people should elect me is there is a lot of work to do and we need advocates that are going to amplify the people in a way that isn't politics as usual," she said. "My reference to a lack of leadership wasn't about the local groups; it's about the state delegation and the state period."

A noticeable difference wasn't so much on the issues at hand, but on the practicality of certain issues. For example, on free education at public colleges and free fares on the MBTA, Vidot said it was time to make those things free and prioritize them. Meanwhile, Ryan said he was open to thinking about such things, but would need to hear a practical way to pay for such massive, free

services. 'I'd like to say free public transit for everyone, but you can't say that unless you find a way to pay for it," he said. "There are ways to do it with some of the big developments in downtown Boston. Then again, we don't know what downtown will look like after COVID-19."

Said Vidot, "I don't plan on going to the State House and start by giving everyone a free education. I'm saying we need to re-imagine the possibilities and re-imagine our priorities where we're putting people first...We need to invest in our people."

Ryan had a highlight in talking about Affordable Housing, when identifying Gov. Charlie Baker's bill that has stalled out in the Legislature - mostly because suburban lawmakers and residents don't want to consider more affordable housing in their communities. He said a lot of the issues and suffering underlying COVID-19 had to do with the inability to spread out affordable housing.

"I have been working with the City Councils and City governments to do more to make housing affordable," he said. "If the people in the suburbs don't want to build, this problem will continue statewide. They might have their progressive signs on the lawn, but they have a pretty big lawn. If they don't want to build, it's going to take a while to get our vote to 50 percent to approving housing statewide. That's why I'm working with City Councils, because we understand the City's problems."

Vidot had a highlight when touching on overall themes about environmental justice, education inequity and health care for all. Her them was that all of those issues were racial issues and needed to be discussed holistically.

"We need to talk about all of these issues holistically," she said. "Otherwise it's just a slice of pizza and we're not looking at the

One of the major issues in the election – and every state legislative election is that of policing reform, particularly on Qualified Immunity which protects police officers and other public officials while in the

function of their jobs. Both candidates are in line with reforming Qualified Immunity.

Vidot said she supported its repeal, noting that no other job has such protec-

Ryan cited that he was an original co-sponsor of the bill to reform Qualified Immunity 18 months ago when it wasn't an issue in the public eye, and no one showed up at a hearing to testify on it. He has since not changed his position on the matter.

The debate is available to watch on the MassVote Facebook page as a recording, and another forum sponsored by the Chelsea Record on climate issues is slated to take place Thursday, Aug. 13, online.

Voting has already begun by mail, and early voting starts this month, with the Democratic Primary Election Day being Sept. 1.

Right to the City VOTE endorses challenger Damali Vidot

(RTCV) is excited to announce our endorsement date interviews, and long of Damali Vidot for the Massachusetts State House Democratic Primary Election on September 1, 2020.

RTCV is a citywide political collective working to build the political power of Boston's rising electorate around a progressive agenda led by working-class communities of color. It is the only multiracial, multilingual, and multigenerational 501(c)(4) project in Boston and one of the few in Massachusetts. RCTV activists are a powerful force involved in yearround organizing and civic engagement to transform communities of color into high turnout neighborhoods.

Progressives have often failed to challenge the status quo by dividing their votes. Instead, RTCV has convened a diverse coali-

Right to the City VOTE! tion to build unity by working through debates, candideliberations for a collective decision and a coordinated strategy, anchored by the organizing and power building of those most im-

pacted. In this cycle, RTCV has made an endorsement in the Democratic primary for the 2nd Suffolk State House District. They are backing a candidate who demands an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 public health crisis in Damali Vidot, who is currently a Chelsea City "Councilorette."

"Damali is a leader who will fight to ensure our communities are not left behind as we "return to normal," and will ensure that we get the resources we need," said RTCV chair Noemi Ramos. "We know Damali will work with us and our community in solving future issues, and that

she respects our leadership

in the community." "Damali has elevated the voices of those who have long been silenced by systemic injustice throughout her entire career," said Chelsea School Committee member and Mijente Boston member Roberto Jiménez Rivera. "She has asked the hard questions and pushed to end politics-as-usual so we can have a progressive government that centers those who are suffering the most. She will be not only a reliable vote, but an amazing leader for people of color both inside and outside of the State House."

RTCV interviewed candidates on key community-centered issues, their plans and priorities should they be elected, and their track record and background in their communi-





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MAIL-IN BALLOTS ON THE WAY

EAST BOSTON - Despite President Donald Trump voting by mail during elections in 2017, 2018 and 2020, POTUS has spent the past week threatening to sue states that will allow mail-in voting for this upcoming Presidential Election--falsely claiming it will lead to widespread election fraud.

While Trump has even suggested the November election should be post-poned, Boston is going forward with sending residents 'vote by mail' applications.

At a press conference last week, Mayor Martin Walsh said that registered voters in East Boston and the rest of the city should expect to get a mail-in ballot application in the mail this week, if they haven't received one

'This year, everyone can vote by a mail-in ballot,' said Walsh. "In the past, Massachusetts residents had to show that they had a disability, that their religion prevented them from voting in-person, or that they would be out of town on election day. This year, Massachusetts passed legislation that waives these requirements, and anyone who requests a mail-in ballot will get one. This will help make sure everyone can exercise their right to vote during COVID-19."

The Mayor said that it's important for residents to note that they are getting an application in the mail, and they must fill it out and send it back to the Elections Department to get a mail-in ballot. As of last week the City had received 4,000 applications for mail-in ballots

"Voters can choose which election they'd like a ballot for — the Primary Election on September 1st; the General Election on November 7th; or both," said Walsh. "Independent voters who want to vote in the primary must check a party box. They should then sign the form, and drop it in the mail. No postage is needed."

Applications to request a mail-in ballot must be received by Wednesday, August 26 for the State Primaries, and October 28 for the General Election.

"Voters who would rather go to their polling place in-person can still do so," said Walsh. "The City of Boston Elections Depart-

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ment is adding COVID-19 protocols on social distancing, sanitizing procedures, and the proper use of PPE in their training for poll workers."

In addition, the City will hold Early Voting again this year. Early voting for the Primaries will happen August 22nd through August 28th; and for the General Election, it will run October 17th through October 30th.

To learn more about mail-in ballots and the upcoming elections, visit Boston.gov/elections.

COVID VIRUS STILL VERY DANGEROUS

EAST BOSTON - Dr. Jim Pedulla, Medical Director, Neighborhood PACE of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), said although the incidents of coronavirus has lessened since April and May in Massachusetts, it is still very present in the state, with hundreds of new cases every day.

"It is thus very important that we continue to take every precaution to protect ourselves and others from the spread of this very contagious virus," said Pedulla.

Dr. Pedulla said this is especially important for older adults, especially those older than 65, who are at a much higher risk for becoming very sick or dying from infection. Other persons at high risk include--but are not excluded to--people with multiple chronic conditions such as cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), transplant recipients, obesity, heart disease, or diabetes.

In response to keeping the high risk population safe, EBNHC has launched a campaign aimed at paying particular attention to the needs of the high risk community living here. While the COVID 19 pandemic has been particularly devastating for those at high risk for serious illness, the Health Center has adopted throughout the pandemic to help residents stay safe at home, stay safe while out in the community, and stay safe and feel comfortable in accessing the EBNHC's services.

According to EBNHC Director of Strategy, Hollis Graham, RN, BSN about one quarter of all Health Center patients fall into the 'high risk' category.

"A large percentage of

the health center's patients fall into the COVID-19 high-risk category," said Graham. "We want to make sure we are doing more than meeting their health care needs. We want to make it easier for our community to access the tools needed to keep themselves safe."

Graham said that after months of isolation it has become apparent that it may be more risky for patients with chronic conditions to not maintain routine check ups. Graham said first and foremost EBNHC's high risk patients should not delay care for chronic issues. She said EBNHC is taking great precautions and extra safety measures to meet the needs of high-risk patients who need to access care onsite.

"An impressive number of medical visits can be handled virtually, either telephonically or by using a video app," said Graham. "But for visits that do require in-person care, the health center has made safety its number one priority. In addition to routine cleaning and disinfection of facilities, all staff members, patients, and visitors are efficiently screened for symptoms before entering EBN-HC sites and are reminded to always wear a mask. The health center has also reconfigured patient flow, from the number of people allowed in an elevator at one time to the speed at which patients are escorted to exam rooms after check in. The focus is on social distancing and making sure patients feel safe. EBNHC asks patients to come alone to appointments if possible to reduce crowding and contact but urges patients to

seek care when needed."

One EBNHC patient said, "I thought I was going to have to go without care for months, but I am still getting the care I need and the same quality of it, so I am really happy about that"

Graham said the health center has a long reputation for caring for special populations. From its grassroots beginnings 50 years ago, the health center's mission has been to invest in community wellbeing.

"During this pandemic, the safest place for everyone, especially those among the high-risk, vulnerable population, is to stay at home," she said. "To facilitate staying at home, EBNHC rolled out

virtual medical visits, increased meals-on-wheels deliveries for senior citizens, increased American Red Cross food access, and started a door-to-door mobile vaccine clinic for pediatric patients."

As Massachusetts reopens Graham said EBNHC, in partnership with
community agencies such
as Action for Boston Community Development, has
launched awareness campaigns to help keep community members safe when
they leave home.

"While it is still safer to stay home, these campaigns provide resources to highrisk community members to help keep them safe if and when they venture out, such as washable, reusable face masks and fact sheets to curb COVID-19 misinformation," said Graham. Some of these supplies are mailed directly to high-risk patients and others are distributed directly within elderly housing complexes."

Echoing Graham, Dr. Pedulla added that high risk patients should always wear a mask (with multiple layers of fabric) in public; maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others except those you live with regularly; wash hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds; avoid any crowded locations unless absolutely essential, and if so, always maintain mask use, six foot distancing, and hand washing; and finally don't go out to public places if you are

"But, if you are having physical symptoms, don't delay seeking medical care out of concerns for the virus—every precaution has been taken to protect patients, and it is important that symptoms are addressed promptly," said Dr. Pedulla.

If you or someone in your family would like to make an appointment, schedule COVID-19 testing, or receive information on any EBNHC's services including elder care programs, contact the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center at 617-569-5800 or visit www.ebnhc.org.

THE EHS BAND GETS TO PLAY

EVERETT - Just a few short weeks ago, signs of activity and excitement returned to the Everett High School campus as the Crimson Tide Marching Band became the first district-approved organization to reassemble amidst the nationwide COVID-19 pandemic.

Although their under-

takings are going on inside a well-protected "Band Bubble," the word is out and the enthusiasm behind this project is something the entire community can appreciate during such trying times. What began on July 1 as a multi-week online launch process, has now become a refreshing new reality for many of Everett's students. Several weeks into the process, the Staff boasts nothing but smooth sailing and encouraging results. We reached out to Band Director Gene O'Brien and Assistant Band Director Mark Sachetta regarding the details of this remarkable new development, hoping they could share a bit more about the Kick-Off, the process of returning to a "new normal," and the unparalleled challenges they face in taking this risk in a time of great apprehension across the

country.

According to Assistant Band Director Mark Sachetta, it's been an exhilarating three weeks and it's creating an extraordinary amount of buzz, not only in Everett, but amongst the entire New England Marching Band community. Just this past week, Sachetta offered his perspective on the nature of their return thus far.

"It's honestly been such a blast to be back in front of our students," he said. "The process is extremely different for all of us and everyone's a bit rusty, Staff included, but it's something we're all exceedingly grateful for. I don't think any of us knew what to expect, and it's very comforting to have three weeks with zero issues. It's been so emotionally charged from day one because we're all so thrilled to be back at our craft, continuing along with what we're all most passionate about, let alone the overwhelming nature of finally having meaningful human interaction. It's even been uplifting for us to see into each kid's eyes as we check them in for rehearsal. There's no replacement for seeing someone face-toface, especially given the amount of time we usually spend working with them.

It's an immediate reassurance knowing that they're just as eager to be there as you are. Many of these kids don't say much at all from behind their masks, but their eyes and their presence tell a much louder story."

KEEPING THE BEAT GOING IN EVERETT

In light of what's going on in the world with the Coronavirus Crisis, one might think it very easy for Everett's musicians to opt out of such a substantial undertaking while school isn't even in session yet. Even in a perfect world, Marching Band is not for the faint of heart. Having a rigorous schedule year-round, being subjected to greater demand than most varsity sports, and being exposed to the brutal elements of Autumn in New England, it takes a truly resilient type of young person to brave the Band. But the culture of excellence that's been upheld in the Crimson Tide Band Program for more than 20 years now, is key to what has kept this machine running, even now under the most dire and unprecedented issues the world has faced in a Century. For this team from Everett, keeping the Band alive and thriving was not a question, it was an imperative. Suddenly the prospect of 41 degrees on a school night in October, at Glendale Park, with 75 kids freezing their limbs off, is not the greatest hurdle that ours and other bands across New England are struggling to face. Yet what's going on in Everett with the Marching Band rumbling back to life after five months of school clo-

Just as is often said over the last five months, there is no playbook for living life or running an organization in these times. As a result, the Asst. Director went on to say, "We have folks contacting us from all over the country because they've heard about us getting back to rehearsals. Whether it's phone calls, emails, or via social media, the question we've been getting every day is, 'How are you able to get back up and running?!' There's a whole lot of shock value going around. My first response is always, 'We had the initiative to make it happen, and the Superintendent was right there to support us every step of

sures, is the exception and

not the rule.

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the way!' Obviously a lot more went into our return to action,

but without those two key factors, we would honestly be doing nothing right now."

MOST BANDS CANCELLED PROGRAMMING, NO FALL COMPETITIONS

Unfortunately, as Sachetta went on to explain, the vast majority of bands in the extended New England Scholastic Band community are facing enormous Administrative resistance. In Southern New Hampshire, and in a few places well outside Greater Boston's Hub, there are a select few groups quietly getting back to work in communities where cases of COVID-19 have been comparatively negligible since the virus reached the US. Still, some of the longest running programs, with extensive traditions of excellence and very influential names in the activity, have been told

Barbara L. (Goglia) Ju-

liano passed away on Mon-

day afternoon, August 10 in

the peaceful surroundings

of her daughter's home sur-

rounded by her caring and

loving family. She was 90

sea, she was a beloved

daughter of the late Joseph

and Helen A. (Kuzia) Gog-

Stanislaus Parochial School

and graduated from Chel-

sea High School. For many

years she was an active pa-

rishioner at St. Stanislaus

Church, joining the church

choir, working and volun-

teering at the annual par-

ish bazaars and for many

other parish and school

activities. She worked for

several years with Chel-

sea's Board of Health as a

school hearing tester. She

married Vincent C. Juliano

and together they raised

their daughter and later

welcomed two grandsons

to her multi-generational

home on Beacon Street.

Barbara was widowed in

1984 with the passing her

she made her new home at

the Admiral's Tower Co-

op Apartments where she

became an integral and

beloved part of that com-

munity. There she would

volunteer her time working

daily in the office, attend-

ing many holiday and so-

cial events and she regard-

ed many of the residents as

her extended family. She

also continued to be a vital

part of Chelsea working for

the election commission as

a poll worker, greeting and

assisting voters in countless

Among her greatest joys

were spending time with

elections.

For the past 11 years

beloved husband, Vinny.

Barbara attended St.

Born and raised in Chel-

years old.

to wait indefinitely for one reason or another. Coming from O'Brien and Sachetta, countless bands have been met with proverbial brick walls because nobody seems to have the answers. Just last week it was announced that the Fall competitive season has already been cancelled, another tough blow to thousands of young musicians who've waited patiently for months. The decision was reached in part because of this organizational gridlock facing the roughly 100 bands that compete here in New England. Everett's therefore been an anomaly when it comes to the kind of cooperation that seems to be taking place here. This City is a place that's been hit hard during this pandemic, but a place where resilience and perseverance define the City itself.

EVERYONE ON BOARD WITH THE DECISION

Barbara Juliano

Active at Admiral's Tower Co-op Apartments and in the wider Chelsea Community

With that fuel to power

their willingness to carry on, what started as a glimmer of hope has transformed into quite a lot of momentum for what was once just a hypothetical return to Band.

In hearing from the Crimson Tide's Staff last week, it's evident that Supt. Priya Tahiliani has been a huge player in making this happen. O'Brien notes that "her participation has been diligent, urgent, and fabulously welcoming." Everett High School Principal Erick Naumann has also gone above and beyond to provide every possible resource and assurance for the overall well-being of Everett's students.

O'Brien joked, "Mr. Naumann may be tired of seeing me in his office all summer, but he has shown nothing but a willingness to provide, support us, and encourage our enthusiasm on behalf of the members. He's very excited. I think it's phenomenal."

But as eager as everyone is to provide beneficial outlets for Everett's youth, it has not been without serious caution and attention to detail. According to Sachetta, "Superintendent Tahiliani was right there with us, sharing ideas and physically offering her input as our Guidelines and Policies were being drafted online in the cloud. While our Band colleagues around the State are hearing a firm 'No' from their chief administrators, Priya was not only giving us the respect of hearing our detailed plans, she was proofreading it and offering her thoughts hands-on. She was fully engaged in ensuring that our COVID-19 Policy was well-vetted by standards that are appropriate, safe, and healthy enough to earn the respect of Everett's families and their musically-inclined children. At every step along the way, she and Mr. Naumann have

allies for The Arts at a time when very few things are certain. In my opinion, their dedication to having that open channel of communication and their flexibility to work with us in bringing something positive to the students, confirms what a fantastic place Everett is to work as an educator. That respect and reciprocity speaks volumes. As a Staff, we all hope that it will be a huge open door for the rest of Everett High School's major extracurricular teams who might be able to use our example to adapt similar contingency plans of their own."

HOPE SPREADS TO OTHER BAND PROGRAMS

In fact, in the past week this relatively small enterprise happening right here in Everett has already sparked a further opening of that door elsewhere. With news spreading about these details surrounding the Crimson Tide Band, their Kick-Off Plan and their meticulous COVID-19 Guidelines have now become a template for other bands rushing to get a taste of the action in their respective districts.

"This is really all that we could hope for," said O'Brien, "Just today I heard from the Band Director in Salem (MA), who got approval from their Administration after presenting them with our document. Being able to share the incredible hard work of our Staff with our friends and allies in the Marching Arts community is awesome. It's now a well-tested road map to salvage what most people have accepted as a cancelled season. If it can provide a concrete starting place for other bands who've been our longtime friends, that's an added bonus to the wonderful gift of getting back to work with our talented students."

OBITUARIES

Chelsea High School Hall of Fame Athlete

Irving Weiner

Irving D. (Sonny) Weiner, 85, of Norton, formerly of Chelsea, passed away quietly at home on August 9 after a brief illness.

The beloved son of the late Morris Paul and Annie (Babener) Weiner and dearest brother to his five late sisters, Lilian Celata of Las Vegas, Esther Wexler of Norton, Jeanette Lee of Wayland, Evelyn Sweeney of Norton and Ray Cummings of Revere, he leaves his significant other, Sheila Byers of Peabody. He was a devoted father to Christine Bielakowski of Randolph and a wonderful uncle to all of his nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-grandnieces and nephews.

Born in Chelsea and affectionately nicknamed "Sonny" as a child, he exceled in multiple sports. The Greater Boston region recognized him as one of its most outstanding athletes, culminating with a 1990 induction into the Chelsea High Hall of Fame as a class of 54' grad. A football standout for Lawrence Academy and Northeastern, he later received a BS degree in accounting from Bentley College.

Following an early career as a CPA, he owned and operated a successful retail business on the south shore for over three decades before officially retiring in the mid-2000's

tiring in the mid-2000's.

Moving with his mother out of Boston in 1972, he resided in Sharon for 35 years. Playing competitive men's basketball at night and softball on the weekends, he was often referred to by his other nickname "Lefty." When not playing sports, he loved to work in his garden, spend time at his cabin down the Cape and go jogging with his sister, Hava's dog, Blackie.

Later, he joined Striar's in Stoughton, where he could shoot hoops in the gym and kibitz with all his friends. Caring for his mother until she passed in 1988, he relocated to the town of Norton following his retirement.

really stepped up as staunch

He relished the warmth of the sun, swimming in the cape ocean, vacationing in Florida and more recently, floating in the condo pool with his noodles. Always searching for the next best restaurant, he loved dining out, rating his food experience and, of course, always picking up the tab. Among his favorite pastimes were real estate and stock speculation, reading, vintage celebrity trivia, watching the Celtics and old westerns, coin collecting, horse racing and last but not least, sorting through his junk mail.

Always generous to family and friends, he continued to contribute to over 35 charities annually, many of which supported the humane treatment of animals.

Maybe older in years, he remained a kid at heart with a great sense of humor. His impact on our lives and the memories he left, shall stay with us forever. He was last of his generation within our family and we will miss him dearly.

Graveside services will be held today, Thursday, Aug. 13 at 12 noon at Beth Israel Cemetery, 232 Fuller St., Everett. Due to the Covid-19 crisis, attendees must wear facial covering and practice social distancing. Sharing written remembrances and condolences during this time will be essential in helping the Weiner family reminisce, celebrate and heal. We encourage you to share your memories by visiting www. torffuneralservice.com.

Contributions in his memory may be made to The Winslow Farm Animal Sanctuary in Norton Ma. c/o John Sweeney 6 Stone Run Drive Norton, MA 02766

Richard Conway

1934 - 2020

Richard F. Conway, 86, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, August 6.

Born July 16, 1934, son of the late Francis and Dorothy (McKay) Conway, he lived in Chelsea for most of his life and in Chicopee for the past eight years.

Richard retired after thir-

Richard retired after thirty-one years of service at Market Forge Metal Works. He was a member of the Father Coppens Knights of Columbus Council 4336 in Tewksbury and was a doting father and grandfather to the family he loved.

He was predeceased in 2013 by his beloved wife, AnnMarie (Luciano) Conway and is survived by his loving children: Susan F. Corea and her husband, Jay of Pelham, NH, Nancy Conway of Chelsea, Paul Conway of Saugus, Frank Conway of Sarasota, FL, and Maureen Dingee and



her husband, David of Chicopee; ten cherished grand-children, six great-grand-children; and his two dogs, Kooky and Muddy. He was predeceased by his son, Richard H. Conway and his sister, Patricia Burke.

Funeral services for Richard will be held privately and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by the Kozikowski Funeral Home 565 Front Street

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Warms my heart with gratitude and fills my every thought.
From your place of resting. I hope that you can see
How precious and uplifting your memory is to me.
I feel that you are with me, in everything I do,
So I celebrate your Birthday, but I spend it missing you.

Love, Becky

her grandchildren, several great grandchildren, her beloved friends, both new and old, visiting the casino with friends or simply shopping. Barbara was also a member of the Polish Falcon's Nest 485 in Chelsea for many years.

years.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Vincent,



she was also predeceased by her sister, Marylin Fantasia and her husband, John "Chicky" Fantasia. was the devoted mother of Linda M. Froio and her husband, Robert of Salem, dear sister of Leona Regnier and her husband, Gene of Amesbury and Punta Gorda, FL. and Joseph Goglia and his wife, Maryann of Tewksbury; cherished grandmother of Kenneth A. Foulds, Jr. and Michael J. Foulds, both of Lynn, beloved step-grandmother to Cheryl Pacheco and her husband, Jorge, Robert Froio and Jennifer McClaren; adored great-grandmother of Alysha Foulds and stepgreat-grandmother to Isabella and Ben Pacheco, Lorenzo Froio and Evan, Cameron, and Jack Greenwood. She is also survived by several loving nieces, nephews, grand and great-grandnieces and nephews, friends and ex-

tended family members.

A memorial service and inurnment will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in Barbara's name should be directed and made payable to "Admiral's Tower," c/o The House Fund, 150 Captains Row, Chelsea, MA 02150.

Arrangements have been given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We encourage family and friends who wish to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card to visit:

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Chelsea tagged 'high-risk' community as health officials see a slow increase in daily cases

Numbers are still nowhere near the surge from April

By Seth Daniel

Chelsea and three other surrounding communities were deemed on Tuesday by Gov. Charlie Baker as "high-risk" communities as the numbers of cases in Chelsea, Everett, Revere and Lynn exceeded a new case per day level.

Tom Manager City Ambrosino said cases are still very low compared to April's surge, but the announcement was a word of warning to be safe and that the virus is still out there.

"We saw a little bit of an uptick a couple weeks ago," he said. "Since then it has stabilized and the daily cases are in the single digits.

We are substantially better than we were at the height of the pandemic here when we had more than 70 cases reported per day. The problem is the way the governor has drawn the line is eight cases per 100,000 people on a seven-day average. That means if the City of Chelsea has three cases a day now, we cross that line. We only have 40,000 people...We can have extremely low and favorable numbers in comparison to where we were and still cross that threshold."

On Tuesday afternoon, Gov. Charlie Baker did designate Everett, Chelsea, Revere and Lynn as higher-risk communities in the state compared to elsewhere, with rates at greater than 8 per 100,000 resi-

Ambrosino said there are between 5 and 8 cases per day reported now, and that's good and bad news.

"The good news is we're much better off than we were," he said. "The sobering news is the virus is still present. The face we have a handful of people infected every day means it's still out there and dangerous. We have to keep wearing facemask, social distance, practice good hygiene and wash our hand regularly."

Based on the average

daily cases per 100,000 residents, each city or town has been designated as a higher risk, moderate risk, or lower risk community. Going forward, this information will be updated and included in the Department of Public Health's weekly public health dashboard, which is published each Wednesday.

Any city or town designated higher risk is considered to have a high level of COVID infection, and will

receive additional support from the Commonwealth to address the spread of the

One of the pieces of news from the governor is that the mobile Stop the Spread testing resources will be extended to September 12. They were originally supposed to end this Friday, Aug. 14.

Ambrosino said one of the benefits of getting that designation would be more help from the state, including the increases in testing. Chelsea has had great opportunities for testing over the past several months, and that will likely contin-

"One of the consequences is we'll get more help from the state," he said. "We have had a lot of support already. We probably have more testing than any municipality in the Commonwealth."

Gov. Baker said they would be providing statewide enforcement and inspections to help communities that are high-risk. The supports include:

•Targeted interventions and inspections by a range of member agencies, including Local Services, Labor Standards, DPH, MSP and ABCC, coordinated by EOPSS and MEMA.

including fines, of sector guidance for businesses to ensure businesses and residents are aware of and following COVID-19 orders. •Cease and desist orders

•Increased enforcement,

as necessary for businesses and organizations in violation of the COVID-19 or-

•Support for ABCC and local licensing boards in exercising their existing authority to fine restaurants or suspend or cancel liquor licenses when restaurants do not comply with required COVID-19 safety measure

or sanitation codes. •Targeted public messaging to alert residents of higher risk COVID communities (road signs, PSAs,

reverse 911, etc.). •Technical support to local government officials to support enhanced local COVID-19 prevention efforts such as assistance in accessing CARES Act funding.

Potential restrictions or shutdowns for parks, playgrounds, businesses or other entities and locations believed to be contributing to the COVID-19 spread in higher risk COVID-19 communities.

•Additional public health support such as testing, tracing and quarantining.

Local officials endorse Dan Ryan for re-election in the Second Suffolk

Staff report

Election Day in the race for the Second Suffolk district is coming quickly. Two prominent Chelsea City Councilors touted their long-standing working relationships with State Representative Dan Ryan by endorsing him this past

Councilor Calvin T. Brown announced his endorsement of Ryan in a letter sent to his closest supporters in Chelsea.

'Dan's experience in our city and his ability to move government has brought vital state resources to bear on the issues we face today. Dan has led by working collaboratively with city government. I am proud to support his re-election," announced City-Councilor Cal Brown.

"Councilor Brown and I have worked well together over the years. As a City Councilor, and in his former role as a State Committee person, I've always trusted Cal's understanding

of the issues and his instincts in politics," replied Ryan. "I'm truly grateful for his support."

Councilor Leo Robinson also released a similar statement this week.

"Dan and I have worked on many issues together over the years," he said. "Most recently, navigating the State House to deliver a home rule petition that will positively impact the way we deliver public housing in Chelsea. I am pleased to support his re-election."

"I've always appreciat-

ed Councilor Robinson's knowledge of the issues confronting Chelsea but more importantly, his understanding of how city government works to address those issues," said Ryan. "Leo's experience in times like this are indispensable. I'm honored to have his endorsement."

These most recent announcements added to the many endorsements of Ryan that have been rolled out throughout the campaign. They provide a glimpse into Ryan's local support in the Second Suffolk District. Out of the gate, back in June, Ryan announced the support of Second Suffolk resident Attorney General Maura Healey, Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards who represents half of the district and of course, State Senator Sal DiDomenico who represents both Chelsea and Charlestown.

"This broad, local support sends an important



District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown announced this week he is backing State. Rep. Dan Ryan for re-election.

message. At a time when the country is pulling itself apart with partisan squabbling, we here in the Second Suffolk District, in Chelsea and Charlestown, pull together to support one another in the work we are doing. This synergy is why we've been able to respond to the issues that confront us in a positive, pro-active way," said Ryan.

Ryan was also recently endorsed by the Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee, made up of local

Councilor at-Large Leo Robinson has endorsed State Rep. Dan Ryan for re-election to state representative.

represent thousands of workers here Chelsea and Charlestown. Ryan said these endorsements are just the tip of the iceberg; they signify large swaths of support from within the district with more to come. "It's important to show

political activists. Last

week, Ryan also announced

support from the AFL-CIO

along with many affiliated

locals. These labor unions

that the people who live, work and play in Chelsea and Charlestown and the people they choose to represent them understand the work we do together everyday to move our cities and government forward. It's a good feeling to be recognized by the people you've worked closely with over the years," said Ryan.

Dan Ryan is in his third term as the State Representative for the Second Suffolk District. The Second Suffolk district contains much of Chelsea and the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston.



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Chelsea High School Class of 2020 Graduation



CHS Principal Mark Martineau and Supt. Almi Abeyta.

The officers of the Chelsea High School Class of 2020, Treasurer Joseph Teruel, Vice President Jasmin Jovel, President Lisandra Molina, Secretary Jesenia Flores Janssen, and Historian Limilson Tavares, with Class Co-Advisors

Brittany Fitzgibbon (left) and Ilana Ascher (right).



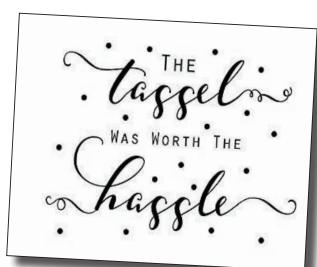
Jeremy Claudio accepts his diploma and heads to



Ivan Martel walks up to the stage after his name was called.



Heinz Aguon rounds the corner and is headed to the future after receiving his diploma.



CHS Class of 2020 Facts

- 62% approx. of students attending a 4 year and 2 year colleges
- 3% approx. of students attending Certif-
- 1% approx. of students attending a Trade
- 7% approx. of students taking a Gap Year • 27% approx. of students going to Work

Students in the Class of 2020 have been accepted to 79 colleges and Universities: Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology

Boston Architectural College **Boston University**

Bridgton Academy Bright Horizons ECE Bunker Hill Community College

Colin County Community College

Community College of Rhode Island

Cosmo School

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Elizabeth Grady School of Esthetics

The amount of scholarship and award monies for the Class of 2020 from the schools students were accepted to amounts to over \$4.7 million. This is the largest amount ever in Chelsea. This includes:

- Specific college grants and scholarships
- Tuition assistance grants and other schol-
- Pell Grants
- John & Abigail Adams Scholarship
- Various community scholarships
- City of Chelsea Scholarship for students planning to attend BHCC
 - Chelsea Resident & Community Schol-

arship Fund

In addition to scholarship money, the Inversant families - 17 strong have saved more than \$50,910 for their children's education and that will be matched by Inversant. Thank you Bob Hildredth and Inversant for the matching funds.

- Early College/Dual Enrollment from 2020 • This year 302 students from Chelsea High School participated in the Early College Program with Bunker Hill Community
- Of the 302 students, 179 are members of
- the Class of 2020. • Together, the 179 seniors earned 2,148 college credits equaling approximately 716
- They saved over \$322,200 on tuition and
- fees and saved another \$40,000 on books. · The average number of college credits
- earned per graduate was six. • Of the 179 seniors 32 will continue their

studies at BHCC in the Fall.

• The City of Chelsea-BHCC scholarship was awarded to 23 Seniors; the full amount awarded to the 23 Seniors was \$122,500; this community scholarship is given to students who have successfully completed a minimum of 12 credits in the CHS-BHCC Early College Program and continue to reside in Chelsea. Many of these students would not be able to continue their path to an Associate's Degree due to financial obstacles without this

Class of 2020, you have overcome many challenges and much success awaits.

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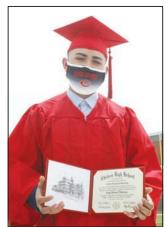
Councillor Melinda Vega Maldonado, Supt. Almi Abeyta, and School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia.



Mark Martineau looks on.



Julio Cesar Barrientos.



Carlos Oseguera Gonzalez shows off his diploma before walking across the stage on Thursday.



The DelValle family celebrates as they wait for their graduate to cross the stage.



Staff members were on hand to support the Class of 2020: (left to right) CHS Assistant Principal Kimberly Murphy, Assistant to the Supt. Veronica Dyer-Medina, School Counselor District Lead Ellen Kokinidis, Principal Clerk Bianca Llanos, and School Counselor Mike Mansfield.



Irma DelValle accepts her diploma from Principal Mark Martineau.



Chris Morales Garcia shows off his diploma with his family.



Ezequiel Murillo celebrated in the photo booth with fam-



Selvin Parada with his family celebrating graduation.



Pierre Padilla with his mother, Jenny.



Wendy Paguada with Principal Mark Martineau.



Graduate Maria Felix Hernandez with family members Alysia Ponce, Unidentified, Gladys Arroyo, Mimi Andrade, and Sara Chang.



Graduates Hailey Nolen and Brandon Figueroa, with graduate Abraham Barrientos and his CHS graduate Stefany Castillo and family.



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From the Chelsea City Council, Roy Avellaneda, President chelseama.gov



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Graduate Moises Moran with Laura Mejia and David



Irwin Matamoros shows off his diploma.



CHS graduate Jessica Morales with her father Jose Morales, mother Veronica Alfaro, and brother Jefferson Morales.



CHS graduate Juliana Romero Reyes, with her mother Dora Romero Reyes, father Joe Romero, aunt Mayra Romero (far



CHS graduate Katherine Alvarado, with mother Maricella Alvarado, father Juan Alvarado, brother Jackson Alvarado, and sister Johanna Alvarado.



CHS graduate Merylane Velez, with her mother Melissa Soto and brother Josue Velez.



Staff members Alan Beausoleil, Nate Weaver and Varn Seang handed out swag for the graduates.



Jennifer Cruz accepts her diploma from Principal Mark Martineau.



CHS graduate Kathelyn Menendez, with her father Francisco Menendez, mother Antonia Menendez, and friend Immer Merida.



CHS graduate Anoel Ruiz with his mother Lilliana Castro, father Angel Cruz (far right), stepfather Carlos Castillo, sister Katiana Castillo, and brother Caleb Castillo.



Graduate Noah Cerene with family members Coby Cerene, Nancy Cerene, and Janelle Cerene.



Graduate Gerson Hernandez Flores with Hipolito Reyes, Maria Flores and Alexander Gimenez.



CHS graduate Rodrigo Mendoza and family.



CHS graduate Thaicha Erazo, with her mother Rosa Romero, father Oscar Erazo, and friend Dario Valenzuela.



CHS graduate Milca Ruiz, with her mother Sindi Rivera, father Juan Ruiz, sister Andrea Ruiz, and friend Brainer Padilla.



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Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



RYM EL MAHIL CLASS VALEDICTORIAN

To the Class of 2020. Covid-19 is not how we expected to end our senior year, but here we are. Although we're in an unexpected present, every single part of our past has led us up to this moment of celebration, and with this moment of celebration comes immense gratitude for those who have helped us along the way. I'd like to thank my family for encouraging me to reach for the stars. I'd like to thank my friends for being my rock through thick and thin. A big thank you to my school counselor, Ms. Schmidtberger for helping make my dreams a reality. Thank you Principal Martineau for swiftly transitioning to leading our school this year. Thank you to my NHS advisor, Ms. Ascher, for giving me so many opportunities throughout high school. To my knitting club advisor, Ms. Perry, for keeping me sane, thank you. Thank you to Ms. Sulima for challenging me, to Ms. McDonald and Ms. Barlage for giving me the reading break I needed, to Ms. Korolkova for reminding me of my worth, and to Mr. Lundquist for teaching me that it's okay to be in the moment. Thank you to all my past teachers, for you were the stepping stones to our futures. Thank you to all of the administration and faculty, to the cafeteria employees, custodians, and staff for making our school experience memorable. And most importantly, thank you to the class of 2020 for the many laughs that made 85 minute peri-

I want to say two things about our class: we are resilient and we are strong advocates for change. You see, these two traits are very important and very much connected. We must be resilient to withstand the challenges we regularly face, in order to have the strength to make change for ourselves and create a better future for generations to come.

ods worth it. Thank you.

The class of 2020 has experienced a lot of obstacles, a lot of hindrances to a "normal" high school experience. Our first year in high school, we were simultaneously blessed and cursed with an extra-long winter break, our "Fly-

cation," that caused us to start our first high school summer in July. Throughout high school, we've also experienced a lot of teacher turnover and have struggled to build connections with teachers because we knew they wouldn't be there the following year, leaving us to sometimes have to take our education into our own hands. We've had to face the complete removal of Latin from the language department, as well as the Business Department due to budget cuts. With Chelsea being a majority Latinx and immigrant community, we've also had to withstand living in a politically polarized country with so many students worrying for their families and themselves because of immigration policies. We've had to deal with discrimination and prejudice as low income students or students of color, especially today with Chelsea having been the city with the highest rates of Coronavirus cases and our community's continuous fight against police brutality and racial disparities in policing and the criminal justice system. We've always had to be resilient in the face of struggle. In this very battle for

change, the Class of 2020 has found power in our collective voice. We have discovered that we have the ability to make a difference for ourselves and our families. We've probably done more advocacy as a class than any classes who came before us. Members of the Class of 2020 and some of our teachers and support staff have consistently shown up to budget meetings at City Hall to advocate for more support for the arts, preventing teacher turnover, having more school counselors, and better funding distribution for the athletic program. Our class has managed to save the French department from being cut, thanks to the immense inspiration from students, teachers and school counselors who advocated on behalf of Chelsea High School. The Class of 2020 officers have advocated to fundraise for events and to get parents and the community involved at CHS over the years. Chelsea's chapter of the National Honor Society has done amazing work,

community service and acts of kindness, like sending thank you notes to nurses in hospitals. The GSA has advocated for a safe space in our school for LGBTQ+ students. Both NHS and Interact have led efforts to increase parental involvement by volunteering to translate for parent-teacher conferences during CHS's Parent Nights. We really helped one another through our ability to advocate for ourselves and our community. Despite graduation not meeting our previous expectations with Covid-19, our class advocated to have an alternative to virtual graduation and now we have the opportunity to receive our diplomas in person. We've advocated to the state for more money and let our voices be heard in order to change the formula for funding and as a result, received millions of dollars more for our district. As an immigrant community, we've provided a safe space in supporting new students regardless of nationality and have one of the biggest Bridge programs for English language learners in the state. Our class has made history at Chelsea High School. We have made our voices

even during quarantine, for

If there's one thing I want to ask from you all, it is to keep the momentum for change going. Keep being resilient through the curveballs that life or society may throw at you and never stop using your voice to advocate for change, especially as we become the future generation of college students and people in the workforce, where most people don't look like us and where most people won't understand us. It's not going to be easy. It's okay to be angry and it's okay to be scared. Empower yourselves with these emotions because we cannot stop until our voices are heard in government, in healthcare and public health, in education, in the judicial system, in the arts, in entertainment, in journalism, everywhere. Look at how much we changed while we were students at CHS. Imagine how much we will change in the

Tom Ambrosino Chelsea City Manager

Seize the moment and

let your voices be heard Hello Class of 2020. On behalf of City government here in Chelsea, I want to congratulate you on this important milestone in your

I know this wasn't exactly the type of senior year you had anticipated when it began last August. Missing out on things like proms and senior awards and other customs that the classes before you got to enjoy is no doubt disappointing.

But, I will tell you that this class has a special opportunity that most seniors that came before you haven't had. You are fortunate, more so than many others, to be graduating and coming of age at a real defining moment in the nations' history. One of those rare moments of reckoning for the Country that come about maybe once in a lifetime. A time when the nation is coming to terms, and maybe meeting for the first time head on, systemic and pervasive racism.

head on, systemic and pervasive racism.

It's a time when young folks like you have a rare opportunity to bend the arc of national events and cre-

ate real enduring change.

You are engaging with the world at just the right time in history to make a real difference. So, seize the moment and let your voices be heard.

We don't want the Class of 2020 to be known as the class that graduated in the pandemic. Rather, we all here in City government want the Class of 2020 to be known as the one that helped change the course of this nation's history and made it a more just and equal and livable society.

Good luck to you all!

"All your dreams can come true, if you have the courage to

pursue them." - Walt Disney

ALEJANDRA PONCE LOPEZ CLASS SALUTATORIAN

Hey 2020 graduates!

A lot of things didn't go the way we wanted or expected them to. We never got to plan out our senior prank, or have our "Night Under the Stars" on promnight, or even push administration to have our graduation over the weekend rather than on a Monday.

Unfortunately, we were living out history with a pandemic that came crashing in and toppled over all of our plans. I know many of us were upset. We didn't get to say goodbye to friends in person, and we didn't get the chance to thank the teachers and staff members that stuck by our sides over the course of our high school careers.

However, in the mist of our world drastically changing before our eyes, it revealed some important skills we possess that were otherwise only visible on a small scale: adaptability and advocacy.

We went from physically going to school to remote learning in a matter of days. We had to adjust to staying indoors despite the beautiful weather outside. Most of us even went from working a few days a week to becoming essential workers. Through the unforeseen events that 2020 brought us—and not to mention "Fly-cation"—all of us were able to beat the odds and come together as

graduates. I'm confident that as we go on to the next chapter of our lives, we will be able to handle whatever the future throws at us and still make it to where we want to be.

Moreover, I trust that regardless of the situation, we will always let our voices be heard. When administration disclosed the canceling of our graduation ceremony and opted for a virtual one, students were both hurt and unsatisfied with those means, and thanks to the students that initiated the petition-signing, we will have our walk-in graduation in August to further honor our accomplishments. When the media was flooded with another ill-fated video of police brutality and its effects on people of color, many of us didn't hesitate to start sharing and signing petitions, making donations, going to protests, and having difficult conversations with family and friends. Regardless of being called emotionally-driven, impulsive, or "too young," we have proven to be people who stand against ignorance and bigotry, and stand for change and action as advocates for ourselves and our community. No matter what people may say about our open-minded, loudmouthed, and demanding generation, rest assured that we will be the ones to impose change.

That being said, the events of 2020 also taught me how important it is to appreciate the little things. Before taking the AP exams this year, I missed looking around the blue gym and seeing everyone else with the same look of anticipation plastered on their faces. It reminded me that we were all going into it together, and I had never before realized the comfort being part of a group brought me. Therefore, I want to thank my peers for inadvertently bringing me a sense of reassurance. I want to thank my family and my boyfriend for always pushing me to do better. I want to thank my teachers who always believed in me and taught me important things applicable inside and outside of the classroom. I want to thank my teammates on the soccer and the cheer team for teaching me how to be patient and selfless. Lastly, I want to thank all of the people who made me laugh for brightening my mood and distracting me from everything for a

Overall, I hope that all of you are proud of yourselves for making it to this milestone, and I wish you luck on your journey to the next. Stay safe, stay healthy, and remember: once a Red Devil, always a Red Devil!

little while.

ALMI ABEVTA SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Class of 2020: You will be the generation that will be called upon to change this world

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

We are here to celebrate you! You are a unique and special graduating class that the entire world is rooting and cheering for! We are so excited to celebrate you! You are the class that sacrificed a traditional graduation for the safety of your fellow man. You did not think of yourselves, but instead put others first. You demonstrated a true act of love and this virtual graduation is evidence of that. You will go down in history as the Senior Class who graduated mid-pandemic, led a peaceful protest against racism in Chelsea, and sacrificed for the greater good! You have showed the world your character and perseverance throughout this pandemic.

Additionally, you held on to hope and advocated for yourselves to have a graduation in person - which has taken place this past week. I believe that you are the generation that will continue to change this world! I know that you will because you are quite impressive!

Class of 2020, I leave you with a few words of

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wisdom for this day and the times that we live in. Enjoy this celebration today, you have earned it and you deserve it. As you leave here today and embrace the next chapter of your life: Continue to lead. I believe you are the generation that will change this world. You've already shown great leadership in the following ways: your selfless acts of sacrifice to put the health of others first during quarantine, in your advocacy for a walk-in graduation, and your heart to ensure there is justice for all in your efforts to peacefully protest for Black Lives Matter. I know

you will continue to lead the way and be a light in this world. I leave you with the words from Mother Teresa from The Paradoxical Commandments:

•People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyways.

•If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyways.

•If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyways.

•The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyways.

•Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be

honest and frank anyways.

•The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyways.

•People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for the few underdogs anyways.

•People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. Help people anyways.

•Give the world the best you have and you may get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyways.

Because, you will be the generation that will be called upon to change this

Lastly, remember where

you came from and who helped you along the way: parents, guardians, friends, teachers, administrators. Remember and be proud of the City, the Community of Chelsea; and definitely, be proud that you graduated from Chelsea Public Schools.

I close by wishing you my heartfelt congratulations on your accomplishments and your graduation today.

(This speech was delivered by Supt. Abeyta at the July 12 Virtual Graduation ceremony)

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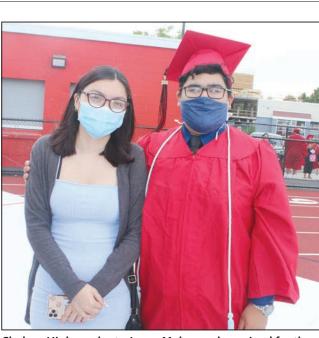
John Whitton



his father Lino Tavares and mother Djamica Tavares.



graduate Rigo Flores Noriega his high school diploma.



Chelsea High graduate Josue Melgar as he arrived for the graduation ceremony on Friday, with his classmate and friend Irma DelValle who had received her diploma at a ceremony on Thursday.



CHS graduate Patrick Palacios and family.



CHS graduate Adrien Silva and family.



From left, CHS Class of 2020 Co-Advisor Brittany Fitzgibbon, Chelsea Schools HR Director Christine Lee, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almy Abeyta, Class Treasurer Joseph Teruel, Vice President Jasmin Jovel, President Lisana Molina, Secretary Jesenia Flores Janssen, Historian Limilson Tavares, School Committee Member Henry Wilson, State Rep. Dan Ryan, and CHS Class of 2020 Co-Advisor Ilana Ascher.



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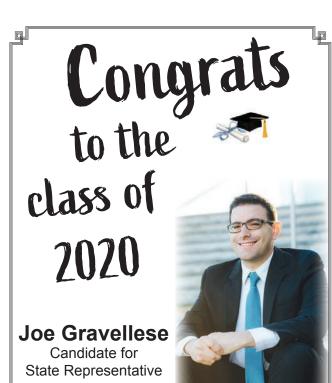
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Perez Salguero, Edwin

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Phat, Mikayla

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Pierre, Richlande

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Platero, Vanessa

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Portillo, Jaqueline

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Powers, Colin

Prado, Crystal

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Quintana, Nadalyze

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CHS Class Historian Limilson Tavares will reflect in video of graduates' journey

By Cary Shuman

When senior Limilson Tavares walked out the doors of Chelsea High School in March, he never thought it would be his final day of classes inside the

"I really thought we were going to be back to school in two weeks," said Tavares, looking back on the day that the school year was suspended due to COVID-10. "I was talking with my class officers thinking we weren't going to be able to have time planning the

prom and other events.' Tavares said the year started off well last September and the momentum was building toward all the traditional senior class events. Several students had begun to receive their college acceptances in March.

"It started off as a great year," said Tavares, who is the Class of 2020 historian.

"It started as a very progressive and moving year and COVID-19 ended up derailing that," said Tavares. "Fortunately, my class got through it and did what we needed to do.

As the class historian, Tavares had the important role of recording all class events and putting together a class video. Tavares will include in the video such elements baby photos of the graduates and a recap of class activities and sports over the past four years, including Senior Spirit Week and the commencement ceremonies.

"The video is basically together. I just have to make some final edits," said Tavares. "It's been fun. I just like taking photos as a hobby."

He will submit his class video to Principal Mark Martineau and it will then be available for viewing.

Tavares said the graduation ceremony was top-

"As you can see, we went from having an online only video for graduation to having this big ceremony where everyone can take pictures and everyone can enjoy this moment with their family," said Tavares.

The historian had that summation just right. The two-day graduation ceremony at Chelsea Stadium last Thursday and Friday was well-organized, professional, and upbeat. The graduates were given their well-deserved moment on the stage as they received their diplomas. The stadium was artfully decorated, with a spacious area set aside for family photographs.

Supt. of Schools Dr. Almy Abeyta, participating in her first CHS commencement ceremony as the leader of the Chelsea school district, had to be pleased with the execution of the event and the enthusiastic response from students and their families.

Tavares thanked Class

Co-Advisors Brittany Fitzgibbon and Ilana Ascher for their guidance during the class' years at the high

Tavares was a popular student and a school leader, having been elected twice to the position of class historian. He was an All-Star performer for the CHS boys track team.

Asked how his excellent four-year career compared to that of classmate Stephanie Simon - arguably the greatest track athlete in school history - he said, "She was a really, really good."

Tavares will be attending Millsaps College in Mississippi. He will be a double-major in Music and Government and Politics and also study in the prelaw and vocal performance certificate programs. He will compete for the Millsaps College men's track program.

As Limilson posed for his family photo with his

CHS Class of 2020 Historian Limilson Tavares is pictured at the graduation ceremony.

parents, Lino and Djamica, after being presented his high school diploma by Principal Mark Martineau, he smiled proudly. His four-year journey from high school freshman to

18-year-old, college-bound student-athlete was complete.

And now he'll put it all on the class video for posterity.

tersections of issues such

Environmental champion Damali Vidot highlights connection between COVID-19 and environmental justice

Staff report

As the race for the House of Representatives' Second Suffolk seat heats up, Damali Vidot, current At-Large Chelsea City Councilor and Candidate for State Representative of Charlestown and Chelsea, continues to build momentum from a diverse group of organizations, including a powerful slate of climate change and environmental justice advocacy organiza-

To date, she has been endorsed by the Massachusetts Chapter of Sierra Club, 350 Mass Action, Sunrise Boston, and the Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund.

This support is especially important as Massachusetts struggles address COVID-19. Vidot, currently representing the COVID-19 hotspot of Chelsea, Massachusetts, has worked to highlight the intersections of environmental injustice and the virus in her leadership on the issue. Research has shown that communities

with increased exposure to industrial pollution, which affects air quality and respiratory health, have suffered from higher rates of death due to COVID-19. The communities most burdened by this pollution are low-income communities and communities of color-including many residents of Charlestown and Chelsea.

"People tend to ignore the environmental impacts in our communities because it's something that can't be seen or touched. But those of us that have compromised immune systems can't ignore it—we feel it every day.", said Vidot. "It's particularly import-

ant for us, for communities like Chelsea and Charlestown, which suffer from dangerously high rates of asthma-to prioritize environmental justice. When a global pandemic comes to town it makes it almost impossible for us to fight it, compared to more affluent communities. The resources just aren't there. We need real advocates to fight for

our access."

The high rates of asthma that Councilor Vidot mentions exacerbate the symptoms of COVID-19 and have led to the loss of over 150 lives in Chelsea.

Councilor Vidot is the advocate who will fight for the resources that Chelsea and Charlestown need. Her platform calls for robust environmental protections, including: the elimination of fossil fuel dependency in Massachusetts by 2030, a just transition to clean energy alternatives with investments in job training and job security for workers, and demands that residents have greater representation against the companies that have polluted and threatcommunities like Chelsea and Charlestown for decades.

Vidot recognizes that she can't build the path forward alone. And, in fact, she won't have to. The many environmental justice and climate change advocacy organizations that have endorsed her campaign recognize the incredible work even greater impact when her voice is amplified at the State House.

she has done, and expect an

Damali prioritizes "science-based and community-driven solutions", said Clare Kelly of the Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund, and will take a "proactive leadership style to fight for her community", according to Jonathan Cohn of Sierra Club MA. She has "an astounding record fighting for the most fundamental rights of her constituents", said Sabrina Larkin of the Sunrise Boston Electoral Team. Cabell Eames of 350 Mass Action emphasized that Damali "will be an environmental and climate champion" on Beacon Hill. This experience, as a pro-

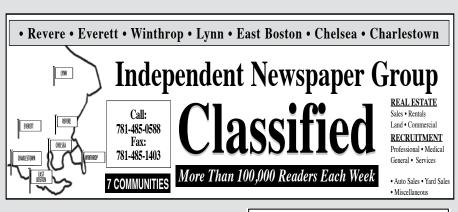
in and get the work done is exactly what's needed right "At the end of the day, we have to re-imagine

and re-envision our post-

COVID world. The in-

active leader unafraid to dig

as environment, racism, COVID-19, public health, housing security and transit have been ignored for far too long.", said Vidot. "By recognizing how these areas intersect with each other, we can truly build an equitable world together. As your next State Representative for Charlestown and Chelsea, you'll have more than a consistent vote--you'll have an advocate, ally, and leader on the



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Case No. 2020-13

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Tuesday, September 8,

With reference to the

Admiral Hill Associates

Limited Partnership

ing on:

2020

6:00 p.m.

application of:

LEGAL NOTICES

<u>LEGAL NOTICE</u>

clarify the associations

which qualify persons

for membership. The

amendment relative to

membership eligibility

proposes to: (1) adopt

a uniform definition of

and add membership

for those attending an

educational institution

in the Massachusetts

counties of Worcester,

Plymouth, Barnstable,

of Hillsborough and

Rockingham; (2) adopt

a uniform definition of

'family members" and

add membership eligibil-

ity for family members

where such membership

is not already permitted

under the by-laws; and

(3) make certain other

clarifying amendments.

3) To transact any and all

business that may legally

come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur M. Cohan

and Bristol, as well as the

New Hampshire counties

educational institution'

package contact Giancarlo DeSario at (617) 884 METRO CREDIT UNION 6130 x1125. To be con-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE sidered for selection all MEMBERSHIP proposal packages must The Metro Credit Union be received by CAPIC, Shareholders and Mem-100 Everett Avenue, Unit bers are hereby given 14, Chelsea, MA 02150 notice that the Annual by 4 PM on Friday, Sep-Meeting of the Memtember 28, 2020. This bership will be held on notice is subject in all September 1, 2020 at 10 respects to the Terms and a.m. at the Main Office Conditions of the Request back parking lot located for Proposal package. at 22 Sagamore Avenue, Minority contractors are Chelsea, Massachusetts encouraged to apply. to transact the following: 8/5/20, 8/6/20 1) To give notice of the Annual Meeting; and 2) To amend its bylaws to expand and

8/12/20, 8/13/20, 8/19/20, 8/20/20

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Jolo Can, LLC d/b/a Harbor House Collective. 80 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 27, 2020 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of a Retail Marijuana Establishment and Manufacturing and Cultivator to Jolo Can, LLC d/b/a Harbor House Collective 80 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea. MA. CHÉLSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran

Licensing Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA

INVITATION FOR BIDS

HOMELESS & ESSA

TRANSPORTATION

The City of Chelsea,

Massachusetts, through

its Chief Procurement

Bids for marked "Home-

less & ESSA Transpor-

Invitation for Bids will

after August 13, 2020 by

School Business Manager

contacting Dylan Cook,

at dcook@chelseama.

gov or by visiting the

www.chelseama.gov

City's website at http://

purchasing/pages/cur-

rent-bids-solicitations.

and clearly marked

Proposals must be sealed

"Homeless & ESSA Trans-

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to the Office of the Chief

Procurement Officer no

later than 10:00 AM on

The City of Chelsea re-

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The City of Chelsea is

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This Request for Propos-

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M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Dylan Cook

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August 27, 2020.

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8/13/20, 8/20/20

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITY OF CHELSEA

INVITATION FOR BIDS ATHLETIC & FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Athletic & Field Trip Transpor tation" Invitation for Bids will

be available on or after August 13, 2020 by contacting Dylan Cook, School Business Manager at dcook@chelseama. gov or by visiting the City's website at http:// www.chelseama.gov/ purchasing/pages/cur rent-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Athletic & Field Trip Transportation" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00 AM on August 27, 2020.

The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Dylan Cook Chief Procurement Officer 8/13/20

This Request for Propos-

als is in accordance with

M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

LEGAL NOTICE

Community Action Programs Intercity, Inc. (CAPIC) Request for Proposals for HEARTWAP PROGRAM CAPIC seeks proposals from heating contractors who can provide heating system efficiency modifications. Such modifications may include clean, tune and evaluations, repairs and retrofits, as well as heating system replacements. Asbestos abatement contractors are also needed to

remove asbestos from

To request a proposal

residential heating

systems.

Restaurant

Re: Three Stars MLA, LLC. d/b/a Michael G's 1066 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150 Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 27, 2020 Notice is hereby given that a continued public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Conference Room at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA,

to consider a New Wine

and Malt Beverages

License (On Premises)

application for Three Stars MLA, LLC. d/b/a Michael G's Restaurant at 1066 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150. COMMISSION

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

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LOWERING RENEWAL

FEES FOR 2021

SECTION 12 (LIQUOR)

LICENSEES

Notice is hereby given

that the City of Chelsea

Licensing Commission

will conduct a Public

Hearing on Thursday.

August 27, 2020 at 6:00

p.m. in the City Council

Conference Room, 500

Broadway, Chelsea, MA

02150 to discuss Low-

erina Renewal Fees for

2021 Section 12 (Liquor)

Licensees in the City of

Chelsea Licensing Com-

8/13/20, 8/20/20

James Guido, Chair

Chelsea.

8/13/20

M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Dragica Ivanis

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Employer.

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PARKING LOT" and

Officer no later than

14, 2020.

CHELSEA LICENSING Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 8/13/20, 8/20/20

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300 ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU19D1796DR Jose E. Berrios Miranda

Ana I Justino Alvarez Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./ Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/

her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and the defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before the

10, 2020. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: August 4, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

return day of September

LEGAL NOTICE



8/13/20

Re: May Inc. d/b/aMandarin Buffet 1100 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150 Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 27, 2020 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Conference Room at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider an Amusement and **Entertainment License** application to May Inc. d/b/a Mandarin Buffet at 1100 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 8/13/20, 8/20/20

LEGAL NOTICE



LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LEASED OFF STREET PARKING LOT The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked "LEASED OFF STREET PARKING LOT". Request for Proposals will be available on or after August 12, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama. gov or by visiting the City's website at http://

www.chelseama.gov/

rent-bids-solicitations.

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Proposals must be sealed

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS TAX BILLING - PRINTING & MAILING

The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking sealed bids to provide all labor and materials for "Tax Billing Printing and Mailing" Invitation for Bids will be available on or after August 12, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama. gov or by visiting the City's website at http:// www.chelseama.gov/ purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Tax Billing - Printing and Mailing " and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00AM, Thursday August 27, 2020. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/ or all bids and to waive

and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. **Chief Procurement Officer**

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Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis 8/13/20

LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE AND

FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division

24 New Chardon St.

ORDER FOR SERVICE

Boston, MA 02114

617-788-8300

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17, 2020.

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Felix D. Arroyo,

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Date: August 6, 2020

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Register of Probate Court

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Pursuant to Supple-

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Docket No.

OF MASSACHUSETTS **LEGAL NOTICE** THE TRIAL COURT



INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF READY MIXED CONCRETE The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Supply and Delivery of Ready Invitation for Bids will be available on or after August 12, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis **Chief Procurement Officer** at divanis@chelseama. gov or by visiting the City's website at http:// www.chelseama.gov/ purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Supply and Delivery of Ready Mixed Concrete" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30AM on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City

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Chief Procurement Officer

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INVITATION FOR BIDS **CLASS I BITUMNOUS** CONCRETE ASPHALT TOP MIX & WINTER MIX The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed

be available on or after August 12, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama. gov or by visiting the City's website at http:// www.chelseama.gov/

Asphalt Top Mix & Winter

Invitation for Bids will

Mix".

purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Class I Bituminous Concrete Asphalt Top Mix & Winter Mix)" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea.' The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities

and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 8/13/20

as it deems to be in the

best interest of the City.

In accordance with our

Minority Business Enter-

prise Plan, we are invit-

ing all qualified women

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CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 via Video Conference. Any members of the public wishing to provide a public comment must communicate via email at fmaltez@chelseama. gov Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speak section of the meeting. Any comment needs to be submitted by August 18, 2020 by 12 P.M. Proposed Work and Purpose: To install approximately 59 total feet of conduit in Spencer Avenue. Southwesterly from pole 112/8 near intersection of Eleanor Street. W0#2386607 The public is invited to attend. FIDEL MALTEZ **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER** 8/13/20

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AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA DEPARTAMENTO **DE OBRAS PUBLICAS** AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El Departamento de Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el martes 18 de agosto de 2020 a través de una videoconferencia. Todos los miembros del público que deseen proporcionar un comentario público deben comunicarse por correo electrónico a fmaltez@ chelseama.gov El nombre y la dirección deben incluirse para ser leídos

durante la sección Public Speak de la reunión. Cualquier comentario debe enviarse antes del 18 de agosto de 2020 a

las 12 p.m. Trabajo propuesto y propósito: bids for all labor and Para instalar aproximamaterials for "Class I damente 59 pies totales **Bituminous Concrete**

Avenue. Suroeste desde el poste 112/8 cerca de la intersección de Eleanor Street. WO # 2386607 Se invita al público a asistir. Fidel Maltez Comisionado de Obras Publicas 8/13/20

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For Special Permit seeking approval for the NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2020-11 use of a courier office with incidental storage Notice is hereby given in accordance with the which does not meet current minimum zoning Massachusetts Zonina requirements for number Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the of off-street parking spaces at the premises Chelsea Zonina Board of known as: Appeals will be held via Webex video conference 38 Auburn Street & 143 Williams Street ing on: Tuesday, September 8, All interested parties 2020 wishing to provide a 6:00 p.m. public comment or to With reference to the ioin the meeting must application of: communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Elba Rojas Name and address must For Special Permit and Variance seeking approvbe included in order to be read during the Public al to establish a church Speaking section of the which does not meet current minimum zoning meeting and email address in order to join the requirements for number meeting. Any comment of off-street parking spaces at the premises or request to join must be submitted by Friday, known as: September 4, 2020 by 10 & 20 Wesley Street and 360 Revere Beach noon A copy of the Parkway application and petition All interested parties is available for review at: wishing to provide a https://www.chelseama. gov/zoning-board-appublic comment or to peals/pages/zba-casjoin the meeting must communicate with jdees-2020 8/13/20, 8/20/20 priest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public

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CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION In accordance with Section 40, Chapter 131 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Wetlands Protection Act), a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Conservation Commission will be held via video conference on: Thursday, August 20, 2020, 6:00 P.M. The purpose of the Public

Hearing is to review the

Piazza, SDTJ, LLC, for the

construction of a one-sto-

ry, 12,000 square foot

building at 45 Market

A copy of the Notice of

Intent is available for

review in the Department

of Permitting and Land

Use Planning, Room 106,

during City Hall business

hours. All interested

parties wishing to pro-

vide a public comment

or to join the meeting

must communicate with

jdepriest@chelseama.

email address must be

included. Any comment

or request to join must

day, August 19, 2020,

Stephen N. Sarikas

4:00 PM.

Per Order

Chairperson

be submitted by Wednes-

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NOI submitted Steven

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gov/zoning-board-ap-

peals/pages/zba-cas-

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Case No. 2020-12 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a egular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conference ing on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Nicole Dunn For Special Permit and Variance for the construction of a twelve (12) unit residential dwelling structure with a commercial unit on the first floor which does not meet the current minimum zoning requirements for side, rear and front yard setbacks, lot size, number of off-street parking spaces, exceeds maximum density, height and number of floors at the premises known as: 926 Broadway All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with idepriest@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

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Use Planning, Room 106,

during City Hall business hours. All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment Act, Chapter 40A that a or to join the meeting Regular Meeting of the must communicate with Chelsea Zoning Board of jdepriest@chelseama. Appeals will be held via gov. Name, address and Webex video conferencemail address must be included. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 4:00 PM. Per Order Stephen N. Sarikas Chairperson



CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION In accordance with

Section 40, Chapter 131

of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Wetlands Protection Act), a Public Hearing of the Chelsea **Conservation Commission** will be held via video conference on: Thursday, August 20, 2020, 6:00 P.M. The purpose of the Public Hearing is a continuation of the public hearing is to review the NOI submitted by 257 Chelsea Creek, LLC to reconfigure public access area, plant trees and shrubs, remove part of concrete wall at 245-257 Marginal Street. A copy of the Notice of Intent is available for review in the Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning, Room 106, during City Hall business hours. All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama. gov. Name, address and email address must be included. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 4:00 PM. Per Order

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Stephen N. Sarikas

Chairperson



CHELSEA CONSERVATION **PUBLIC MEETING** REQUEST FOR DETER-

MINATION OF APPLICA-**BILITY** Notice is hereby given in accordance with Sections 23A, 23B and 23C, Chapter 39 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Section 40, Chapter 131 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Wetlands Protection Act), that a Public Meeting of the Chelsea Conservation Commission will be held

by video conference on:

Thursday, August 20.

500 Broadway, Confer-

The Public Meeting will

be held to review the

Request for Determi-

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Services, Director of

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CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION In accordance with Section 40, Chapter 131 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Wetlands Protection Act), a Public Hearing of the Chelsea **Conservation Commission** will be held via video conference on: Thursday, August 20, 2020, 6:00 P.M. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to review the NOI submitted by Christopher Mora, Div BMT, as Development Agent for SDTJ, LLC, for the replacement of 680 feet of an existing corrugated metal arch culvert at 45 Market Street. A copy of the Notice of Intent is available for

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included with the Request are accurately delineated. A copy of the filing may be reviewed at City Hall, Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning, 500 Broadway, Room 106, during City Hall business hours. All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@ chelseama.gov. Name, address and email address must be included.

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19, 2020, 4:00 PM.

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Chairperson 8/13/20 review in the Department of Permitting and Land

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IT'S AN URBAN JUNGLE



Wildlife is everywhere these days, and that was evident last week as a sick raccoon took up residence in one woman's trash can on Normandy Road. Here, City Workers Josh and Brian were on the scene to take care of the racoon and get it out of the woman's rubbish can.



Calvin Brown remembers his friend and mentor Dr. Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure

Calvin Brown was a rising amateur boxing champion when his finely tuned skills in the ring caught the eye of a boxing official at

That official at ringside was an illustrious figure in the sport, Dr. Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure, chair of the Massachusetts State Boxing Commission and a 1960 Olympic gold medalist.

Brown, who was mentored by Dr. McClure and became his lifelong friend, later served as a state Deputy Boxing Commissioner on the commission that was chaired by Dr. McClure.

Dr. McClure, who had a successful professional boxing career following the Olympics, died on Aug. 9 at the age of 81.

Dr. McClure graduated from the University of Toledo and following his career in boxing, he earned his doctorate in Psychology from Wayne State University. He was a U.S. Army veteran and taught at Northeastern, Bentley, and Mount Ida College in Massachusetts.

"Dr. McClure was a gentleman and one of the nicest persons ever to grace the sport of boxing, not only as a fighter but also as a human being," said Brown... "He got the name "Skeeter" from his father because we he was born so small and gentle."

Brown said Dr. McClure, who was a two-time national champion, always told him that "the highest point of my boxing career was sharing a room at the Olympics in Rome with my lifetime friend Muhammad

Brown, the District 8 city councillor, said Dr. McClure often visited his home in Chelsea and shared many happy occasions. "My whole family admired him – he was a legend in the sport of boxing," said

Brown said he was appreciative of Dr. McClure's

mentorship in his days as a rising amateur boxer.

"I was a young boxer and he took me under his wing," said Brown. "He directed me on the right path to becoming a deputy boxing commissioner and learning the responsibilities that the position entailed."

Brown, who is still active with the Mass. State Boxing Commission, was

Calvin Brown, a former amateur boxer, is pictured with his friend and mentor, Dr. Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure.

with Dr. McClure in his final hours.

Calvin Brown and wellknown boxing promoter Al Valenti released the following statement paying tribute to Dr. Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure: "There will never be, nor has there ever been, an example of a true champion inside or outside of the ring of boxing like "Skeeter" McClure.

Harry Belafonte endorses Markey for United States Senate

Staff Report

Harry Belafonte, the celebrated singer, songwriter, and activist, endorsed Ed Markey in his campaign for reelection to the United States Senate. The announcement comes as mail-in voting begins in the primary election, and the Markey campaign is building on its strong momentum.

"The soul of America is crying out for justice, and that's exactly what Senator Markey prioritizes each and every day; he is a leader in the push for racial justice, climate justice, economic justice, health care justice, educational justice, and the list goes on," said Harry Belafonte. "In a moment that requires steadfast leadership and experience, we need voices like Ed's in the Senate. I'm proud to endorse him because he knows our fight is far from finished."

"Harry Belafonte is an outspoken leader who has worked throughout his career to bring justice to communities across the country. I am inspired by his career, thrilled by his music, and honored to have his endorsement," said Senator Ed Markey.

Born in Harlem to Caribbean parents, Harry Belafonte brought Caribbean musical styles to the mainstream in the 1950s with countless hits. His decades-long career as a singer and songwriter has led him to be one of the most successful Jamaican-American musicians in history. The Tony Award winner was at the forefront of the early civil rights movement and continues to champion human rights causes across the country and around the

Ed Markey has served in the United States Senate since winning the special election in 2013 and has amassed a deep record on environmental, racial justice, gun safety, and consumer protection issues. He founded the Congressional Alzheimer's Task Force and authored the National Alzheimer's Project Act, which mandates that the federal government put in place a plan to address Alzheimer's disease by 2025. Raised in Malden, Ed Markey has always stood up for the priorities of Massachu-

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