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It's a Virtual 2020 Taste of Chelsea

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Since COVID-19 continues to be an issue, we're inviting everyone to join us for the 17th annual Taste of Chelsea on Monday, Sept. 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom for a virtual event. Co-hosted by HarborCOV and the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, the highly visible and popular Taste of Chelsea has traditionally brought together corporate and local sponsors, area food and beverage vendors, volunteers, survivors and more than 500 ticket holders each year. In that spirit, the 2020 virtual Taste of Chelsea aims to capture that same spirit of community connection.

We've all seen the stories from around the world, country and state about how "safe at home" is not necessarily true for families living with domestic abuse. The same is true here at home, where HarborCOV has been covering hotel costs, and providing financial and food assistance for hundreds of families across our five communities to keep them as safe and healthy as possible. And our local restaurants, which have so generously donated their food, staff time and operational costs to the Taste of Chelsea over the last 16 years, are also working hard for their own survival.

We encourage everyone to order takeout or delivery from a list of participating restaurants, virtu-

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Construction is wrapping up on the newest home ownership condo building in Chelsea at 932 Broadway, a former vacant nursing home that is being turned into luxury living by Broadway Capital. Here, the model unit shows what a one-bedroom looks like in the development. Meanwhile, a huge roof deck with wooden flooring overlooks Broadway and the city.



Former nursing home on Broadway gets luxury makeover

By Seth Daniel

The fortress of a building that was once a nursing home at 932 Broadway seemed like an insurmountable task to transform into luxury housing earlier this year when Broadway Capital started construction on the project.

Yet, a transformation is exactly what has happened at the home through the COVID-19 pandemic and now a very unique home ownership opportunity is about ready to be delivered to the market in

November.

"We're at about 80 percent construction completion," said Mike Vienneau of Broadway Capital. "The goal is to finish things up in the next few months and have it ready for occupancy by November...One thing we really focused on is the owner-occupancy and the affordability. Ownership is a huge thing the City wanted. Because Chelsea has such a high percent of rental properties, they're looking for more owner-occupancy projects."

That is exactly what will be delivered, with 33 condos for sale, and six of them affordable to 80 percent AMI (two of them two-bedrooms and four one-bedrooms).

Listing agents Jeff Bowen and Robert Ricardo of RealWay said the for sale units offer a great opportunity to live and work in Chelsea – with prices starting in the mid-\$300,000 range and going up. The property also includes an 1,800 sq. ft. roof deck with wood flooring, a dog run, Italian cabinets,

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Leonard Florence Center for Living resident Eleanor Karp turns 106

By Seth Daniel

If anyone knows the secret to longevity, it is Eleanor Karp, a much beloved resident at the Leonard Florence Center for Living who turned 106 on September 1.

Born on September 1, 1914 in Dorchester, Eleanor was the youngest of three. She loved school, dancing and socializing with her many friends. In fact, Eleanor met her husband Henry Karp through her girlfriend, who ultimately turned out to be her sister-in-law. It was love at first sight. Eleanor and



Eleanor Karp – a long-time Everett resident who now lives at the Leonard Florence Center for Living (LFCFL) in Chelsea – got to celebrate her 106th birthday on Sept. 1 in a special, socially-distant birthday party at LFCFL.

Henry married on June 26, 1938.

Before starting a family, Eleanor worked at Schrafft's, the re-

nowned candy company in Charlestown. After her sons, Michael and Harvey, were born, Eleanor devoted her time to running the household in Everett.

"The whole community there was concentrated in one area of Everett," said Jeanne Karp, Eleanor's daughter-in-law. "She shared a two-family home there with her sister-in-law and brother-in-law. They were very close. They actually bought the house together. My mother-in-law and father-in-law lived downstairs for many years. When their kids got older and moved away, they moved to Grenada Highlands in Malden. They lived in Everett, though, for many, many years and raised their fam-

ily there."

Celebrations played a huge role in their lives.

"The Jewish holidays were legendary in our house," said son Harvey Karp. "We had at least 30 people, with the tables extending into three rooms."

Added Harvey, "My mom is an amazing cook. Her brisket, matzah ball soup, gefilte fish and stuffed knadles were the best I have ever eaten. She even made her own horseradish."

That has transferred over to her life at the LFCFL, where she often gives advice to the chefs at the home and shares her expertise with them about how to make "real" Jewish

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Forever Red

City Manager has concerns over 'red' community label

By Seth Daniel

As Gov. Charlie Baker doubled up efforts to focus on Chelsea and four other neighboring communities as 'high-risk' or 'red' communities for increasing COVID-19 cases, City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he has concerns his community may never get out of the so-called 'red' given how the state calculates its rates.

On Thursday, Sept. 3, Gov. Baker announced the state had designated Everett, Chelsea, Revere, Lawrence and Lynn as 'high-risk' areas for the spread of COVID-19 as their case counts have increased and their numbers of cases per 100,000 people are far above the state average. Gov. Baker has created unique plans for Chelsea

and the other communities through using the COVID-19 Enforcement and Intervention Team (CEIT) to be out in each community and providing multi-lingual public messaging.

Some leaders in those communities aren't happy with the designation, including Ambrosino and Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. Ambrosino said he has shared his concerns with the state and doesn't think Chelsea will be penalized, but also knows the city will never get out of the 'red' due to the way the state calculates the rate averages.

"I expressed a similar but different concern than Everett to the state," he said. "For a City like

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A Distant Welcoming

Back to School preparations brings in 'Trust Visits'

By Seth Daniel

Open Houses and shaking the new teachers hand – maybe chatting over coffee in the morning at the school building – have all been hallmarks for back to school in the Chelsea Public Schools to build relationships with parents, but COVID-19 has forced the district to think differently about such things.

Therein was born a new initiative called 'Trust Visits,' and teachers and administrators all over the district are carrying out these visits this week as the staff and teachers prepare to return to learning remotely on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

In other words – the teachers make house calls this year.

"We're calling these

trust visits because we're starting off the year remote," said Supt. Almi Abeyta. "It's an opportunity to reach out to our families and introduce ourselves. The teachers will go out in and into the community to meet families, or they will contact them via Zoom, or even on the phone. We wanted to be able to build trust up front."

Many of the teachers this week are conducting the trust visits across the city, and a good deal of them are in-person and socially distanced. Teachers and administrators talk to parents about how students learn, what their interests are, how they did during emergency remote learning, and if they have

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Clark Avenue Principal Mike Talbot on a trust visit this week with Assistant Principal Julie Shae – welcoming these two new Clark Avenue Cougars.

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Two Chelsea High students participate in press conference about school re-openings

Special to the Record

Chelsea High School students Victoria Stutto and Katy Ochoa participated in a virtual press conference hosted by the Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance on Sept. 3, joining other students and parents from cities across Massachusetts in sharing their concerns about the possibility of unsafe school re-openings and expressing their hopes and fears about remote learning in school this fall. “We all know that returning to school in the fall in person will be very dangerous due to the number of Covid-19 cases,” said Stutto, a senior at Chelsea High School. “If we cannot return to school in the fall in person, we should at least ensure remote learning is the best it can possibly be, and that we are meeting the needs of the students during this time. Schools need to be able to look at students on a case-by-case basis. Schools cannot generalize a solution for all students since each case and situation is different.”

Ochoa also delivered remarks during the press conference.

“Chelsea and many surrounding cities are facing the effects of gentrification, causing higher rates of rent. This is a grave issue during the pandemic due to the fact that people are either being laid off or given less hours; therefore, they may not be earning enough money to make ends meet,” said Ochoa, a senior at Chelsea High School. “This means that many kids are now being relied upon to get a job and help bring in finances in order to make rent, pay for food, and other basic necessities. We suggest that there should be a person in the school who is appointed for these special situations. Students can reach out to this person and express their problems and their needs for remote learning.”

The Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance, a coalition of students, parents, educators, community and union members who support universal, free public education, also released the following position statement calling for health and safety criteria to be met before in-person learning resumes, and for an increased focus on creating a stable remote learning experience for students:

Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance
Statement on School and College Reopening

The Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance believes strongly that classroom education and in-person learning are irreplaceable. All of us — students of all ages, parents and guardians, educators and staff — want to return to our schools and colleges. But it must be done safely. We do not accept the argument that our lives, and those of our

families, are worth risking because remote learning is a challenge. We cannot accept the illness and death that we know will occur if we reopen schools and colleges without the necessary safeguards.

We can’t talk about reopening without understanding how we got in this situation. The structural racism in Massachusetts’s education funding system caused years of chronic underfunding of predominantly Black and Brown schools, resulting in school buildings with limited space for social distancing, inadequate ventilation and air circulation, inconsistent access to hot water, and numerous other safety issues. Our public colleges and universities, which have seen deep budget cuts over the past few decades, face similar challenges with their physical infrastructure.

Fixing these longstanding problems requires money, but throughout the COVID-19 crisis, our state and federal governments have failed to make the investments in equipment, infrastructure, and personnel necessary to reopen public schools and colleges safely. Our government — and our entire society — spent the summer focused more on restarting leisure activity and reopening businesses than on making the tough choices necessary to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Now, in the absence of state and federal leadership, local governments and individual families face a set of decisions with no good answers. COVID-19 testing is plagued by lengthy delays or high costs, while the state has no formal process to track or report outbreaks in our schools and colleges.

The state is now pushing local communities to rely almost entirely on local transmission levels to determine their K-12 reopening plans. But the coronavirus does not pay attention to municipal borders, and an outbreak in one city or town will quickly spread to others. Many educators and staff work in one school district, while their children attend school in another. Moreover, the state’s push ignores the real concerns that students, families, and educators have about physical facilities, air quality, testing, and tracing. While our public colleges have largely made the responsible decision to start the semester with remote learning, many communities in Massachusetts are worried as thousands of private college students return to campus from COVID-19 hot spots across the country.

It’s clear that our public schools and colleges should begin the year with remote learning, and only resume in-person learning on a phased-in basis, with the students who need it the most prioritized, once

the following health and safety criteria are met:

- Indoor air quality in schools and colleges must meet appropriate standards to prevent airborne transmission of the coronavirus.
- School and college buildings must be configured to ensure 6-foot physical distancing at all times, to provide adequate space for nurses to isolate potentially infected students, and to ensure access to hand-washing facilities with consistent 100°F water and soap.
- Schools must provide all necessary safety protections, including face coverings for all students and staff, adequate personal protective equipment for all staff, and resources and staffing to clean and sanitize facilities.
- Community transmission of COVID-19 must be under control in the region.
- Free, rapid, and reliable on-site COVID-19 testing and contact tracing must be available to students, educators, staff, and vulnerable family members, including effective multilingual outreach to the families of students who may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- The state must establish a formal tracking and reporting mechanism for positive cases among students, educators, and staff including prompt and regular public disclosure.
- Educators, students, families, and community partners must be included in the reopening planning process.

In the meantime, we need to make sure remote learning works better by ensuring that all students and families have the appropriate technology, internet access, multilingual tech assistance, and curriculums developed at the local and school level to meet student’s needs. We must do more to make sure our students have a stable remote learning experience by ensuring housing and food security, giving their parents emergency paid sick days, ceasing ICE detentions and deportations, and taking other steps that MEJA has been calling for since this spring.

Meeting the health and safety criteria necessary to reopen school safely will not just happen with additional time. It will require our state government to step up and provide both leadership and adequate funding. It will require our state and local leaders to truly listen to the voices of students, families, educators, and community partners, not view them as an obstacle. If we put the great minds and the great wealth of Massachusetts together, we can get COVID-19 transmission under control, establish best-in-the-nation public health infrastructure, make our school buildings safe, and reopen our schools and colleges safely. We can do this if we do it together.

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in-unit washer/dryer and a Bosch appliance package. There will be management on site too, and Broadway Capital and RealWay intend to open offices in the retail portion of the project on the ground floor.

There are also 33 parking spots and one spot deeded to each owner.

Bowen said it is a milestone development as well, because it is the first significant ownership building put on the market since Mill Creek in 2004.

Ricardo, who has lived in Chelsea all his life after immigrating from Colombia as a child, said he is really excited to bring premiere ownership opportunities to Chelsea — whether it’s existing residents wanting to move into a new building or people coming into the city looking for a diverse community away from Boston or Cambridge.

“I’m excited to be part of this and to really boost the opportunities in Chelsea,” said Ricardo. “Overall, I think the City of Chelsea is on a path to recovery and moving forward in the right direction without losing that urban blue-collar feel...When I was a kid I used to go up on the roof and see how close we were to Boston. I always wondered why more people didn’t come to Chelsea. Now, I’m part of seeing Chelsea become what I thought it could always become...Chelsea is becoming the go-to place. It has its challenges — like any city — but it can surpass them.”

Bowen added that the home-ownership rate in Chelsea is at 17 percent, which is the 5th lowest in the nation behind Newark, NJ. He said that’s why this project is so important.

“We’re trying to bring affordable home-ownership to the City of Chelsea so we can increase tax revenues and have Chelsea provide better schools and



The 1,800 sq. ft. roof deck is not completely finished, but will have spaces to relax and unwind while enjoying sea breezes and great views.



The kitchens in the units — which start in the mid-\$300,000 range — include Italian cabinets and Bosch appliance packages...and plenty of space.



The living room in the units welcomes visitors with plenty of space and large windows.

infrastructure and change the perception Chelsea is a pass-through community,” he said.

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DO NOT LITTER YOUR MASKS

For those of us who take note of the problem of litter (and who often bring along a bag to pick up litter when we are walking along a beach), we are accustomed to the plethora of styrofoam cups and single-use plastic bottles that have been discarded carelessly by our fellow citizens, some of whom seem to treat the environment as their personal trash bin.

But in the past few months we have noticed a new kind of litter that has become prevalent along our roads and on our beaches: Discarded face masks.

The masks that comprise most of the littering problem are the light-blue, layered masks with elastic bands for the ears. These are lightweight, single-use masks that blow easily in the wind and often end up along the shoreline and eventually in our waterways.

If the stuff that comprises litter is representative of our disposable society, then it is a good thing to see that people are using face masks, an indication that we are heeding public health warnings about the best way to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

However, being a good citizen in that regard does not absolve mask-users of the obligation to dispose of their masks properly, let alone give them the right to toss them onto public property.

So please be sure to toss those masks into a trash-bin -- that's as simple as it gets.

COLLEGE SPORTS HAS SERIOUS RISKS FOR ATHLETES

When President Trump was in New Hampshire for a campaign rally two weeks ago, he implored the Big 10 athletic directors to reconsider their recent decision to postpone their college football season from fall until the spring.

“Big Ten, get with it! Open up your season, Big Ten. These are young strong guys – they’re not gonna’ be affected by the virus...These are big, strong guys. They will be just fine,” Trump said.

However, as with so many comments made by Trump these past seven months concerning the coronavirus, the reality is the opposite of Trump’s pronouncements.

At least 10 Big 10 football players have been diagnosed with myocarditis, a viral infection of the heart muscle caused by a Covid-19 infection. This is the same condition that has afflicted Red Sox star starting pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez, who contracted Covid-19 on August 1 and who now suffers from myocarditis, forcing him to end his season.

Rodriguez is 27 years old and was an otherwise healthy young man who won 19 games for the Sox in 2019. However, the virus invaded his heart, as it has with so many others who have contracted this dreaded disease, and forced him to rest and recuperate.

We are learning more and more every day about the damage that Covid-19 does to just about every human organ, but one thing that has become clear is that the heart muscle is a favorite site for it to attack. A recent study in Germany showed that of 100 otherwise-healthy persons under the age of 49, 76 percent suffered damage consistent with the effects of a heart attack.

Another study recently demonstrated that there are certain, long-stringed cells unique to the heart that the virus attacks, chopping them up into tiny pieces. It is not clear whether the heart can repair this damage or whether it is permanent.

Further, as to football players in particular, while it may be true, as Trump proclaimed, that as a group they are “big strong guys,” many of them are, to put it bluntly, grossly obese, weighing upwards of 350 pounds if they are linemen.

One thing we definitely know about the virus is that the single-biggest risk factor for a serious outcome from Covid-19 is being overweight -- and that would seem to place many college football players at serious jeopardy if they contract the disease.

If college football can put into place procedures that isolate football players from their campuses (where Covid-19 has been running wild in some places since schools reopened), then perhaps football can be played without risk to the young athletes.

But to encourage them to play as things stand now is simply reckless behavior that places them in jeopardy of serious, lifelong consequences affecting their health.



LETTERS to the Editor

THANK YOU, CHELSEA

To the Editor

Dear Chelsea, It has and continues to be one of the many honors of my life to serve you as a City Councilor At-Large. For those that have witnessed my time in elected office, you’ve seen my commitment to this city. Whether it’s standing up to developers or state agencies, there is no limit to how far I’ll go to ensure Chelsea residents are respected and well-represented. At the height of the pandemic, when I looked out my window and saw families waiting hours for a box of food, I was pushed into a call to action.

For hungry and housing-insecure families to exist in the richest country in the world tells me that our priorities at a state and

federal level are upside down. Fueled by my passion for justice, I chose to run and challenge our current State Representative for the seat he held. In the past three months while on the campaign trail, we’ve spoken, we’ve built, and we’ve come to know each other differently than we had in previous elections.

As someone who promotes civic engagement, I was extremely proud to see how many more people came out to vote. Though I wasn’t able to secure a seat at the State House, I am so proud of the massive number of people in our community that went to the voting polls to make sure their voice was heard. Last Tuesday’s elections brought more people in Chelsea out to vote in a State Rep race than any other race in the past 12 years. While at the polls

we saw the pride from folks as they cast their vote for the first time for a local candidate. We also saw a huge number of young people come out in record numbers to vote.

Due to COVID-19, our campaign made a decision not to go door-to-door to meet with voters. Though, we recognize the difficulty in reaching potential voters without this form of contact, it was a decision I made to ensure the public safety of all. As much as it would be my honor to represent my hometown at the State House, it would hold less value if it meant risking the health of my supporters or any of our residents. Nonetheless, Chelsea sent a message loud and clear about the leadership we want and the representation we deserve.

I was proud to have re-

ceived the most votes in our municipal elections in November 2019 and do not take the votes of confidence in my leadership from this past November and Primary Day lightly. Thank you everyone who came out and donated time, treasure, or talent to my campaign for State Rep.

We started a movement that transcended beyond our city lines and that cannot be contained by the results of an election. In these uncertain times, it’s important we stay in touch to continue to build on our shared values. If you’d like to stay connected, please sign up for my newsletter at www.VoteDamali.org to remain abreast of local initiatives and continue to grow this movement.

Damali Vidot

POLICE Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

FIGHT AT CITY HALL

On Monday, August 31, 12:30 p.m., while conducting an impact patrol in the Bellingham Square, officers observed a fight between two females in front of City Hall. One subject was arrested for having two active warrants.

FAILED TO STOP

On Monday, August 31, at 11:16 p.m., a CPD officer observed a motor vehicle fail to stop at a crosswalk for a pedestrian at Washington Avenue and Cary Avenue. The operator was arrested for having a suspended license.

GPS VIOLATION

On Thursday, September 3 at 1:40 a.m., officers responded to 3 Clinton Ct. #10 for a Probation Warrant violation. The male was taken into custody for violation of his GPS monitoring equipment.

FOUND WITH HEROIN

On Saturday, September 5, at 11:11 p.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in front of 13 Garfield Ave. The officers investigated a male subject operator and found his license to be suspended. A search of his person led to the seizure of individual bags believed to be Heroin. He was arrested without incident.

CASES STAYING IN DOUBLE DIGITS

COVID-19 cases are still up from the lull in the summer, but are down from the spike of two weeks last month. The following is an update of cases.

Covid-19 summary for the past week (August 24 - 30):

- Confirmed new cases: 64
- Covid-19 related deaths: 0
- Cases on Aug. 31: 11.
- Cases on Sept. 1: 15

EMERGENCY SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

The City of Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications from Chelsea-based Small Businesses (50 or fewer employees) for Emergency Assistance to aid with expenses related to the Covid-19 crisis. One million dollars in funding for this assistance has been provided by the Chelsea City Council. Applications will be accepted until 1 p.m. on Friday, September, 25 2020. For the program information and application, please revisit Emergency Small Business Assistance Program.

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If you need assistance in filling out the application, please email Deise Paraguay at Deise@ChelseaBusinessFoundation.org to set up an appointment.

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CHS administrator to be featured in Gateway Cities forum

New data from Brown University show that low-income students in Massachusetts earn nearly one-third less than their peers as adults. Education, including both pre-K-12 as well as higher education, has the potential to create equitable opportunities for students – but not in its current state.

Strategies to Increase Diversity and Equity in Education, the second in MassINC’s series on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for a Strong Recovery, will focus on strategies to correct disparities in educational opportunities and outcomes for students of color.

The panel will start the session by recognizing Gateways Champion State Representative Aaron Vega for his many years of service, including co-authoring the PROMISE Act, a precursor to the Student Opportunities Act.

Then, Shirley Edgerton, a cultural proficiency coach with Pittsfield Public Schools, will share how she is diversifying the educator workforce by building a program to recruit teachers from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). When students see themselves represented in the classroom, experiences and outcomes improve.

Kimberley Murphy, assistant principal for grades 11 and 12 at Chelsea High, played a lead role in building one of the largest and most successful Early College programs

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Gateway Cities Innovation Award

Shirley Edgerton

Cultural Proficiency Coach,

Pittsfield Public Schools

in Massachusetts. She’ll discuss how the initiative has improved college attendance and completion rates for Black and Latino students.

Join MassINC on October 15 for an action-oriented conversation on the state of equity in education.

GreenRoots ‘Evening on the Creek’ mural fundraiser all set for Friday, Sept. 11

By Cary Shuman

Green Roots’ ‘Evening on the Creek’ fundraiser has traditionally been a huge celebration on Chelsea Creek consisting of salsa dancing, music, and food.

But due to the ongoing coronavirus and the state’s social distancing guidelines, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni sought to formulate another option for the event – and one that was not a virtual gathering.

“We wanted to make sure that the event was still in good spirit and I feel like sometimes it’s really hard to get across the same level of energy and fun when you’re doing something virtually,” reasoned Bongiovanni.

So instead of having

a party, GreenRoots will host a Mural Painting fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 11 at the parking lot at 227 Marginal St., Chelsea.

“It will almost be like a paint-by-number,” explained Bongiovanni, a popular former city councillor. “It will be the outline of a mural and people will come at scheduled intervals and color in (paint) different parts of the mural. Guests will be able to choose their own colors and what they paint. Every paint brush will be sanitized. People will be allotted different times and they will have to leave when their time slot is over.”

The event will be held entirely outdoors. There will be individually packaged foods and drinks for all guests. Music playing in the background during the fundraiser.

“It’s going to be a good opportunity to interact with people outdoors and socially distant,” said Bongiovanni.

The goal is to take the mural, which is transportable, and place it at different locations throughout the city.

“The mural will be designed by Silvia Lopez Chavez, a well-known muralist who lives in Chelsea and composed the Chelsea Walk mural,” said Bongiovanni.

The GreenRoots leader said this year’s event is all about “community resilience.”

“We’re all in this together,” said Bongiovanni. “We’re fighting coronavirus and dealing with this pandemic together and we’re coming together as a community.”

Well-known muralist and Chelsea resident Silvia Lopez Chavez works on one of her artist creations in the city. Lopez Chavez will be designing the mural at GreenRoots ‘Evening on the Creek’ fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 11.

Bongiovanni said the event will be limited to 80 participants over a course of six hours (2 p.m. to 8 p.m.).

GreenRoots hopes to raise \$50,000 for the organization during the month of September. For the past six months, GreenRoots had asked donors to give to the One Chelsea Fund “so we could directly help Chelsea families through cash assistance.”

“We’re hoping to raise enough money to keep our operations and staff going and to be able to continue to give back to the community and support it through all the COVID-19 response we’ve been doing and all our regular programming as well,” said Bongiovanni.

Bongiovanni is in her fourth year as executive director, having founded GreenRoots in July, 2016. It is her 25th year working for environmental justice.

Asked to describe the organization’s mission, Bongiovanni said, “GreenRoots is a resident-led and passionate and committed organization consisting of a team of members, staff, and board who are from Chelsea and East Boston, dedicated to the two communities and working every single day to make Chelsea and East Boston healthier places to live, work, and play.”

For more information or to reserve your spot in the Green Roots Mural Fundraiser, please contact RoseannB@greenrootschelsea.org or call 617-466-3076, ext. 1.

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a ChromeBook/Wi-Fi.

“Our goal is we’ll have more kids plugged into remote learning and we’ll be more successful with it,” said Abeyta.

The visits will also extend into next week as well.

At the high school level, trust visits look a little different than the elementary visits – which are a little more personal. At the high school, trust visits are being conducted at the Stadium outside with teachers of various subjects.

The visits at all levels, though, are meant to do what would normally come naturally – learning who the students are and the students/families learning who the teachers are. One complication of remote learning is that without such visits, parents, students and teachers may have never actually met and may not really know one another.

Putting a face with the name is all about what the trust visits represent, Abeyta said.

“Our goal as long as we’re in remote learning is that every family is contacted and we know who our kids are and they all have a ChromeBook and we have made contact with them,” she said.

“Part of it is also to make sure everyone is ready for digital learning. We want to improve digital learning for the fall because we know one thing we could do better on was simple engagement. This is an attempt to mitigate that up front before we start school.”

Remote classes for all students – except kindergarten that starts on Sept. 23 – will begin on Sept. 16. All students are to have ChromeBooks, and many already have them from last spring. New students and those that didn’t get ChromeBooks will be sought, and kindergartners will be given iPads.

Berenice Mace-Díaz, Assistant Principal and Ted Freeley, teacher, welcome a student to the Clark Avenue Middle School this week during a trust visit.

Broadway Capital hopes to build development momentum on Second Street

By Seth Daniel

The gas station on Second Street in Chelsea Square is now slated for development as the long-time owner looks to retire and has an option to sell the property to Broadway Capital, which has proposed to develop the property into a new residential building.

Reggie’s Service at

31 Second St. is now being slated for 24 units of housing, with 20 percent of it being affordable units. The project was presented by Broadway Capital’s Mike Vienneau on Tuesday at the Planning Board and is making its way through the review process.

It will include 36 parking spots, all underground, he said.

Vienneau said they are very open to making the units condos for sale, rather than rental apartments. Right now, they are just finishing up the former nursing home at 932 Broadway, and if sales go as well as they hope there, then Vienneau said they would use the same formula on Second Street – if approved.

“The nursing home is

kind of our test site for homeownership here and if it works – which we believe it will, we’ll plug in the same formula for Second Street,” said Vienneau.

The project will move to the Zoning Board in the coming weeks for additional reviews and potential approvals.



A rendering of the proposed residential building with 24 units located at what is now Reggie’s Service on Second Street adjacent to Chelsea Square. The building would feature 36 parking spots and 20 percent affordable units.

City extends pop-up food pantries to Sept. 26 as food debit card launches

By Seth Daniel

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said they have some 3,300 applications for the Chelsea Eats emergency food debit card and only 2,000 spaces available, but that the most needy are expected to get the card while others will have to rely on existing food pantries that continue to operate throughout the city.

A lottery to select the winners of the debit card will take place on Thursday, Sept. 17, and likewise, the City has extended its pop-up food pantry program also until Sept. 25. Ambrosino said with the large number of applicants, they have weighted the applications and those in greatest need will get the cards first instead of just the luck of the draw.

“We do expect the people with the most need will prevail in the lottery – families with children and elderly residents,” he said. “It will be those that applied and are in the most need.”

Preference in the lottery for Chelsea Eats will

be given to families with children, disabled residents, veterans, seniors 65+, households who are ineligible for other forms of government assistance, and the most economically disadvantaged residents. The City will hold this lottery on Thursday, September 17, at 5 p.m., available for viewing at facebook.com/CityOfChelsea. The City mailed all applicant’s lottery numbers by mail last week. Residents who did not receive the letter can reach 311 to know their applicant number.

Once the lottery is concluded, the City will provide selected applicants with information on how to obtain the food debit card. The Food Debit Card Program is expected to last for at least two months and perhaps as much as four months, depending on funding. Debit cards will include a minimum of \$200 per month and a maximum of \$400 per month, depending on family size.

Ambrosino said they would likely see an increase in the numbers of people

who use the existing food pantries not run by the City – including the Salvation Army, St. Luke’s, La Luz, and the Chelsea Collaborative. So, they will start subsidizing them as well, but they cannot keep their own pantries operating indefinitely.

“We will support the existing pantries operating in the community because we do expect to see an increased number of people,” he said. “So we will provide support to local food pantries at least until the end of the year...There will continue to be existing food pantries in the City and we expect they will see more activity and we will help them. We just can’t operate our pantries indefinitely.”

He said he hopes to have the debit cards in the hands of residents chosen in the lottery by the first week of October.

Simultaneously, the Chelsea Eats program will conduct a study between September and January 2021 to measure the impact of this program. This study will consist of a

brief monthly online survey asking about a family’s well-being during the COVID-19 epidemic. All survey answers are anonymous and confidential, and those who participate in the survey will receive a \$20 gift card after the completion of each survey. Participation in the study is entirely voluntary, and you may

withdraw from the study at any time. The decision to participate in this study will not affect the eligibility for the Chelsea Eats program, and it will not give any additional preference in the lottery.

Until Sept. 25, pop-up pantries will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at:

•Mondays, Quigley Park,

25 Essex St.

•Tuesdays, Bellingham Hill Park, 115 Bellingham St.

•Wednesdays, Washington Park.

•Thursdays, Chelsea Square, 2nd Street.

•Fridays, Mary C. Burke Complex, 300 Crescent Ave.

Cataldo Ambulance announces enhanced program

Cataldo has announced an aggressive campaign to recruit non-EMS professionals and train them as EMTs. As part of this program a new, 30-day, accelerated “Earn as You Learn” program is being rolled out. Previously, Cataldo Earn as You Learn programs employed recruits as wheelchair van drivers during the day and covered the cost of training for an EMT class held during non-working hours. The accelerated Earn as You Learn program supports students by paying an hourly wage while they attend training—with all education and certification related costs covered

by Cataldo. “The purpose of this enhanced program,” says COO, Kevin Turner, “is not only to provide income to candidates who might otherwise be unable to afford the time required for EMT training, but to accelerate the learning process, certify our EMTs sooner, and get them into our communities where they are needed.”

Accelerated programs are gaining popularity across the country. Says Massachusetts Ambulance Association President, Dennis Cataldo, “The critical, national shortage of EMS professionals is putting a strain on the

EMS workforce in Massachusetts. Accelerated programs address the need to train and deploy new recruits as safely and quickly as possible.”

There are only minimal requirements to train as an EMT. Students need to be legal to work in the US, have a HS diploma or equivalent, pass a background check and drug test, and hold a MA driver’s license in good standing. Applications are being taken now. For more information or to complete an application visit <http://cataldoambulance.com/accelerated-emt-training/>

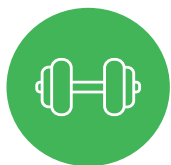
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

WALSH ADDRESSES COVID-19 CRISIS IN EASTIE

EAST BOSTON - At his daily press briefing, Mayor Martin Walsh addressed the ongoing COVID-19 crisis unfolding in East Boston, saying his administration remains committed to monitoring and sharing neighborhood data and race and ethnicity data, and responding to any anticipated or emerging disparities.

Over the past month, Eastie has reemerged as a COVID-19 ‘hotspot’ in the city after a relatively quiet few months where positive test rates and infection rates remained stable.

Eastie now leads the city in infection rates and positive test rates by leaps and bounds with the positive infection rate here at nearly 11 percent last week against a citywide average of 2.3 percent.

Mayor Walsh said these numbers are concerning and the City is addressing the sharp rise through a multipronged approach.

Mayor Walsh has deployed a mobile testing site, in partnership with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EB-NHC), to Central Square through Saturday (see Eastie COVID Update story).

The city is also working with the State to identify temporary isolation housing, so that people can quarantine away from their families if they test positive.

“We are working collaboratively on strategies and solutions with East Boston elected officials; cross-departmental City teams; medical and social service providers in the neighborhood; union leaders who represent East Boston residents and workers; and clergy who have been helping to share messages at services,” said Walsh. “The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) has mobilized teams to provide safety materials and education to residents and business-

es in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, and Arabic. They have been out at MBTA stations and key intersections, and will be expanding into neighborhood parks at times when people gather and play sports. They are distributing COVID care kits, sharing information about safety precautions, and answering questions that people may have about COVID-19. We are making clear that anyone can get tested, regardless of immigration status. No information about your status will be asked. And we are making clear that residents can file a confidential complaint with the BPHC if employers or businesses aren’t following safety guidelines.”

In addition, business outreach in Eastie began last week in multiple languages, to make sure management and staff know COVID regulations; have access to PPE, signage, and prevention efforts like social distancing and hygiene; and know that they need to report to BPHC when they have an employee test positive.

The Mayor said that if case numbers don’t come down, the City will look at tightening regulations around gatherings and public spaces, but he hopes that it doesn’t come to that.

“The City will prioritize working collaboratively with residents to get the message out that COVID-19 is still with us and all the precautions we’ve been taking are still necessary,” he said.

The Mayor pointed out that economic conditions impact COVID numbers, and that Eastie has high rates of multi-generational housing, overcrowded housing, and breadwinners who can only work outside the home. He said bringing resources to those families and supporting them when workers need to stay home is a big part of the solution.

The Mayor concluded with a reflection on the ongoing psychological

impact of COVID-19:

“Let’s remember what people are going through,” said Walsh. “People are experiencing illness in themselves and loved ones; fear of COVID that many have anxiety around; financial stress around lost income, struggling small businesses, and people in fear of losing their home. And then there’s the toll of systemic racism. Many residents experience it personally and they also see continual footage of violence against Black and Brown people on social media. All of it together is taking a tremendous toll. It’s showing up in mental health concerns and physical health concerns. It’s playing a role in domestic violence and street violence. And people are struggling with substance use. For anyone in recovery or interested in recovery, recovery meetings are online and now some meetings are happening in person, outdoors. You can reach out to AA or NA to find a meeting, or contact our Office of Recovery Services by calling 311.”

Walsh reminded the public that these are not normal times and a tendency toward conflict will not serve us well in every situation right now.

“I ask everyone to work together in a spirit of unity and I urge everyone to be kind to yourself and others,” he said. “Let’s take it a day at a time.”

TIPPING COW ICE CREAM TOPS LIST

EVERETT - There were a few key priorities for David Lindsey and his wife, Everett Councilor Gerly Adrien, when they took over Somerville’s Tipping Cow Ice Cream in 2018.

They promised to be all-natural, nut- and allergen-free, create a welcoming place for people to visit, and – as the cherry on top of that creation – to win the Best of Boston award for ice cream.

This month, they checked off the top of the



Winthrop volunteers deliver pizza and water to the poll workers.

list with Boston Magazine naming the shop the best ice cream in Boston – a major feather in the cap for the business that Lindsey and Adrien have been steadily growing for the last three summers.

“In 2018, we said we wanted to get that Best of Boston designation, but knew it would take a lot of work,” said Lindsey last Friday, amidst mixing up a new batch of ice cream at his shop. “I said if we do things right and stay consistent, good things will come. We’re creating a welcoming environment and treat people that come in with care and respect. We feel like we sell pints of love and happiness. That’s what’s important – giving people a good quality product made from scratch.”

Lindsey had never really been in the ice cream business before, but he said he knew he wanted to own his own business. He was familiar with making home-made ice cream with his family growing up in Missouri, and he also had a lot of first-hand experience with culinary principles from working in fine dining. However, running an ice cream shop

was new territory.

“I used to make ice cream with my grandparents used the old-style churns,” he said. “You earned that ice cream. In college I worked with pastry chefs and they showed me things. Coupled with that was the experience in my own family and my own creativity and experimentation.”

They kept the name of the show, Tipping Cow on Medford Street in Somerville, when they purchased it, but Lindsey said they were quite clear from day one they were taking it to a higher level. Starting with 12 core flavors, they experimented, researched and brainstormed until they have a huge variety of different tastes and gourmet offerings.

“We’ve created over 100 different flavors that we rotate in and out,” he said. “We even have things like roasted honey fig, and I’m working now on a fig and goat cheese flavor. We make all our ice cream without the ego...Part of making ice cream is instinctive, but part of it is other aspects of understanding culinary arts and how foods work together...We say we’re trying to bring a piece of gourmet down to Earth in a fun and friendly environment.”

One of the more interesting flavors he came up with is Vanilla Plum Cardinal.

“We’ve only made it four times ever,” said Lindsey. “That’s because we have to find the right plums.”

Though he has nine different chocolate ice creams, Lindsey said he really never liked any kind of chocolate ice cream until he experimented with a Triple Chocolate. Now, out of all the choices on hand, he said that has become his favorite flavor.

For the shop, which has now been open in phases over the last two months after the COVID-19 lockdowns, the most popular summer flavors have been Sweet Corn, Teddie Berry Cherry and Key Lime Pie. And they do it all in a way that’s safe for people who have allergies, or who require dairy-free offerings (they have 30 dairy-free flavors).

Right now, they are also expanding their pint sales in gourmet shopping markets, and they have recently won the ability to feature their ice cream at Earl of Sandwich on the Boston Common – getting rave reviews so far.

Yet, at the same time, all of the fun listed above cannot be a success un-

less there is consistency, said Lindsey. It’s something Tipping Cow has achieved with many hours of work – sometimes as many as 80 to 90 hours put into the business in a week.

“The biggest thing with any business, especially food and food service, is consistency – providing a product that consistently tastes the same,” he said. “That requires a lot of care and attention to detail...We’ve been consistent since we first opened. We’ve continued to build on it.”

For Lindsey, despite the long hours and constant brainstorming about creative ideas, it is rewarding and worth it – something that was shown in the Best of Boston designation.

“It’s fun and it’s rewarding,” he said. “You get an opportunity to do something that people love and really like. Being able to make people happy is cool. I don’t miss putting on a shirt and tie and running to the Orange Line from Everett to fight to get downtown. It was chaotic, but that’s not to say I didn’t enjoy it. However, it’s a whole different thing being able to come in and create something people love.”

Tipping Cow is located at 415 Medford St. in Somerville, and Lindsey said they frequently find folks from Everett making their way over to the shop.

GROUP CITES ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE SCHOOLS OPEN

LYNN - In response to the statewide push to reopen schools for in-person education, the recently formed Coalition to Safely Reopen Schools, has issued its position statement citing a number of issues that need to be addressed to ensure that schools can be reopened without jeopardizing the health and safety of students, staff, or the communities schools serve. As a result of that analysis, the Coalition is calling for a phased approach to reopening, with no in-person learning unless and until those issues are resolved.

The Coalition is a statewide collaboration of school nurses, teachers, parents, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, librarians, school support staff, janitorial staff, labor, occupational health and community advocates, who came together to provide a frontline perspective and

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concrete medically-informed recommendations for what is needed to safely reopen for in-person learning. The group complements and builds on a number of other position statements issued by local and national teachers associations, including the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, as well as expert analysis and reports provided by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, the Massachusetts Education Equity Partnership and the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health. It also relies on the perspective of school nurses from throughout the state, who are responsible for the health and well-being of students and every member of the school staff, all of whom will be placing their own well-being and that of their families and communities at risk as a result of reopening during this unprecedented pandemic.

“This process represents one of the most consequential decisions our communities and our state and nation construe to grapple with a pandemic that is still surging across the nation, showing signs of a second wave in our state, with the threat of the flu season looming,” said Patty Comeau, RN, a member of the Coalition, the Massachusetts Nurses Association and a school nurse in Methuen. “In confronting this challenge a safe, scientifically guided, well planned, adequately funded and appropriately resourced process must be the priority for all involved, as the stakes couldn’t be higher and the outcome of our decisions truly have life and death consequences.”

The statement also highlights the need to keep equity as the central focus of reopening in order to address the needs of families, and communities; particularly Black, Latino and those residents of disadvantaged communities across the Commonwealth, who have been hardest hit by the pandemic, and whose communities often lack the funding and school infrastructure to support a safe reopening at this time.

The position statement addresses 16 different areas of concern that need to be considered and addressed appropriately to ensure a safe reopening of schools for in-person learning, including:

- Proper ventilation and circulation of air;
- Assessing community resources for alternative school settings;
- Ensuring proper social distancing;
- Standardization and availability of PPE for all staff and students
- Resources and infrastructure to support hand hygiene and mask wearing;
- Safe cleaning practices;
- Addressing the health and safety of students with special needs;

- Access to rapid testing;
- Clear guidelines for contact tracing;
- Appropriate school nurse staffing;
- Space to isolate and monitor suspected or positive cases;
- Resources for safe transportation of students;
- Safe re-entry into school protocols;
- Comprehensive education and training of staff prior to reopening;
- Disparities in access to in-person learning;
- Preserving school staff pay and benefits.

The position statement clearly describes each specific area of concern as well as how each must be addressed to ensure a safe reopening. After completing this review, the Coalition position statement concludes:

“In light of all the issues we have presented, the current lack of funding appropriated to address these issues, and the increased need for staff, PPE, testing and other resources to implement a safe reopening, at this time; we don’t believe our State is ready to pursue in-person learning safely. And until these issues are resolved, it is also not safe to have staff stationed in these schools to conduct remote learning for students.”

The Coalition calls for the state and school districts to reopen for remote learning, while taking the time to develop comprehensive plans with the infrastructure, protocols, staffing, funding and training “to safely institute in-person learning that we all know our students deserve.”

The organizations that have endorsed the document to date include: American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, Massachusetts Association for the Chemically Injured, Massachusetts Coalition for Safety and Health, Massachusetts Jobs with Justice, Massachusetts Nurses Association, Massachusetts Teachers Association and Service Employees International Union Local 888.

REVERE SCHOOL AND TEACHERS ENTER INTO MOA

REVERE - At an emergency Revere School Committee meeting called on August 28, Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly said RPS and the Revere Teachers Association (RTA) have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to safely restart the school year.

The MOA, that was unanimously adopted by the School Committee, addresses some the concerns RTA members had over Revere’s school reopening plan.

While the School Committee voted earlier this month to start with a ‘remote’ learning model instead of a ‘hybrid’ learning model due to an increase in COVID positive test rates, RTA members still had concerns over the safety of the plan.

Major concerns from the RTA included the fact that teachers would have to teach remotely from their classrooms and high-risk students like ELA and special education students would be coming to Revere’s school buildings for in-person learning despite the remote phase.

Under the MOA adopted by the School Committee teachers will provide remote learning three days a week from classrooms and two days a week from home. During shortened four day holiday weeks teachers will do two days from their classroom and two days from their home. Dr. Kelly said all teachers have the option to teach from their classroom five days a week if they so choose.

Staff that are at a higher risk of developing severe complications from COVID-19 will have special medical accommodations based on their needs. RPS are still working with those staff members to determine the proper accommodations.

Like the rest of the school population high-risk students like ELA and special education students will also start the year remotely and will no longer be educated in-person within school buildings when the school year begins. Once Revere switches to the hybrid model these students will join their fellow students for in-person learning. The hybrid model plan calls for students to be split into groups. While one group is learning in-person the other group in learning remotely and vice versa.

The RPS and RTA also agreed that they will adhere to the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s guidelines on stitching from a remote to a hybrid model.

“In order to go from remote to hybrid the positive infection rate has to be 5 percent or less and fewer than 8 COVID cases per 100,000 residents,” said Kelly.

Kelly added that if the State and City of Revere returns to Phase II of the COVID reopening plan the hybrid model would go back to the remote model. Teachers would have the option at that time to work from home or in their classrooms if things are scaled back. However, if the state and city go back to Phase I then all school buildings would be closed like they were in March and all teachers would work from home and all students would do remote learning.

RPS is also working on a testing program for staff and students in order to isolate asymptomatic carriers and prevent spread of the disease. Students that consent would be tested one week prior to the hybrid model kicking off and every week there after.

“I do feel like what we have agreed on will enable us to better serve our students without than if we went forward without an agreement,” said Kelly.

DiDomenico urges action on wage theft

In light of a dramatic uptick in labor rights violations in Massachusetts this year, Senator Sal DiDomenico has renewed his urgent call to pass legislation aimed at preventing the illegal practice of wage theft. Senator DiDomenico is the lead sponsor of S.1066, An Act to prevent wage theft, promote employer accountability, and enhance public enforcement, which would give the state greater power to go after corrupt employers and provide additional tools for the Attorney General’s Office to hold violators fully accountable.

The Massachusetts Attorney General’s office recently identified nearly 13,000 employees affected by labor rights violations in fiscal 2020, which represents a 16% increase from the previous year. These employees are not necessarily the total number of workers hit by wage theft, workplace safety, and other labor violations. They are only the ones known to the state.

“Attorney General Maura Healey and the Fair Labor Division are doing incredible work to rigorously enforce our labor laws and ensure that each and every worker in the Commonwealth is treated fairly,” said Senator DiDomenico. “However, it is clear that as wage theft continues to grow even more prevalent, our Attorney General and her team need additional support and tools to continue

their critical work. As we continue to deal with the COVID-19 crisis and rebuild our economy, wage theft legislation must be part of our efforts to protect workers during these difficult times.”

Wage theft- the illegal practice of not paying employees for all of their work through means such as violating minimum wage laws, not paying overtime, or forcing workers to work off the clock- has become a pervasive problem throughout the Massachusetts economy. The number of wage theft violations has especially grown as more companies move towards using independent contractors rather than full-time employees, overwhelming the capacity of our existing labor laws and enforcement mechanisms.

According to Community Labor United, approximately \$700 million is stolen by bad employers from 350,000 workers in Massachusetts each year. Immigrants are particularly vulnerable to wage theft due to a reluctance to speak out against employers. As a result, these workers can sometimes go weeks without pay, and when they do get paid, it can be less than originally promised.

Wage theft also hurts legitimate businesses by putting law-abiding companies at a competitive disadvantage when they lose contracts to companies that charge less for their work by cheating

their workers out of their pay. These bad actors also avoid paying taxes and into critical safety nets for workers, putting an unfair burden on Massachusetts taxpayers and the Commonwealth when employees have a legitimate right to utilize these programs.

To increase accountability in labor contracting and subcontracting, the bill holds lead contractors accountable for the wage theft violations of their subcontractors if there is a significant connection to their business activities or operations and enhances the enforcement power of the Attorney General’s Office by allowing it to bring wage theft cases directly to civil court. The Attorney General would also gain the ability to issue a stop work order in response to a wage theft violation.

To protect employees affected by a stop work order, the bill requires that employees be paid for the period that the stop work order is in effect or the first 10 days the employee was scheduled to work had the stop order not been issued.

The Massachusetts Senate has passed Senator DiDomenico’s wage theft bill during the previous two legislative sessions with nearly unanimous and bipartisan support. Today, the bill is currently pending before the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce development where is awaits a favorable report.

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OBITUARIES

Sheila McMahon

Former Director of the Chelsea
Community Connections Coalitionnity

Sheila (McNicholas) McMahon, community activist and former Director of Chelsea Community Connections Coalition, died peacefully in her sleep on Labor Day after a long illness.

Born in Chatham, NJ in 1941 to Henry P. and Ann McNicholas, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated from Clark University in 1963 with a degree in Psychology.

She married John F. (Jack) McMahon in 1964. Together, they raised five children: Rachel Christopher of Revere, (Lawrence Christopher), Peter McMahon of Greenfield, Deirdre McMahon of Bala Cynwyd, PA, (Jason Mezey), David McMahon (Leah Kramer) and Siobhan McMahon (Philip Holland), all of Cambridge.

Sharp-witted and big-hearted, Sheila delighted in her children and grandchildren.

A long-time resident of Winthrop MA and more recently of Jamaica Plain MA, Sheila was heavily involved in her community, running multiple non-profit programs for families and children and volunteering widely in Chelsea, East

Boston, Winthrop, and Revere. She advocated tirelessly for immigration rights, multicultural awareness, and literacy. She was also handy with



power tools and thought most things could be improved with more coffee. She loved to read. Even after she retired and while she was severely ill, she remained active, serving on committees and boards that protect elder rights and working locally in her senior living community to support residents' independence and quality of life.

A fan of Scrabble, Cheez-Its, and progressive politics, she left the hospital against orders in 2016 to vote for Hillary Clinton. She really wanted to vote in 2020. She worked toward a better world for her grandchildren, Brendan, Erin, Norah, Paul, Danny, Sebastian, and Rosie. She is survived by her husband and family, who will miss her. A memorial service will be held after it is safe to gather, but for now, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to ROCA (101 Park Street Chelsea, MA 02150) or to Chelsea Human Services Collaborative (318 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150).

Joseph Pedoto

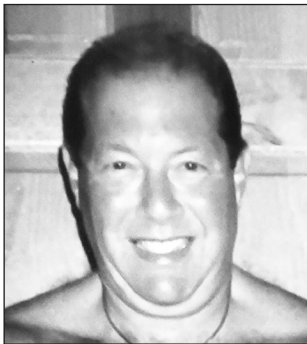
Loyal and devout family man

Joseph L. "Joe" Pedoto of Saugus passed away unexpectedly on September 3 at the age of 60.

Joe was a loyal friend and a devout family man. He was born and raised in the Highlands of Winthrop, a graduate of Winthrop High School, class of '79. He has been employed in the energy industry for 40 years, recently with Perley Burrill Oil Company.

Joe was a car enthusiast who enjoyed reading about the history of Detroit, most notably, the muscle car era. He enjoyed local travel throughout New England and summers on the beach. Joe had a heart of gold and will be missed by all who knew him.

Born in Winthrop on March 18, 1960 to the late John M. Pedoto and Jeanette (Fagone) Pedoto, he was the cherished husband of 32 years to Lois Sacco of Saugus, devoted father of Joseph L. Pedoto II, dear brother of Charles Pedoto and the late John M. Pedoto Jr., adored son in law of Rose Sacco of Revere and the late Nicola Sacco, beloved brother in law of the late Geraldine Sacco of Chelsea and be-



loved uncle of Kristen (Pedoto) Macchiavelli and her husband, Anthony, Justine (Pedoto) Romanos and her husband, Nicholas, and Jaime Pedoto.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St, Revere today, Wednesday, September 9 at 12 noon. (Everyone to meet directly at church). Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend the Mass at St. Anthony's and the interment at Woodlawn Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court St., Boston MA 02108. Visit their website NECHV.ORG to specify how you would like your donation to enrich the life of our heroes. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com

Julie VanValkenberg

Of Revere

Julie (Carnazzo) VanValkenberg of Revere passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 4 at the age of 50.

Born in Medford on June 13, 1970 to Paul and Nancy (Fitzgerald) Carnazzo of Revere, Julie is survived by Michael VanValkenberg of Danvers, the father to their beloved children, Michael VanValkenberg of Revere and Morgan VanValkenberg of Danvers, dear sister to Paul Carnazzo and his wife, Agata of Revere and adored grandmother of Emily Heres-VanValkenberg. She is also survived by many dear cousins and friends.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, September 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a private Prayer Service for the immediate family. Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by



the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and local officials we are limited to 25 people at a time and social distancing and masks are required. If you could, please make your visit brief to allow others to attend. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Julie's name to the MSPCA Angel, Att. Development Donation, 350 S. Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130. Private Interment. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Nancy Ciarlone

Loving mother, grandmother
and great grandmother

Nancy M. (Nicolo) Ciarlone of Revere passed away peacefully on September 1 at the age of 90.

The beloved daughter of the late Diego and Marianna (Compolo) Nicolo, she was the devoted wife of the late Louis H. "Cheako" Ciarlone, loving mother of Louis Ciarlone, Jr. and his wife, Corazon (Parcon) and Michael Ciarlone and his partner, Linda Sarno, all of Revere; cherished grandmother of Kiana Ciarlone Cameron and Dominique Ciarlone and great-grandmother of Eden Cameron; dear sister of the late Demetrie, James, Joseph, Salvatore and Nicolas Nicolo, Angie D'Amico and Marion Raponi. Nancy is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Archdiocese of Boston and local of-



ficials, funeral services will be privately held for the immediate family and under the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nancy's memory to the Ciarlone Scholarship Fund, 410 Park Avenue, Revere, MA 02151.

Please share a memory or leave a message by visiting our guest book www.Buonfiglio.com.

John Lawrence Sidman

Of Saugus, formerly of Chelsea

John Lawrence Sidman of Saugus, formerly of Chelsea, died suddenly on Thursday, September 3.

The beloved husband of Maria T. (Salvati) Sidman, he was the devoted father of Matthew Sidman of Tampa, FL, Jessica Sidman of Springhill, FL, Jennifer Medrano of Woburn and Vincenzo Guglielmo of Saugus; loving son of the late Abraham Sidman and Frances (Sandel), dear brother of the late Eric Sidman;

loving grandfather of Avery Sidman, Harper Sidman, Ayanna Morale, and Makaila Vaillancourt and nephew of Leo Sandel of Revere.

Private graveside services will be held at Greenview Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers donations in John's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice. Visit www.torffuneralservice.com for guestbook and directions.

Ruth DiSalvo

Retired bookkeeper

Ruth K. DiSalvo of Chelsea entered into eternal rest in Chelsea on Wednesday, Sept. 2. She was 92 years old.

Born in Boston, Ruth lived in Chelsea for many years. She was a bookkeeper by profession. Ruth was a fun loving person and a very stylish dresser.

The beloved daughter of the late Carmela (Perella) and Domenico DiSalvo, she was the dear and devoted sister of the late Helen Daniel, loving aunt of Karen Falzone, Stephen Daniel, Donald A. Perella and Bernard Perella.

Services are private and for the immediate fami-



ly. Interment in the family lot at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ruth's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oakes Road, Waltham, MA 02452, would be sincerely appreciated.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE


Re Mohammed Oumarhouch
d/b/a 7-Eleven
115 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commis-
sion, September 17, 2020
Notice is hereby given that a
public hearing will be held
by the Chelsea Licensing
Commission on Thursday,
September 17, 2020 at 6:00
p.m. in the City Council Con-
ference Room, Chelsea City
Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea,
MA, for a Wine and Malt
Alcoholic Beverages License
application for Mohammed
Oumarhouch d/b/a 7-Elev-
en, 115 Broadway, Chelsea,
MA. 02150.
CHELSEA LICENSING COM-
MISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
9/3/20, 9/10/20

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT


Suffolk Probate
And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
Docket No.
SU20P1433EA
Estate of:
Jose Agustin
Iraheta
Date of Death:
05/06/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate
of Will with Appointment of
Personal Representative has
been filed by Aracely Iraheta
of Chelsea, MA requesting
that the Court enter a formal
Decree and Order and for
such other relief as request-
ed in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Aracely Iraheta of Chelsea,
MA be appointed as Personal
Representative(s) of said
estate to serve Without Sure-
ty on the bond in an unsu-
pervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain
a copy of the Petition from
the Petitioner or at the Court.
You have a right to object
to this proceeding. To do so,
you or your attorney must
file a written appearance
and objection at this Court
before: 10:00 a.m. on the
return day of 09/24/2020.
This is NOT a hearing date,
but a deadline by which you
must file a written appear-
ance and objection if you
object to this proceeding. If
you fail to file a timely writ-
ten appearance and objec-
tion followed by an affidavit
of objections within thirty
(30) days of the return day,
action may be taken without
further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRA-
TION UNDER THE MASSACHU-
SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative
appointed under the MUPC in
an unsupervised administra-
tion is not required to file an
inventory or annual accounts
with the Court. Persons
interested in the estate are
entitled to notice regarding
the administration directly
from the Personal Represen-

tative and may petition the
Court in any matter relating
to the estate, including the
distribution of assets and
expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.
Dunn, First Justice of this
Court.
Date: August 20, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
9/10/20

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR
OTHER PROTECTIVE
ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304 & §5-405
Docket No.
SU20P1421PM
In the matter of:
Rachid Assafiri
Of: Chelsea, MA
To the named Respondent
and all other interested
persons, a petition has been
filed by Eastpointe Rehab
& Skilled Care of Chelsea,
MA in the above captioned
matter alleging that Rachid
Assafiri is in need of a Con-
servator or other protective
order and requesting that (or
some other suitable person)
be appointed as Conservator
to serve Without Surety on
the bond.
The petition asks the court to
determine that the Respon-
dent is disabled, that a pro-
tective order or appointment
of a Conservator is neces-
sary, and that the proposed
conservator is appropriate.
The petition is on file with
this court.
You have the right to object
to this proceeding. If you
wish to do so, you or your
attorney must file a written
appearance at this court on
or before 10:00 A.M. on the
return date of 09/24/2020.
This day is NOT a hearing
date, but a deadline date by
which you have to file the
written appearance if you
object to the petition. If you
fail to file the written ap-
pearance by the return date,
action may be taken in this
matter without further notice
to you. In addition to filing
the written appearance, you
or your attorney must file a
written affidavit stating the
specific facts and grounds
of your objection within 30
days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceed-
ing may limit or completely
take away the above-named
person's right to make deci-
sions about personal affairs
or financial affairs or both.
The above-named person
has the right to ask for a
lawyer. Anyone may make
this request on behalf of the
above-named person. If the
above-named person cannot
afford a lawyer, one may be
appointed at State expense.,
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.
Dunn, First Justice of this
Court.
Date: August 13, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate
9/10/20

LEGAL NOTICE


CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF
READY MIXED CONCRETE
The City of Chelsea, Massa-
chusetts, through its Chief
Procurement Officer, is seek-
ing sealed bids for "Supply
and Delivery of Ready Mixed
Concrete".
Invitation for Bids will
be available on or after
September 9, 2020 by
contacting Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer at
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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 11:00AM on Thursday,
September 24, 2020.
Each bid must be accompa-
nied 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 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 minori-
ty 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
9/10/20

LEGAL NOTICE


CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
TAX BILLING – PRINTING &
MAILING
The City of Chelsea Massa-
chusetts through its Chief
Procurement Officer is seek-
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Chief Procurement Officer,
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The City of Chelsea reserves
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In accordance with our
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qualified women and minori-
ty business firms to respond.
The City of Chelsea is an
Equal Opportunity Employer.
This invitation for bid is
in accordance with M.G.L.
Chapter 30B.
Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
9/10/20

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
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Suffolk Probate
And Family Court
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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
Docket No.
SU20P1470EA
Estate of:
Maxwell H.
Adelman
Date of Death:
04/19/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate
of Will with Appointment
of Personal Representative
has been filed by Suzanne
Adelman of Inglewood, CA
requesting that the Court
enter a formal Decree and
Order and for such other
relief as requested in the
Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Suzanne Adelman of Ingle-
wood, CA be appointed as
Personal Representative(s)
of said estate to serve With-
out Surety on the bond in an
unsupervised administration.
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and objection at this Court
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ance and objection if you
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interested in the estate are
entitled to notice regarding
the administration directly
from the Personal Represen-
tative and may petition the
Court in any matter relating
to the estate, including the
distribution of assets and
expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.
Dunn, First Justice of this
Court.
Date: August 19, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
9/10/20

Land Court launches virtual recorder's office

Trial Court Chief Jus-
tice Paula M. Carey, Court
Administrator Jonathan
Williams, and Land Court
Chief Justice Gordon H.
Piper today announced
that the Land Court Re-
corder's Office is now
using videoconferencing
technology to operate a
virtual Recorder's Office
to assist the public.
"This pilot program in
the Land Court, modeled
on the early success of the
'Virtual Registry' in the
Probate and Family Court,
is an excellent way to
leverage technology to of-
fer remote court services
to the public," said Trial
Court Chief Justice Paula
Carey.
"The Land Court has
launched yet another Tri-
al Court technology ini-
tiative to enhance access
to our courts," said Court
Administrator Jonathan
Williams. "Given the

Land Court's statewide
jurisdiction, court users all
across Massachusetts will
benefit."
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by videoconference or
by phone using a video-
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during designated hours.
Court users are admitted
into a virtual waiting room
and then into the virtual
Recorder's Office. There,
Land Court staff can an-
swer general questions,
provide Land Court case
and docket information,
and assist with accessing
forms, instructions and
other documents. If the
pilot is well received, the
Land Court may expand
hours to provide addi-
tional services, including
virtual contact with Land
Court title examiners, tax
title examiners, and sur-
vey staff.
"We are pleased to add

this new virtual service
to other remote services
the Land Court has im-
plemented in response to
the pandemic, including
telephone and video con-
ferencing of court events
and remote public access
to live court events," said
Land Court Chief Justice
Gordon Piper. "This pro-
vides a great alternative in
response to public health
and safety concerns. I
commend the creativity
of Land Court Recorder
Deborah Patterson and her
staff to meet the needs of
our court users."
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Fridays (except holidays)
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formation on how to access
the virtual Recorder's Of-
fice is available at [https://
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Greg Wilmot named new SVP, COO at EBNHC

By John Lynds

Last week the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) announced that Greg Wilmot has been promoted to the role of senior vice president (SVP) and chief operating officer (COO). Wilmot most recently served as vice president and executive director of Neighborhood PACE, part of the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly network that provides comprehensive care and support for adults 55 and older with specific needs and preferences. In this new capacity, Wilmot will continue to oversee the PACE program while also playing a key role in the development of EBNHC's 2025 strategic plan.

"This year the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center celebrates its 50th anniversary providing easily accessible, high-quality health care to some of our most vulnerable populations," said Wilmot. "No patient is ever turned away and it is a privilege to be a part of an organization that has made such a tremendous impact on the local community. As we chart a course for the Health Center's future, I'm looking forward to helping shape its strategic planning efforts."

This week the East Boston Times conducted a 'virtual' interview with Wilmot.

East Boston Times: How has running PACE prepared you for your new role as SVP, COO?

Greg Wilmot: After nearly two decades work-

ing in the healthcare industry, in 2017, I joined EBNHC to help develop and execute a multi-year strategic plan for the PACE program. That plan intended to grow our PACE program and improve the program's overall operational performance, financial performance, clinical quality, and patient experience. I am proud to say that our team made tremendous progress on all of these fronts. As SVP, COO, with an expanded focus, working across the health center, I have a similar charge and alongside our tremendous leadership team and dedicated staff, have great confidence in what we'll accomplish.

EBT: COVID has had a huge impact on Eastie and surrounding areas. What do you think are the most challenging issues with COVID and how can the EBNHC help solve these issues?

GW: I have three major concerns about COVID. First, it is a deadly and highly infectious disease that is disproportionality affected black and brown communities – this is concerning for East Boston. It is imperative that EBNHC continue to provide access to treatment for persons who are ill, access to testing for persons with symptoms or at-risk of infection, and information and other resources to ensure our residents are well-informed on how to protect themselves and their families. EBNHC will continue to be proactive and innovative in this fight against COVID and in partnership with the East



Greg Wilmot was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at EBNHC last week.

Boston community, we'll get through it.

EBT: Forbes just named EBNHC one of the best places to work. How does the EBNHC staff impress you day in and day out?

GW: I have long been impressed with the staff of EBNHC, including EBNHC's leadership team and CEO, Manny Lopes. In my tenure with the organization, the staff at EBNHC have always shown tremendous dedication and amidst the COVID crisis, the dedication of the EBNHC staff has been all full display. During this crisis, members of the EBNHC family have given everything they have to ensure that our patients and members of the Eastie community have access to high-quality, affordable, and safe health care services.

EBT: What are some of the things during this pandemic that EBNHC has done that has made you proud to be part of the

team?

GW: Like so many, the EBNHC team has been working at full speed to ensure our doors remain open. As a health care provider and critical resource in our community, EBNHC has been laser-focused on ensuring access to care, access to testing, and access to information and resources. The list of things is fairly extensive. By example, this year alone, EBNHC implemented new COVID testing sites – doing thousands of tests per week, we implemented telehealth visits, expanded meals distribution, virtualized significant portions of our workforce, and completed a historic/first of its kind merger with the South End Community Health Center. EBNHC continues to be an innovator and unlike any health care provider in the state and I am so proud to be a part of the EBNHC family.

EBT: Is there anything else you would like to add?

GW: I'd like to extend a special thanks to the EBNHC board of directors and board chair Rita Sorrento and the EBNHC executive leadership team and our CEO and President Manny Lopes. It's truly a privilege to serve alongside such a committed group of leaders.

Wilmot brings more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare field to his new role. Prior to joining EBNHC in 2017, Wilmot worked at AllWays Health Partners, a member of Mass General Brigham, where he led the organization's Mass-

Health Accountable Care Organization strategy and operations. Additionally, Wilmot previously served as Boston Medical Center's director of business development, where he partnered with clinical and administrative leaders at the hospital and across key partners to create new opportunities for growth and expand clinical services and quality goals. Wilmot also worked for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's Executive Office of Health and Human Services as senior advisor and director of strategy and performance management and held various operational and management roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mas-

sachusetts.

"Greg's appointment comes at an important time for EBNHC and the communities we serve as the health center continues to grow and expand," said Manny Lopes, CEO, EBNHC. "As COO, he will play a key role in integrating the PACE program into the overall health center, which will improve patient care and organizational efficiency, as well as the development of EBNHC's strategic planning."

Wilmot holds a BA in Psychology from Boston College, and an MBA from Northeastern University. Wilmot resides in Framingham with his wife Romina and their two daughters.



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