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Ryan Returns

State Rep. Dan Ryan earns victory in Primary

By Seth Daniel

They say the Mystic/Tobin Bridge is a symbol for the great unification of two places – Chelsea and Charlestown – but those folks haven't looked at recent election results.

It was once again a game of turnout on either side of the Bridge for the state representative race, with incumbent Rep. Dan Ryan of Charlestown cruising to a hard-fought victory over Chelsea City Councillor Damali Vidot on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The vote count was clear on that point. Overall, State Rep. Ryan beat Councillor Vidot 4,195 to 3,093 – a difference of 1,102 votes in the end. The key to the race was a greater turnout in Charlestown, which has been the story of that seat



PHOTO SETH DANIEL

State Rep. Dan Ryan celebrates with Councillor Leo Robinson following Ryan's win in the hard-fought state representative race against Councillor Damali Vidot. While Vidot won Chelsea by 1,000 votes, Ryan played strong in Charlestown and won the race by 1,102 votes. He will return to the State House for another term in January.

for many years – going back to elections between Ryan and Chelsea City Council

President Roy Avellaneda (who endorsed Ryan this time around). In Charles-

town, Ryan got 3,319 votes compared to Vidot's 1,223 votes. However, in Chelsea, Vidot got 1,870 votes compared to Ryan's 876 votes. In the end, Charlestown turned out higher, and Ryan won. On the other side of the Bridge, keeping the seat in Charlestown was a major part of the campaign, as Charlestown went 37 years before Ryan was elected without having a resident in elected office.

Another caveat of the campaign was the substantial amount of money that was drawn into the race, nearly \$200,000 was raised by both candidates combined at the end – a huge influx for a local state representative race. The story there was a great deal of money coming from out-

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Professional Development

Teachers return to school virtually in first-ever online Convocation

By Seth Daniel

Monday started the first of 10 days of professional development for teachers as they learn the ins and outs of a new, more refined remote learning program prior to children returning to school on Sept. 16.

Typically, teachers and administrators and staff have gathered in the Chelsea High gym with elected officials for a breakfast and then a rally-like Convocation. It has marked the beginning of the school term for years on end, always featuring a speech highlighting the vision of the district given by the superintendent. This year, Supt. Almi Abeyta was to give her first such speech, but things were altered due to COVID-19 and that speech came online while teachers sat mostly at home in front of their computers.

Abeyta said this week marked the beginning of a 10-day training in the district's Remote Learning 2.0 program. The district will be using several different online platforms for various subjects and grade levels, requiring a great deal of learning curve for teachers before they hit the virtual

classroom this month.

We have improved our remote learning from the spring; we have learned from what did not work so well in the spring and from our successes in the summer," she said.

The training will also include: Remote Learning, Safety, Family and Community Engagement, Social Emotional Learning and Anti-Bias professional development.

Prior to the beginning of work, several school and City leaders delivered on-line messages – messages that were highlighted by Abeyta's speech. This time, it was less about an overall vision and more about motivating teachers to be there emotionally, as well as academically, as they return to teach children that likely have been traumatized in some way by COVID-19 and family upheaval.

"We are living in unprecedented times," she said. "But, I know that we will rise to the occasion. We will stay focused on our mission of welcoming and educating all students. This is even more important during this time because our students need

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Kennedy bucks the trend in Chelsea

By Seth Daniel

Congressman Joe Kennedy III scored a rare win in Chelsea on Tuesday night, Sept. 1, in a Democratic Primary that was all about his opponent, U.S. Senator Ed Markey – who took the

statewide vote decidedly.

In Chelsea, Kennedy got 2,097 votes (52 percent) to Markey's 1,903 votes (47 percent), built on a campaign that came to Chelsea numerous times and especially in August when he dropped by Golden Canno-

li and came last Saturday campaigning with New York Congressman Adriano Espaillat.

Kennedy also had the support of Councilor Judith Garcia, who had joined the campaign staff during the summer. Council President

Roy Avellaneda was also very strongly in the Kennedy camp as well.

Kennedy's win in Chelsea follows a clear trend where he did very well in Latino and Spanish-speak-

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Giannino wins State Rep. Democratic Primary in the 16th Suffolk District that includes Chelsea

By Cary Shuman

Revere Councilor-at-Large Jessica Ann Giannino carried Chelsea at the polls on her way to earning an impressive victory in the Sixteenth Suffolk District Democratic Primary for State Representative Tuesday, defeating Joseph Gravelle in the hard-fought election.

Giannino received 601 votes in Chelsea while Gravelle received 453 votes. Giannino also recorded solid votes in Revere and Saugus to win by an approximate 20-per cent margin overall. The two candidates were seeking to succeed retiring State Rep.



Councillor Jessica Giannino is shown with her biggest fans, her Grandmother, JoAnne Giannino and her father, RPD Sgt. Christopher Giannino and her dog, Sam Adams. A pink light burned brightly in the window all day leading to the victory Tuesday night.

RoseLee Vincent.

Chelsea Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, who supported Giannino in the election, said that the

Revere resident ran "a very good campaign."

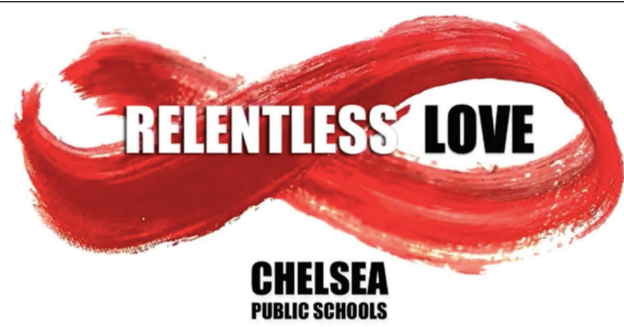
"Jessica really reached out to the people of Chelsea and they found her very

warm and sincere and that's why they came out and they voted for her," said Robinson.

Giannino thanked the voters in the district for their incredible show of support and sharing her vision for a better future. Giannino released the following statement:

"To the residents of the 16th Suffolk District - thank you. This is the honor of my life. Thank you to all who came out to vote today, to those who provided feedback, insight and support. Thank you for sharing my vision for a better future. To every person in Chelsea,

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Bóg zapłać' (God Bless You) St. Stanislaus says good-bye after 115 years

By Seth Daniel

The long-standing St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church on Chestnut Street held its last public Masses last week after 115 years of perseverance – surviving two conflagrations – in serving the faithful in the

Polish language.

Parishioners held a bittersweet remembrance of all the history and hard work put into the Parish over the decades – particularly thanking Pastor Andrew Grelak, a Polish priest who came to the Parish in 1996 and has served tire-

lessly with time, devotion and his own money.

"It is with the same Bóg zapłać that I turn to you, the most faithful parishioners," read a letter spoken aloud during the last Mass on Sunday. "You maintained the Parish spiritually with your regular participation in

the Holy Mass as well as financially paying your dues and contributing your hard-earned money to various renovation projects over the years. For you this was simply a holy obligation that

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side of the district – and some from outside the state – for Vidot from powerhouse Progressive organizations that backed her and endorsed her in the campaign.

Meanwhile, Ryan featured more fundraising from sources within the district, and some from statewide networks.

At his Election party in Charlestown Tuesday night, Ryan gave a speech to a lively crowd that included State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Attorney General Maura Healey, Boston Councilor Lydia Edwards, Chelsea Council President Avellaneda, Chelsea Councilor Leo Robinson and a host of neighborhood supporters from Charlestown and Chelsea.

In his speech, Ryan touched on the fact that this was a race where outside money and people from the suburbs tried to tell city kids in Charlestown and Chelsea how they should live through their support of Vidot. He said voters turned that notion back.

“It was a tough year and an awesome victory,” said Ryan. “We were so positive. I would wake up every

morning with them calling me names on Twitter and I would say, ‘Please, please, no one from my campaign respond to that.’ And nobody did because it’s all about our message and two great communities working together. We don’t care about the rest of the state coming here and telling us what to do. To me, that’s structural racism. When you’re telling city kids what to do and you’re living way out there, that’s part of the problem. We know how to take care of ourselves. We had the most diverse campaign in the state, and not because we were endorsed by some group that writes White Papers...but because we were surrounded by kids that grew up in Chelsea and Charlestown. It’s a great district and I thank you all for sending me back.”

Ryan also gave a nod to the disruption of COVID-19, saying he kicked off his campaign in March during the Presidential Primary, and soon learned that things weren’t going to follow the normal re-election process.

“The first indication that there was going to be a COVID problem was

when the Secretary of State said to be careful going to the polls and make sure to mask up and use hand sanitizer,” he said. “People brought their own pens. Everyone thought this was only going to be around for two weeks. The next thing you know I’m representing the City with the highest infection rate in the state. The greatest city in Massachusetts, and the greatest neighborhood in Massachusetts of course is right here in Charlestown. But the greatest City, Chelsea, came together and fed people, clothed people, and did whatever it took to take care of their neighbors.”

Ryan also thanked his family, including his wife, Kara, his son and campaign manager Myer Segal, and his daughters, Audrey and Ella.

Vidot said she thanked all of her campaign staff and her family for supporting her relentlessly during the campaign in both communities. She said though she didn’t come out ahead in her vote totals, she said her movement is just beginning.

On that point, she said she doesn’t believe her

campaign really lost.

“Those who subscribe to entrenched power structures and have their own funny relationships with power believe that we lost last night,” she said. “Those of us that haven’t internalized the way that status quo power works recognize that what we did was shake things up. Last night, we loosened up the chains for others to move more freely and openly.

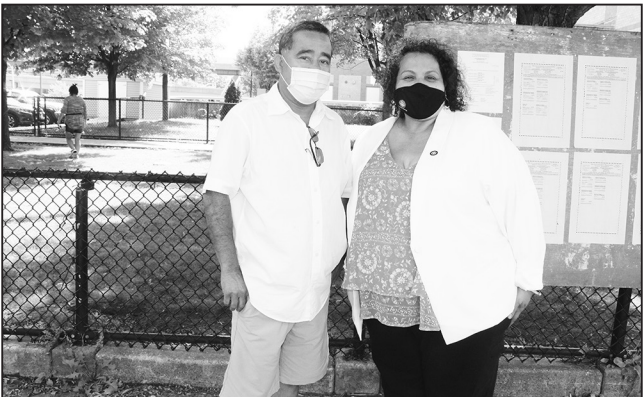
“When I look at the amount of young people that came out to vote, the number and diverse array of folks that showed up for me in this campaign, it is a testament to the change and the values that I represent,” she continued. “When I look back at this campaign and the movement that we have built together over the last three months, all I feel is immense pride for what we did together. I’m already receiving messages from others who are inspired by our campaign, so I’m not sure we really lost at all.”

Ryan will now return to the State House, and will be inaugurated into his next term in January, 2021.

City of Chelsea State Primary September 1, 2020 DEMOCRATIC			
		VOTES	PERCENT
SENATOR IN CONGRESS			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
EDWARD J. MARKEY	1,903	47.37	
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, III	2,097	52.20	
WRITE-IN.	17	.42	
Blank Votes	67		
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
AYANNA S. PRESSLEY	3,378	97.66	
WRITE-IN.	81	2.34	
Blank Votes	625		
COUNCILLOR			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
TERRENCE W. KENNEDY	2,222	61.67	
HELINA FONTES	1,365	37.89	
WRITE-IN.	16	.44	
Blank Votes	481		
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
SAL N. DiDOMENICO.	3,323	98.69	
WRITE-IN.	44	1.31	
Blank Votes	717		
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 2nd Suffolk District			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
DANIEL JOSEPH RYAN	876	31.79	
DAMALI VIDOT	1,870	67.85	
WRITE-IN.	10	.36	
Blank Votes	182		
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 16th Suffolk District			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
JESSICA ANN GIANNINO.	601	56.64	
JOSEPH J. GRAVELLESE.	453	42.70	
WRITE-IN.	7	.66	
Blank Votes	85		
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
FELIX D. ARROYO	2,932	81.63	
KERBY ROBERSON.	637	17.73	
WRITE-IN.	23	.64	
Blank Votes	492		
REPUBLICAN			
		VOTES	PERCENT
SENATOR IN CONGRESS			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
SHIVA AYYADURAI	192	46.83	
KEVIN J. O’CONNOR.	210	51.22	
WRITE-IN.	8	1.95	
Blank Votes	22		
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
WRITE-IN.	137	100.00	
Blank Votes	295		
COUNCILLOR			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
WRITE-IN.	73	100.00	
Blank Votes	359		
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
WRITE-IN.	82	100.00	
Blank Votes	350		
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 2nd Suffolk District			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
WRITE-IN.	50	100.00	
Blank Votes	222		
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 16th Suffolk District			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
WRITE-IN.	49	100.00	
Blank Votes	111		
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
(VOTE FOR) 1			
WRITE-IN.	77	100.00	
Blank Votes	355		



Stoneham State Rep. Michael Day, Kara Ryan, Vicki Kennedy and State Rep. Dan Ryan.



Councillor-at-Large Damali Vidot and District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez, who came out to support his colleague in Chelsea government on Primary Election Day.



State Rep. Dan Ryan with members of Teamsters Local 25, who had endorsed him for re-election.



Paul Smith shows his support at the polling location on Sagamore Avenue for Jessica Ann Giannino, who won the Democratic Primary in the Sixteenth Suffolk District that included part of Chelsea.

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Encore Boston Harbor cited by MGC with Notice of Non-Compliance

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor received a Notice of Non-Compliance from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) after an investigation of an Aug. 16 party revealed more than 100 people in a suite and startling party conditions – including adult dancers and a DJ.

Since that time, Encore has quickly instituted the changes suggested by the MGC, and gone even further in implementing more strict measures for safety and crowd control in hotel rooms – including a \$3,000 fine for breaking the occupancy limits.

However, the MGC said several miscues resulted in a party that got out of control last month – being broken up at 3:10 a.m. by State Police and Everett Police.

Bruce Band, assistant director of the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB), said when police and security finally went in, they found more than 110 people in a suite that had an occupancy limit of 10.

He said they discovered a Dracut man rented the suite on Aug. 15, and starting at 6:30 p.m. began to bring people up the 1st and 2nd floor elevator to the room in small groups. At around midnight, a call came in from outside the resort warning that social media posts from the hotel showed a very large party occurring.

“Fifteen minutes later, an Encore Boston Harbor butler made a report to the front desk that he had delivered something to the suite and saw more than 30 people,” said Band, noting that another call from outside also came in about social media posts and that

they would alert the Everett Board of Health.

Nothing was immediately done, however, until after 3 a.m.

State Police reported that at 3:10 a.m., they responded to Suite 1201 for the loud party potentially violating the governor’s COVID-19 orders. The Troopers and Everett Police officers found 112 people identified using video, a DJ and adult dancers. A large amount of alcohol was observed, and the smell of marijuana was noted. With assistance from hotel security, Troopers and Officers shut down the party and evidenced all occupants from the room and property.

The room was registered to a 23-year-old Dracut man, to whom Troopers issued a criminal summons for disturbing the peace, due to excessively noisy behavior and creating conditions that inconvenienced or annoyed others. The man was also determined to be in violation of Massachusetts Executive Order 46, limiting gatherings to 8 people per 1,000 square feet and requiring all attendees to wear face coverings. A video review determined that at one point there were 112 people in the 3,000 square foot room. Few, if any, attendees were wearing face coverings. We issued the man a civil violation of the executive order, which carries a fine of \$500.

The man’s name was withheld until arraignment and a criminal complaint had been submitted to the Malden District Court.

IEB Deputy Director Loretta Lillios said Encore has taken the Notice of Non-Compliance seriously and came up with a number of remedies very quickly,

including monitoring social media, more surveillance of the hotel floors by security and posted guards at the elevators looking for suspicious activity. They have also instituted the \$3,000 fine for anyone violating strict occupancy measures.

“They are taking it very seriously and they have made it known as well that flouting safety measures is unacceptable to the property and they have put significant measures behind that,” she said.

Band said the measures put in place in late August have already steered some away at the front desk upon checking in. Others have been removed from the hotel for violating the resort occupancy limits.

“Eight different people were already evicted for violating these measures and fined as well,” he said. “Encore is adhering to the measures they put in place. I can empathize with them because it’s not easy to do with loyal guests.”

Chair Catherine Judd-Stein said she was bothered by the fact that there was ample warning of the party from inside the resort and outside, but little was done to break it up.

“What was problematic for me here is this happened and our licensee got reports over three hours and one employee – the butler – did the right thing and notified his fellow employees to the actions,” she said. “What’s important for the licensee is to not only enforce these new measures...but to make sure to keep channels open to make sure they are hearing their employees when they report instances that could cause harm.”

POLICE Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

THIS BUDS FOR YOU

On Aug. 24, at 7:31 p.m., CPD officers were dispatched to the area of 422 Broadway for a report of a fight in progress. Once on the scene, the victim told officers that a male suspect threatened him with a knife. The male was identified and arrested near the location. The victim told officers earlier in the day, the suspect approached him at his backyard family gathering and asked him for a beer. The victim told the suspect that he was not old enough to drink and asked

him to leave. The victim said the suspect saw him on Broadway and attacked him.

FENDED OFF ATTACK

On Aug. 23, at 8:48 p.m., officers responded to 83 Addison St. for a report of a past assault and battery. The victim told officers that a female who she knew came to her residence and rang her doorbell. When the victim opened the outer hallway door, the suspect reportedly attempted to push past her in an attempt

to enter her home and fight a family member. The victim was able to fend off the attack, and officers arrested the female suspect.

DRUNK IN THE TOT LOT

On Aug. 26, at 8:30 p.m., CPD officers responded to an intoxicated male in the Kayem Park Play Ground. The officers attempted to calm the intoxicated male subject down, but he became loud and boisterous. He was placed under arrest.

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The altar at St. Stanislaus Church in Chelsea. The church closed last weekend after 115 years of operations and faithful service in the city.

will never be forgotten.

“Today, the long and glorious history of St. Stanislaus Parish in Chelsea come to and end,” it continued. “The doors to our church will be closed forever. Among those of us for whom this church was a place of prayer in our native language and a bastion of Polish culture, this awakens in us deep anguish. Leaving this church for the last time, we will fondly recall what a unique place this truly was. But, we must also carry with us the disappointment that we were unable to fulfill the promises of our forefathers and maintain this Parish longer.”

It was as sad an ending as it was joyous in its beginning.

St. Stan’s, as it is affectionately known in Chelsea, began in 1903 when Polish immigrants settled in Chelsea and wanted respite from their long hours of manual labor by be-

ing able to go to a Polish church. When asked at the time by the Archdiocese of Boston if they wanted their own church and would bore the costs of maintenance, records show they said, “We want God in this country, in the Polish language and tradition...”

Over the next two years, Polish families in Chelsea contributed 25 cents a week for the Parish Fund. They finally purchased the former Congregational Church on Chestnut Street and consecrated it as a Polish Roman Catholic Church on July 2, 1905. In 1908, the Great Chelsea Fire hit the building and burnt it down. One year later, the church had been rebuilt.

It’s height came in the 1930s when the Parish had assets of what would today be \$4 million and a thriving religious community. They added a convent to the campus, and also built a school.

A big part of the last ser-

vices was thanking Pastor Andrew, who in a phone call with the Record, declined to comment on the matter – clearly sad to see the community dissolve.

“Father Andrew, we are thankful for your tireless service at the altar of Christ, for our sick and for our deceased over the past 24 years,” the wrote. “You prepared us for the jubilee year that was the 100th anniversary of the parish in 2005 and have been with us in good as well as in difficult times.”

About eight years ago, St. Stan’s sold the school, which was developed into housing and is now operated by TND in Chelsea for housing units.

It is uncertain right now what will happen with the church building, but that will likely be discussed in the near future. Parishioners seeking Polish language Masses are being directed to a Parish in South Boston.

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ing communities. In Everett, the race went to Markey, but was much closer than expected for a Senator who grew up the next city over and had huge institutional support.

In Revere and Lynn, where there are huge Latino communities, Kennedy also won over Markey. That was also true in Boston, where areas of that city which are heavily Spanish-speaking bucked the trend and voted for Kennedy. That was likely due to the fact that Kennedy frequently spoke fluent Spanish when he showed up to events where Spanish-speakers were present.

In Boston overall and everywhere else, however, Markey cleaned Kennedy’s clock in a decisive win that was over very quickly in the evening.

Markey pulled out the statewide win with 55 percent of the vote to Kennedy’s 44.6 percent of the vote. In Boston, it was even more lopsided as Markey collected 59 percent of the vote (77,518) to Kennedy’s 40 percent (52,485).

Markey enjoyed strong support in western Massachusetts, and also on Cape Ann. Kennedy showed strength in southeast Massachusetts and central Massachusetts.

Kennedy jumped out to a fast start more than a year ago, and as time went on, few gave Markey a chance as Kennedy seemed to have the rising star. However, one should never count Ed Markey out of the picture. Markey’s campaign came alive down the stretch with the ‘Leads and Delivers’ bus tour, and grabbed a key endorsements from local



Though Congressman Joe Kennedy III lost the overall race, he won Chelsea on the back of numerous visits to the city and key endorsements from elected officials here. He is pictured here last Saturday campaigning in Bellingham Square with New York Congressman Adriano Espaillat.

leaders like State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

In Kennedy’s concession speech Tuesday night, he said his coalition will continue.

“The Senator is a good man,” he said of Markey. “You’ve never heard me say otherwise. I know it was difficult between us at times -- good elections get heated -- but I am grateful for our debates, for his commitment to this Commonwealth, and for the energy and enthusiasm that he brought to this race. Obviously, these results are not the ones we were hoping for...We built a campaign for the people that our politics too often locks out and leaves behind. We built a campaign for Lawrence and Chelsea and New Bedford and Roxbury and Brockton and Springfield and Lowell and Worcester. We built a campaign for working folks -- of every color and creed -- who carry the economic injustice of this country

on their backs. This campaign’s coalition will endure.”

•OTHER UNCONTESTED RACES

In other races voted on in Chelsea Tuesday that weren’t contested, the following were the results:

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley – 3,378 votes

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico – 3,323 votes

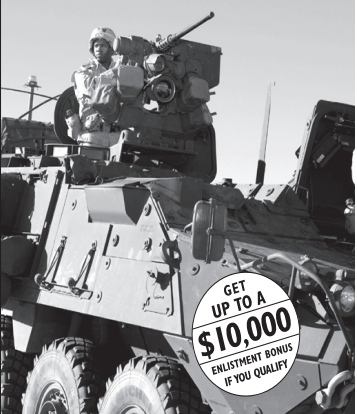
Register of Probate Felix Arroyo beat Kerby Roberson 2,932 votes to 637 votes.

Governor’s Councillor Terrence Kennedy beat Helina Fontes, 2,222 votes to 1,365 votes.

•REPUBLICAN BALLOT

There was one contested race on the Republican ballot, but a lot of action in the write-in category it has been said.

In the U.S. Senate race on the Republican side, Kevin O’Connor beat Siva Ayyadurai, 201 to 192.



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ENJOY A SAFE
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

“Time and tide wait for no man,” wrote the poet.

The summer of 2020 is entering its final week as we approach the traditional Labor Day weekend and once again the summer season has flown by much faster than any of us would have liked, especially during a time when we find ourselves being held hostage by a microscopic virus.

But the calendar never lies and soon the summer of ‘20 will be just a memory.

Ordinarily, our end-of-summer editorial recalls the happiness and joy that the summer months have brought us. But this era of a pandemic has forced all of us to abandon almost every aspect of our traditional summer rituals, both big and small and on both communal and personal levels.

As this most awful of summer seasons winds down to just a few precious days, we certainly understand the desire on the part of many (if not all of us) to just let it all out, so to speak: “If this is the last, let’s make it a blast!”

But amidst the chaos in our lives, one thing that has not changed, and that requires even more urgency than usual, is our annual admonition to our readers to enjoy the Labor Day weekend safely.

We certainly do not wish to rain on anyone’s parade, so to speak, but we would be remiss if we failed to urge our readers that if they intend to have a good time, they should do so safely, both for themselves and their loved ones.

First and foremost, excessive drinking does not mix with anything -- whether it be boating, driving, water sports, hiking, bicycling, or just about any activity that requires some degree of coordination and observance of the rules of safety.

The news reports will be full of tragic stories over the weekend of those who died or were seriously injured in accidents that could have been avoided had excessive drinking not been involved.

In addition, though this is a holiday weekend for us, we must remember that the COVID-19 does not take a holiday. It always is lurking and seeking new victims who do not wear a face mask in public and who do not practice appropriate physical distancing at all times.

We must do our part to ensure that none of our loved ones -- let alone ourselves -- are among the inevitable, sad statistics.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

A SUMMER OF CHAOS
AND TRAGEDY

As America approached the Memorial Day weekend of 2020, the death toll from COVID-19 in the United States stood at just under 100,000 of our fellow Americans.

But now, three months later, that number soon will have doubled, as our nation’s death toll from the virus approaches an astonishing and tragic 200,000 persons.

On May 25, a Black man, George Floyd, was murdered by a white Minneapolis police officer, who kept his knee on Mr. Floyd’s neck for more than eight minutes while Mr. Floyd lay prone on the ground until Mr. Floyd stopped breathing.

Three months later, a white Kenosha, Wisconsin police officer shot a Black man, Jacob Blake, seven times in the back in front of his three young sons, leaving Mr. Blake paralyzed from the waist down.

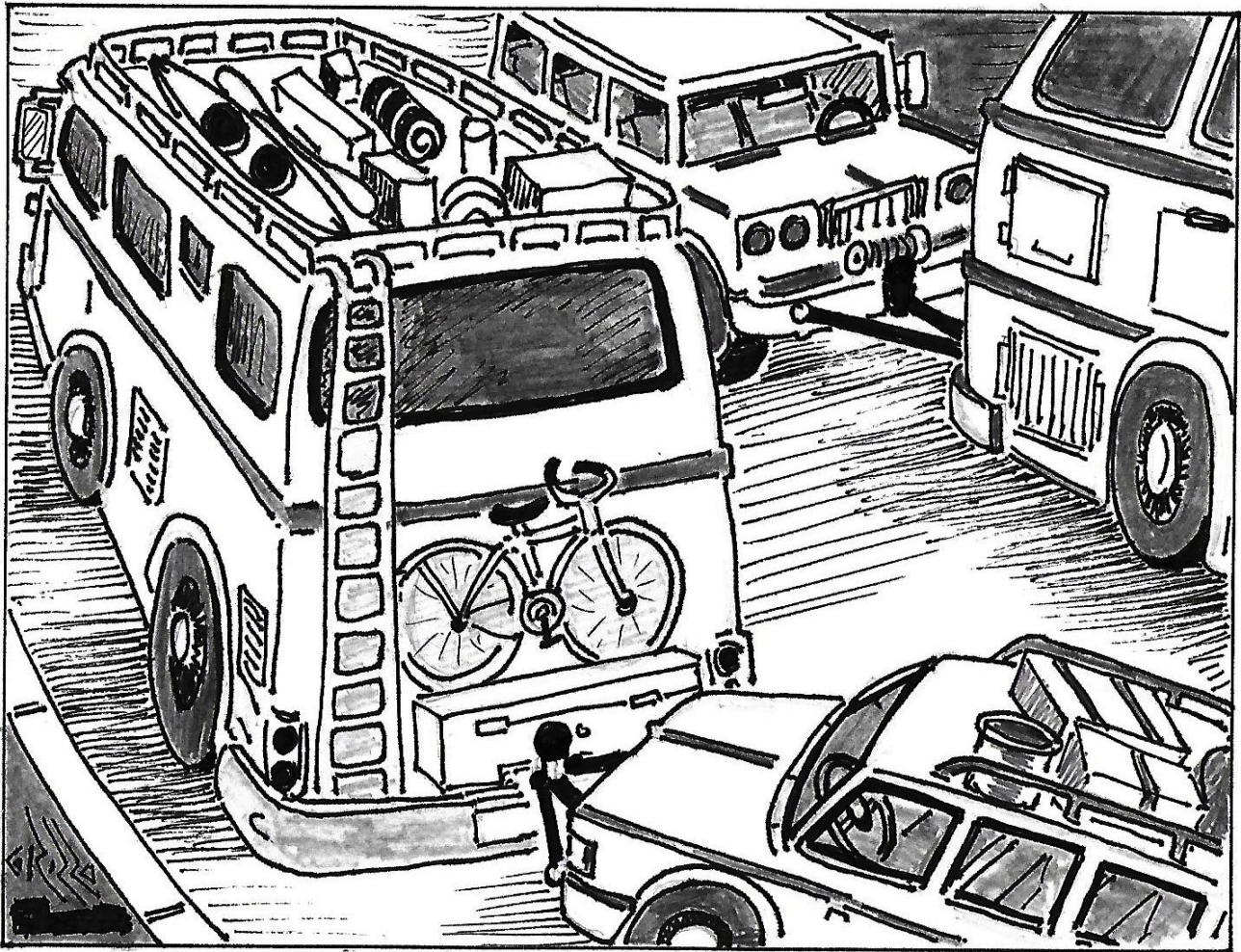
Neither Mr. Floyd nor Mr. Blake posed a threat to any of the officers such that the officers were justified in using deadly force.

In May 2020, our national unemployment rate and number of business failures stood at levels not seen since the Great Depression. Three months later, the improvement has been minimal with the spectre of worse to come thanks to the inaction by our leaders in Washington.

The Summer of 2020 has been a tragic disaster in this country by any and every measure. But instead of learning from our mistakes in order to move forward, our national leadership has offered no plan to alleviate the many problems we are facing.

Instead of giving us hope that better days lie ahead, the present administration’s dysfunction has ensured that America will continue to spiral downward.

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AT HOME OR AWAY, ENJOY LABOR DAY

“Chelsea Record” - A History of St. Stanislaus Church

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By George Ostler

Between the years of 1870 and 1914, nearly two (2) million Polish immigrants arrived in the United States. Many of these immigrants settled in Chelsea during the city’s industrial growth years. The Polish immigrants proved to be family oriented, devoutly adherent, to the church and full of patriotic love for the adopted land. Being very industrious, they worked at the hardest and most ill paying jobs, still believing life here was better than the one they left.

A mass meeting of the Polish residents was held on October 20, 1903 at which plans were formulated for a Polish parish. In an act of consolidation, the Chestnut Street Congregational Church, one of three Congregational churches in Chelsea, was put up for sale. On July 2, 1905 the church building was purchased by the Polish residents of Chelsea. The first mass was celebrated by Rev. William Powers, pastor of St. Rose Church. One week later, Fr. Jerzy Jaskolski, OFM was installed as the first Pastor for the Polish parish of Chelsea.

April 12, 1908, the devastating Chelsea Fire swept through the city leveling everything in its path. All

parish property, including the church and rectory, was destroyed. The massive steeple that acted like a beacon, toppled to the ground in a mass of flames. All the labor of the past few months, was lost in a matter of minutes.

After the fire, mass was held at the Scenic Temple on Second Street, corner of Chestnut Street. Fr. Jaskolski worked tirelessly to rebuild the church, damaging his health in the process. During this time, Fr. Jaskolski was living in the basement of 72 Broadway and later 4 Chestnut Street. By 1910 Fr. Jaskolski’s health had deteriorated so badly he had to leave the parish. Fr. Jerzy Jaskolski passed away, a very young man.

Fr. Alfons Figlewski succeeded Fr. Jaskolski, and in 1912 the new church was dedicated. Fr. Cyprian Adamski took over as pastor in 1914, remaining until his death, May 31, 1939. During his span of 45 years as pastor, he built a school in 1919, and a new convent in 1922. Fr. Adamski created many organizations within the church. One of these organizations was instrumental in the dedication of a park in Chelsea Square. In 1931, the park in Chelsea Square was dedicated to a hero of the American Revolution, General Kazimierz Pulaski. The “Father Adamski Memorial Highway,” a section of the Northeast Expressway run-

Pastoral History of St. Stanislaus
Bishop and Martyr Parish

Historia Proboszczow parafii Sw. Stanislaw Biskupa i Mecenika Chelsea, MA

O. Jerzy Jaskolski +	1905-1910
O. Alfons Figlewski +	1910-1914
O. Cyprian Adamski +	1914-1939
O. Marcel Szymanski +	1939-1943
O. Callistus Szpara +	1943-1961
O. Jerome Holubowicz +	1961-1966
O. Anthony Konieczny +	1966-1972
O. Edward Kurdziel +	1972-1973
O. Andrew Skiba	1979-1985
O. Raphael Wisniewski +	1985
O. Benedict Fagone	1985-1996
ks. Andrew Grelak	1996 -

ning through Chelsea, was dedicated to the pastor’s memory.

Fr. Adamski was succeeded by Fr. Marcel Szymanski OFM. Fr. Szymanski passed away, four years after taking over from Fr. Adamski. Fr. Callistus Szpara OFM served as pastor for the next 17 years. Succeeding Fr. Szpara as pastor, Fr. Jerome A. Holubowicz built a recreational area for children near the church.

Through the efforts of a

dedicated and faithful Polish parish community, the St. Stanislaus Church continues to celebrate weekly masses. The St. Stanislaus community successfully emerged through an archdiocesan reorganization and potential closing. The school was rented for a time to the City of Chelsea as the Williams School Annex. The school is closed today, but the church continues to function as an integral part of the Chelsea Polish community.

Appeals Court overturns ruling, allows ICE arrests in courthouses

By Seth Daniel

On Tuesday, a federal Appeals Court ruling reversed the practice of courthouses being a safe zone where Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents could not arrest people suspected of liv-

ing in the U.S. illegally.

The reversal now allows ICE agents to begin entering courthouses once again to arrest those accused of immigration violation. The case before the Appeals Court came from DA Rachael Rollins and Middlesex DA Marian Ryan

sought to bar the arrests in courthouses. They and other court officials had argued that the arrests were disrupting the criminal justice system and court proceedings because some were afraid to come to the court.

In June 2019, U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani ruled that ICE agents should be barred from making arrests in courthouses on people suspected of civil immigration violations – extending that to when they are arriving and leaving as well.

That portion was struck down on Tuesday.

DA Rollins said the fight isn’t over and she doesn’t agree with the decision.

“In Suffolk County, we fight to protect the right of every person, irrespective of immigration status, to have access to our courts

without fear of civil arrest,” she said. “Although we are disappointed with the First Circuit’s decision, this fight is far from over. We will review and consider all of our options and move forward in a way that honors the people of Suffolk County, their families and basic human and civil rights. We are absolutely on the right side of justice here. It is never a loss when you are fighting for human rights, justice, and building a safer community.”

The Appeals Court said the DAs had not proven that ICE lacks the statutory authority to be barred from making such arrests.

Arrests in courthouses by ICE have occurred in the greatest numbers during the last two presidential administrations.

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you! And, I am sure they miss you. I miss seeing you in-person, too. Many of our students have experienced much uncertainty and real trauma as a result of COVID-19. Thus, our students need you now more than ever.”

To illustrate that point, she recounted the 1974 story written by Elizabeth Ballard about a teacher, Mrs. Thompson, and a student, Teddy Stoddard. The teacher didn’t like Teddy, as many hadn’t before her. He wasn’t popular with the other students and could be mean – plus he often looked unkempt and dirty. Sometimes he would even sleep through the day.

At one point though, Mrs. Thompson went back to review Teddy’s previous comments from his other teachers. She discovered that he had been a top student and a joy in his first years. Then, one year the teacher comments that Teddy’s mother had died and Teddy’s father was not able to emotionally support his son. The situation year by year got worse in the teacher comments, and Mrs. Thompson began to understand what had happened. She cried that entire day, Abeyta said, and took a

new approach.

Teddy eventually recovered his confidence with her help and turned his life around. As the years went on, he would mail letters to Mrs. Thompson to tell her about his high school graduation, his college graduation, and his graduation from medical school – eventually asking her to be with him at his wedding.

At the wedding, Teddy tells Mrs. Thompson that she believed in him when no one else would and gave him the gift of turning around his life. Mrs. Thompson, however, said to Teddy that it was, he, actually that had given her a gift. She told him she had never known how to really teach until she met him.

“How often is it that our students teach us the greatest lessons?” asked Abeyta. “May we find the Teddy’s in our classrooms and schools and love on them. Our students and families need us to love them relentlessly during this time - now more than ever.”

That point was also bolstered by City Manager Tom Ambrosino, who cautioned teachers that the students are going to need a careful hand as they return to learning.

“All of you know the terrible toll this pandemic has exacted in the City,” he said. “Combine that with the disruption in education and other routines since March, and it is obvious that the children you are coming to teach and serve

this year will have an unusual amount of uncertainty, perhaps fear, and, in some cases, real trauma. These children need you now more than ever.”

Students will begin the year learning remotely at home on Weds., Sept. 16.



Supt. Almi Abeyta conducted her first Teacher Convocation online – yet another first she never expected. She motivated the teachers with the re-telling of a book about a teacher that motivated a student who was depressed over his mother’s death.



Clark Avenue 5th grade teacher Steven Edelstein received the first Carolyn Arond Butterfly Award.



Graduation in August was also highlighted as part of the video.



Asst. Supt. Sarah Kent presented the Butterfly Award.



Departing Supt. Mary Bourque was honored as well during the virtual Convocation.



The video collage by Jay Velez and Pete Pappavaselio featured moments from distance learning in April.



Food service staff were highlighted, as they provided thousands of meals for students while they were quarantined under COVID-19 lockdowns.



A collage of photos from the summer showed school leaders marching in the Black Lives Matter protest at City Hall.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino said students will look to their teachers for strength and structure in what has been a very upending time for young people over the last six months.



School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia welcomed all the teachers back for professional development on Monday.



Chelsea Teachers Union President Don Dabenigno said students need the teachers more than ever, even if it’s via computer.



The Chelsea Cantare was featured singing a piece that they performed for the Virtual Graduation in July.



An online parent/teacher conference last spring.



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Officials ask public for input for arts & culture plan

The City of Chelsea is conducting a planning process that will produce an arts and culture strategy with a life cycle of five years. The process will identify Chelsea’s place within the regional arts and cultural framework and examine best practices to form a strategic recommendation.

As physical and demographic changes advance internally, the City of Chelsea is poised to expand its offerings in the areas of art and culture as a means of increasing the quality of life, economic opportunities and community enjoyment for its residents.

The City has historically served as a gateway for immigrants and transplants from the world and by supporting community events, holiday celebrations, and cross-cultural meetings the City celebrates their residents’ cultural diversity, energy and artistic potential.

Guided by consultants Molly Akin and Magali Maïza, the planning process is launching a broad outreach campaign offering quick and easy ways for residents and community stakeholders to share their ideas. There will be var-

ious opportunities to get involved such as virtual focus groups, town halls and an online survey asking for residents’ input about their favorite arts and cultural activities. The survey is in English and Spanish and can be found at recreation.chelseama.gov. In addition, residents can share what they enjoy most in Chelsea by texting a photo or message to 617-819-5101.

While the initial planning process is still on-going, they expect the process itself to generate meaningful and practical information and recommendations from all participants regarding viable and sustainable local arts and cultural activities.

“The goal is to understand the meaning of the arts and culture in our diverse community and to create an infrastructure that will shape a sustainable arts and culture growth strategy” stated Marlene Jennings, Chair, Chelsea Cultural Council.

The plan will be guided by an Oversight Committee formed by the Chelsea Cultural Council and informed by a twelve-member Visioning Team with active participation from Chelsea

residents, businesses, community, and civic organizations. Visioning Team meetings will take place monthly via Zoom and are open to the public. Specific meeting dates will be posted on the City of Chelsea website.

The project is supported by the Chelsea Cultural Council, the Department of Health & Human Services, and the Chelsea Recreation and Cultural Affairs Division.

Picture a group of about ten people standing in front of a large, vibrant mural on a city wall. The mural depicts a woman with long dark hair, her hand raised as if gesturing or dancing, set against a background of colorful geometric shapes and a cityscape. The group consists of men and women of various ages, some in business attire and others in more casual clothing. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The scene is outdoors, with a street and a building visible in the background.

Pictured in front of the ‘Chelsea Right Now Mural’ (left to right) Casey Merkle, Artist; Calvin Brown, City Councilor; Judith Garcia, City Councilor; Demetrius Fuller, Lead Artist; Tom Ambrosino, City Manager; Chelsea Cultural Council: Marlene Jennings Chair, Angelina McCoy, Recorder, Juliana Borgiani Geiger, Treasurer; and Dakeya Christmas, Co- Chair. Missing Carolina Anzola.

State announces policies to support families, expand childcare options

The Baker-Polito Administration on Friday announced new policies that will provide families who require childcare while their children are engaged in remote learning additional options by allowing programs to offer supervised care during regular school day hours.

Governor Charlie Baker signed an Executive Order that allows the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) to authorize currently licensed after-school and out-of-school programs to operate

during the school day while children are learning remotely.

As schools prepare to reopen, working parents need to find care and learning support for their school-aged children while they are engaged in remote learning. Current state statute prohibits licensed after-school and out-of-school time programs for school-aged children from offering care during school hours. The Executive Order allows EEC to authorize childcare programs, like YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs, fam-

ily childcare homes, and others, to care for school-age children while they participate in remote learning.

The Department will also exempt informal remote learning parent cooperative arrangements organized by families, if the groups are supervised by unpaid parents. These parent cooperatives are still subject to any state orders regulating gatherings in place under the COVID-19 state of emergency.

In addition, the Executive Order creates a temporary license exemption for

remote learning enrichment programs to provide supervision and care for school children up to age 14 while they participate in remote learning during the school day. These remote learning programs, which must meet specific criteria, will need to first be approved by their local municipality before they can apply for the license exemption. Programs run by a school district are already exempt from EEC licensure and do not need to apply for this exemption.

The Departments of Early Education and Care and

Elementary and Secondary Education will issue joint guidance that details the minimum requirements for remote learning programs, including background record checks, health and safety standards, facilities checks, and child to staff ratios.

Municipalities will ensure programs, that are approved for the license exemption, comply with health and safety requirements.

“We all want our children to get back into school as soon as possible and we

applaud the schools and districts that are making the extra effort to bring their students back in some form,” said Education Secretary James Peyser. “At the same time, we know that remote learning will be part of the educational experience for many students this fall, so it’s critical that we enable parents, after-school providers, and community organizations to offer additional childcare options and learning supports when students are unable to attend school in person.”

14 Miles: Chelsea and other cities announce unprecedented regional bus lane effort

Staff Report

The MBTA, the City of Boston, the City of Somerville, the City of Everett, and the City of Chelsea last Thursday announced an unprecedented region-wide effort to implement up to 14 miles of dedicated bus lanes throughout the upcoming fall and spring to improve bus speed, reliability, and reduce crowded conditions in the wake of COVID-19.

These projects aim to both address service delays and improve service conditions to better allow bus riders to social distance.

“The Rapid Response Bus Lanes Program is about addressing the needs of riders today while taking a transformative step forward to build a better T,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. “Throughout the pandemic, the majority of our ridership has been on our bus system. Advancing this program is the fastest way we can provide thousands of our riders with significant improvements in service reliability. We could

not have done this without the support of our municipal partners and their leadership during this time. This kind of collaboration will allow our region’s economy to safely re-open while improving access for all.”

“Chelsea residents depend on numerous key bus routes like Route 111, which is a critical connection to Boston that carries over 12,000 riders each day to work, the grocery store, and critical services,” said City of Chelsea City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. “Enhancing service for Chelsea residents, particularly low and moderate income individuals, will reduce delays and overcrowding along these important routes.”

Bus lanes can reduce crowding on buses and also limit the amount of time riders spend in close proximity to others while on the bus. In some cases, bus lanes can improve service frequency to further mitigate crowded conditions. These improvements will support public health and COVID-19 recovery

throughout the bus service network and region.

Projects were selected by the MBTA in partnership with municipalities to target corridors that have seen some of the highest rates of bus ridership since March and experience above-average chronic delay, thereby improving service for the most vulnerable users.

Several of the selected project corridors are critical connections for commuters accessing essential jobs and services with benefits seen on high-ridership routes including Routes 15, 22, 23, 28, 66, 86, 111, 116, and 117. Through the implementation of all proposed Rapid Response Bus Lanes projects, the improvements will directly benefit more than 50,000 weekday bus riders presently using these services (about a third of the current weekday ridership) in addition to thousands more as anticipated increases in ridership continue in the coming months. Based on pre-pandemic ridership figures from February, these upgrades could eventually benefit more

than 110,000 weekday bus riders.

Projects that will be implemented this fall and spring include:

- Columbus Avenue in Boston between Walnut Avenue and Jackson Square Station.
- North Washington Street in Boston from Cross Street to Causeway Street.
- Broadway in Chelsea from City Hall Plaza to 3rd Street.
- Washington Street in Somerville between McGrath Highway and Sullivan Square.
- Sweetser Circle, Main Street near Sweetser Circle, and Broadway from Sweetser Circle to Chelsea Street in Everett.
- Washington Street in Boston to Roslindale from Forest Hills Station to Roslindale Village.

Projects to undergo further public process over the fall for potential spring implementation include:

- Warren Street in Boston between Grove Hall and Nubian Square.
- Malcolm X Boulevard in Boston between Nubian

Square and Tremont Street.

- Columbus Avenue and Tremont Street in Boston from Jackson Square Station to Ruggles Station, extending the bus lanes currently under construction.
- Hyde Park Avenue in Boston between Metropolitan Parkway and Forest Hills Station.

Several projects in planning prior to the pandemic were accelerated as part of the Rapid Response Bus Lanes Program while others were identified in response to specific ridership trends since March 2020. All of the projects benefit bus routes that have continued to have high ridership since the pandemic began.

Improvements will include quick-build treatments such as striping, red paint, signage, and minor signaling changes. Further enhancements will also likely take place in 2021 and beyond. Emergency response vehicles and school buses may also use these bus lanes, which will further benefit first-responders and students. Several projects also include shared

bus/bike lanes, dedicated bike facilities, and pedestrian safety improvements in order to bolster multimodal transportation.

The MBTA and each municipality have worked in close partnership on each project. Design for the projects is supported by the MBTA’s on-call design contracts with implementation predominantly funded by that MBTA and assistance from each municipality. The MBTA expects to spend approximately \$20 million in 2020 and early 2021 to deliver the Rapid Response Bus Lanes Program, both through direct construction and through reimbursements to municipalities that construct projects themselves. Municipalities generally provide additional funding for non-bus-related components of the projects, such as streetscape improvements that do not directly affect bus operations, though actual cost sharing varies by each project.

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in before when it comes to COVID-19 and virtual learning – it’s made things very difficult for everybody and my job is to look out for Lynn English and Lynn kids.”

Devin said Lynn was deemed to be in “red” for COVID-19 cases, “so weren’t going to be allowed to play anywhere.”

“This decision gives us a ray of hope that we can salvage the entire fall season and play it in the Fall 2 floating wedge season created by the MIAA,” said Devin.

Devin said he is “100 percent optimistic” that the Fall 2 season can happen this spring.

“There are some obstacles with the weather and the availability of venues and other issues, but I think all of those things can be overcome,” said Devin. “My thought is that the late February dates will be used for tryouts and indoor practices and then gradually make our way out to the golf course, the cross country course, and the football and soccer fields.”

Devin said he is excited about an interesting scenario that could find the Lynn Classical and Lynn English football teams playing their annual “Thanksgiving” game in April.

“I am excited about playing the Bulldogs on a warm, crisp Saturday afternoon in April at Manning Field,” said Devin. “We’re going to have a sell-out crowd, 10,000-plus fans there.”

In other news, Devin and Newton have agreed that the Lynn flag football (Powder Puff) game between Lynn Classical and Lynn English seniors will be played in the spring at Manning Field.

McKENNA’S HOME IS TESTING SITE

REVERE - Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna is well known for looking out for her constituents’ best interests on the streets of Beachmont and as it now turns out, officially in the air up above the neighborhood as well.

McKenna’s home and yard on Winthrop Avenue will be the site for a machine that will measure the emissions from airplanes landing and taking off from Logan Airport.

Dr. John Durant, environmental engineering professor at Tufts University, is leading the one-year study in collaboration with the Boston University School of Public Health “to better understand aviation impacts in communities

near Logan Airport.”

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is funding the research that will determine air pollution (chemical pollution and noise pollution) impacts of aviation and how to mitigate pollution from those impacts.

How did Tufts and BU officials happen to choose the home of Councillor Joanne McKenna for the placement of the machine?

“We are doing a yearlong characterization of impacts near the major runways,” said Durant. “We wanted a site to the north in line with the major runway configurations, and through the Logan noise study group, I was referred to Joanne by Gina Cassetta (of the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee).”

Durant credited McKenna for responding immediately to the request to use her home as an emissions testing site.

“Joanne volunteered and she was quite enthusiastic,” said Durant. “So we’ve installed a water-tight, weather-proof box on her residential property and putting three instruments inside that will measure three different kinds of pollution: nitrogen dioxide, black carbon, and ultra-fine particles. These are all combustion byproducts of the airplane engine, just like they come out of the tailpipe of a car.”

The testing mechanisms will be on 24 hours a day, according to Durant. Winthrop, Chelsea, and South Boston will be the other testing locations.

McKenna has been involved in regular communications with Massport during her tenure on the City Council.

“But this study just fell in my lap,” said McKenna humbly. “Tufts and BU are doing a study on the quality of the air over Beachmont and my property is one of the highest points on the hill. Gina Cassetta suggested my house for the study. They [Tufts and BU officials] came to my house a few weeks ago and thought it was a wonderful location. The machine will be in my yard for a year and test the quality and the emissions of the airplanes. It’s a great step for Beachmont. Finally we’re going to get a study to see how the emissions of the airplanes landing at and departing from Logan affect the health of Beachmont residents.”

ESPOSITO’S BAKERY TO CLOSE REVERE LOCATION

REVERE - Esposito

Bakery, an institution that has stood proudly for Italian pastry excellence in Revere since 1963, will close its Revere location after 57 years in the business but continue operations at its current stores in Saugus and Danvers.

Owners Charlie Pema and Zamira Pema and their daughters Ada Pema and Jennifer Pema have owned and operated the popular bakery at 154 Squire Road for the last 25 years.

“It’s really been a family affair,” said Ada Pema. “My mom and dad worked there for a number of years before owning it. They really have managed all operations for the bakery. And my sister and I grew up there making cannolis and decorating cakes and managing inventory since we were young.”

Through the support of their many loyal customers at their Revere store, the Pemas were able to expand the business to locations in Saugus and Danvers.

The Pemas were known for their distinct personal touch and congenial manner with each customer, building a strong relationship with them. Often arriving early in the morning to begin their days, Charlie and Zamira Pema worked hard to put out a great product and customers flocked to the door not only for weekly purchases for the family dinners but for special occasions.

“We put so much love and effort into it,” said Ada. “We kept all of the original recipes from the Esposito family who originally owned it. It’s just been a family effort and we’re so lucky to have been able to have grown the business as well.”

Why is the Pema family ending its legendary existence in Revere pastry-land?

“It’s bittersweet, but for us, I think it’s really been time to go,” said Ada. “I think the situation with the landlord was no longer giving us an ability to grow and scale the business and invest in the business the way how we wanted to. After a few years of going back and forth, we decided to take our investments and grow the business in Saugus where we have more space. We’re just excited to have revamped and grown the business over there.”

Jennifer Pema agreed with her sister, stating, “It definitely is a bittersweet transition. The Revere community was a backbone and a staple of the business. We’re going to miss Revere but we’re not going far.”

Ada also noted that the

Saugus store is not far from the Revere border and that many former Revere residents – who patronized the store in this city – are now customers at the Saugus store.

“We see familiar faces all the time,” said Ada. “It’s the next town over and we’re excited to renovate the space, grow it, and set it up for the future. We hope that Revere residents will come over to Saugus. We’re really excited to continue the Esposito tradition there.”

WINTHROP MOVED TO COVID RED ZONE

WINTHROP - The Town of Winthrop has been moved to the Red Zone designation, the highest level of risk by state officials due to the increase in positive COVID-19 cases. Winthrop joins 21 other communities, including Revere, Chelsea, Lynn and Everett that also have been moved to the Red Zone. While Boston has not been designated in the Red Zone, East Boston has the highest infection rate in the City and the highest percentage of residents testing positive. As of this week, East Boston is at 11% for those being tested positive for the virus.

The Town of Winthrop is taking multiple steps to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health had notified Winthrop officials of eight new cases on Friday and one additional resident affected by COVID-19 on Tuesday. The new Winthrop totals as

of Tuesday are as follows: 350 confirmed cases: 24 deceased, 22 isolated and 304 recovered.

The Town of Winthrop has reactivated its Emergency Operations Center on Wednesday, Aug. 26, in order to centralize the response effort to the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases. Those with questions about the COVID-19 situation in town are encouraged to call the COVID-19 information line at 617-539-5848 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email COVID19info@town.winthrop.ma.us.

In response to the recent designation by the state as a “high risk” community, Winthrop officials have partnered with state leaders to establish “Stop the Spread” testing site seven days a week at the E.B. Newton School, as well as additional limited “pop-up” sites. Testing is free for all at each testing site in Winthrop. The testing at the E.B. Newton School and the pop-up sites will continue through at least Sept. 12.

Testing will be available at E.B. Newton School in Winthrop on the following days and times until further notice:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 2-7 p.m. (drive-through)

Tuesday and Thursday from 2-7 p.m. (walk-up)

Testing providers are able to provide information in English and Spanish.

Additional pop-up testing location details will be provided as soon as they are available.

“The only way to truly stop the spread of COVID-19 in our com-

munity is for everyone to get tested, learn their results and take the appropriate steps if they test positive,” Public Health Director Meredith Hurlley said. “Testing lets us know where the virus is in our community, who is carrying it even without symptoms, and who’s at risk of contracting the virus through close contact with those that have it.”

The virus that causes COVID-19 primarily spreads through the exchange of respiratory droplets that find their way into the air when people breathe, cough or sneeze. Spread can be significantly limited through the use of face coverings when in public, and through the practice of social distancing -- remaining at least six feet away from people who don’t live in your household at all times.

“Residents who live with or have close contact with more vulnerable members of our population -- such as their elderly parents and grandparents or individuals with compromised immune systems -- are especially encouraged to get tested,” Town Manager Austin Faison said. “Still, everyone should get tested regardless of their risk factors so that we can have a fuller understanding of how far COVID-19 has spread in our community and put a stop to it so that we can all stay safe and healthy.”

Between Aug. 2 and 15, Winthrop’s average daily COVID-19 incidence rate per 100,000 residents was 11.37, trending higher than the community’s previous case count period.

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Family & Children’s Service healthy families diaper drop-off campaign

COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted the city of Chelsea and surrounding communities. Nowhere is this felt more than among some of the most vulnerable residents—babies. With shortages, rationing, and long wait lines, families are struggling to access essential baby care items like diapers and wipes. To fill this need and alleviate stress, the Healthy Families Home Visiting program at Family & Children’s Service has launched a Diaper Drop-off Campaign for young parents. To be eligible for this service, participants must be

- First-time parents
- 20 years old or younger
- With a child 12 months or younger (or expecting their first child)
- A resident of Chelsea, Charlestown, East Boston, Revere or Winthrop

Starting Monday, August

24th, families in need of diapers and wipes can visit www.fcslynn.org or the Family & Children’s Facebook page to register for free delivery of diapers and wipes. The Healthy Families home visitors will then deliver the baby care items directly to their doors.

Program Manager, Xandra Negron says, “Our goal is to meet an immediate health need, but we really hope that young parents will register for our Healthy Families Home Visiting Program which will benefit their family long-term. Our program offers coaching and education to help parents implement effective parenting skills and achieve personal goals. We also provide support by connecting families to other community resources, as well as screen children for developmental delays. This is much more than diaper

delivery service, we really want to be part of a broader solution for young parents. The decision to focus only on parents who qualify for our program ensures that we will have a lasting impact when the current crisis is over.”

About Family & Children’s Service: Family & Children’s Service is a community-based non-profit organization that supports underserved and socially vulnerable populations to build stable, productive, and healthy lives. We strengthen the life skills of families, children, and individuals of all ages through a range of programs offered directly or in collaboration with other organizations in our community. The Healthy Families Home Visiting Program is funded through Children’s Trust.

RMV to offer designated service hours for customers 75 or older

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that it will begin offering dedicated service hours for customers who are 75 years of age or older and are required to renew their Massachusetts driver's license in person.

The new designated service hours will be by appointment only and will be offered on Wednesdays through the month of September at select service cen-

ter locations. The services will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Watertown Service Center with additional locations in Danvers, Leominster, New Bedford, and South Yarmouth to follow beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The RMV is offering this new customer service option to facilitate proper "social-distancing" protocols to keep customers and staff safe and healthy.

Throughout September, certain service centers will dedicate Wednesdays (hours vary by location) to customers 75 years of age

or older whose driver's license or ID card expires in September, including customers whose licenses/IDs were extended until September (March, April, and May expirations).

The following service centers will exclusively serve these customers who make renewal appointments:

- Danvers Service Center (starting Sept. 9)
- Leominster Service Center (starting Sept. 9)
- New Bedford Service Center (starting Sept. 9)
- South Yarmouth Service

Center (starting Sept. 9)

- Watertown Service Center (starting Sept. 2)

Below are the options for seniors to renew by appointment:

- If you are a AAA member, you may make a reservation now to renew your driver's license/ID at a AAA location. Visit aaa.com/appointments to schedule your visit.
- If you are not a AAA member, visit Mass.Gov/RMV to make a reservation to renew at an RMV Service Center. Select the Seniors License Renewal

option on the Make/Cancel a Reservation transaction.

- Email the RMV for assistance to renew at MassDOTRMVSeniors@dot.state.ma.us email address.
- Call the RMV at 857-368-8005.

License and ID renewal appointments are also available at our other open RMV Service Centers that offer general appointments to the public. Select Renew My Driver's License or Mass ID option on the Make/Cancel a Reservation at Mass.Gov/RMV to view availability and make

a reservation at one of these locations.

The RMV is introducing this service channel alternative in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency to encourage 'social-distancing' in its Service Centers and prioritize other essential in-person needs by appointment-only. All RMV customers are encouraged to visit www.Mass.Gov/RMV to complete one of over 40 other transactions available online, by mail, or by phone.

OBITUARIES

Zofia 'Sophie' Wolnicki Operated Set and Style Beauty Salon on Everett Avenue in Chelsea for nearly 30 Years



Zofia "Sophie" (Lukasiak) Wolnicki passed away in the Beth Israel Deaconess Palliative Care Unit on Sunday, August 30, with her family at her bedside. She was diagnosed with Brain Cancer several months earlier.

Born and raised in Kosow, Poland, a beloved daughter of the late Czeslaw and Janina Lukasiak, Zofia received her formal education and gained her college associate's degree in Poland. In Poland, she worked as a grammar school teacher.

During the late 1950's, as a young lady, she immigrated to the United States. While attending a social dance at the Polish American Citizens Club in So. Boston, she was introduced Edward Kazimierz Wolnicki, a US Army Soldier on leave from Ft. Devens. They married in 1960 and settled in Chelsea raising a son and daughter.

She became a licensed hairdresser and established Set and Style Beauty Salon on Everett Avenue in Chelsea. She operated the shop for nearly 30 years.

For most of her life, Sophie made her home on Winthrop Road in Chelsea. She was widowed in 2014 after 54 years together with Edward.

This past October, she moved to Salem, NH making her new home with her son and daughter-in-law.

Sophie was a longtime parishioner and communicant at St. Stanislaus Church and was a member of the Polish Falcons Nest 485 in Chelsea.

In addition to her parents, Sophie was also predeceased by her brother,

Jutek Lukasiak and her beloved husband of 54 years, Edward K. Wolnicki. She was the devoted mother of Peter Wolnicki and his wife, Diana of Salem, NH and Janina Tassone and her



husband, Albert R. Jr. of Billerica; cherished grandmother of Isabella and AJ Tassone and dear sister of Wacława "Vacha" Godlewska of Poland. She is also survived by many friends and extended family members.

Visiting hours will be held at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, Sept. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend.

All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter.

The Funeral will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

(There is ample parking opposite the funeral home.) Arrangements given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card to visit: www.WelshFuneralHome.com.

Joao Nepomuceno Gomes He most valued his family, education and productive citizens



João Nepomuceno Gomes, 95, passed away on Saturday, August 29, surrounded by his loving family in the peaceful surroundings of his Chelsea home.

Born and raised in São Nicolau, Carbo Verde, a beloved son of the late João Gomes do Rosario and Filipa Delfina Gomes, he married his beloved Zilda Monteiro in 1947 and was widowed in 2014 after 67 years of love and devotion.

Joao and his wife raised their family in Carbo Verde and settled in the United States in 1976, taking permanent residency in Chelsea in 1977 where he has been a resident for 43 years.

He worked briefly at American Bilrite and later worked at Logan Airport/Host-Marriott Restaurant as a waiter, retiring in 1989.

He was a proprietor who enjoyed his Trupichu, where he supervised the production of grouse and mel (rum and sugar cane honey). In addition he built a home so his children could call their own in their forefathers' land. He enjoyed life, but there were three things that he valued the most: his family, education and productive citizens, which he imparted to his decedents:

His life was not in vain, and he will live on through his surviving family. He was so proud of his family's many contributions to society and often bragged about his family's success and wonderful contribution to the following industries; Author, Banking/Finance, Bio-technology, Construction, Education, Engineering, Electrical/Plumbing, Health Care, Hotel and Hospitality, Ministry, Music Industry, Retail, Social Services and Transportation to name a few.

Fondly remembered as a kind, fun and loving person, he enjoyed being around his family and friends.

In his lifetime he loved watching and attending WWF wrestling matches. He enjoyed playing card

games and listening to music, especially to his favorite Cabo Verdean singer, Bana.

In his younger years, he was seen often riding his horses throughout the village where he was born.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Zilda Monteiro Gomes. He was the devoted father of Manuel Gomes, Maria Alina Connolly, Mario Do Rosario Gomes, Maria Josefina Gomes, Ana Oliveira, Emilia Gomes, Inacio Gomes, Lorena Lopes, Josefina Gomes, Benedita Gomes, Pedro Gomes, Virginia Monteiro Fernandes, Osvaldina Gomes Daly, Filipa Gomes. He was the dear brother of Pedro Alcantra Gomes and Antonia Ana de Brito. He is also survived by 47 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and five great, great grandchildren. five sons-in-law, three daughters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

A private family farewell will be held followed by graveside prayers and interment. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date when family and friends can attend.

Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St. Suite B102 Danvers, MA 01923 or by visiting www.CareDimensions.org Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit: www.WelshFuneralHome.com.

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and a cure was not to be,
so he put his arms around you,
and whispered come to me.
With tearful eyes we watched
you, and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.
Forever Loved & Missed,
'Joe, Debbie, Bill Jr.
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& Grandchildren*

Birthday Memoriam
Patrice Borden
— 9-8-1958 —

*Patrice,
I never Need a special day
To bring ya to my mind
For the days without
thinking of you
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birthday card
And our hands,
we cannot touch
But I know God will take
my special greetings
To the one I love so much
Forever Yours*


100th Birthday Rememberence
Anthony J Lombardozzi
9-6-1920 to 9-6-2020

Happy Birthday Dad!
Birthdays come and birthdays go. On your very special day I want you to know, You're my knight in shining armor, my Daddy, my dad, forever the greatest hero a daughter ever had! I hoped and I prayed for a sign from you. I have waited so very long. You answered when Daddy's Little Girl played on the radio. You spoke to me through that beautiful timeless song!
So Happy 100th Birthday Dad!!
I was writing this for you when you reached out to me. I love you and I miss you. Within my heart Daddy's Little Girl I will always be.
All my love, your daughter Carolyn xoxo


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Re: Mohammed Omarhouch d/b/a 7-Eleven
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Chelsea Licensing Commission, 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 Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for a Wine and Malt Alcoholic Beverages License application for Mohammed Omarhouch d/b/a 7-Eleven, 115 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150.
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9/3/20, 9/10/20

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CITY OF CHELSEA
PUBLIC HEARING
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The City of Chelsea's Department of Housing and Community Development will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Thursday, 10 September 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The public may remotely attend this public hearing by accessing it via web or phone using the instructions below. The purpose of this public meeting is to discuss the City's proposed program and budget amendments to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for the Community Development Block Grant funding for the FY'2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which were allocated under the FY'2018 Mini-Entitlement Program by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Furthermore, the City hereby proposes the creation of a new Micro-Enterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N), in order to support small businesses serving primarily low-

and moderate-income residents. The City proposes, through an FY'2018 budget amendment, the transfer of \$90,000 from the FY'2018 First Time Home Buyers Program (Activity 4D) to the FY'2018 Micro-Enterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N) and \$17,500 from the FY'2018 Housing Program Delivery (Activity 4A) to the FY'2018 Micro Enterprise Program Delivery (Activity 5A). The program amendment will create the Micro Enterprise Grant Program and the budget amendment will transfer the above listed funds. Interested parties are welcome to attend and provide public input. Furthermore, the City will amend the FY'2018 Environmental Review Records to address the proposed project, if approved. Alexander Train, Director of Housing & Community Development, City of Chelsea
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CITY OF CHELSEA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
INVITATION FOR BIDS
INSTITUTIONAL (BUILDING) CLEANING SERVICES
The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking sealed bids to furnish all services to provide "Institutional (Building) Cleaning Services" for the City of Chelsea. Invitation for Bid documents are available on or after September 2, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations.


Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Institutional (Building) Cleaning Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids 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. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
9/3/20

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NOTICE
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Stephen M. Kyle of Alton, NH. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Stephen M. Kyle of Alton, NH have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of

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(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
GARDEN CEMETERY HISTORIC RENOVATION
PHASE 2
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Garden Cemetery Historic Renovation Phase 2". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after September 2, 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 "Garden Cemetery Historic Renovation Phase 2" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, September 17, 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 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. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
9/3/20

MassDOT advisory: Boston upcoming lane shifts on Route 1

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced that during the overnight hours on Wednesday, September 2, roadway configuration changes and Route 1 northbound lane shifts took place in the work zone where the Chelsea Viaduct is being rehabilitated. Work was to begin after 9 p.m. and to finish before 5 a.m. on Thursday, September 3. Once the shift is complete, northbound traffic will be split into two lanes with the work zone between them from approximately the Fourth Street off-ramp (opposite the Walnut

Street Synagogue) to the Sixth Street on-ramp (opposite the Logan Airport Marriott Residence Inn). This operation was weather dependent. In the event of inclement weather on Wednesday, September 2, the operation will take place overnight on Thursday, September 3, into early morning on Friday, September 4. This traffic shift will allow for a continuous work zone throughout the project area and facilitate necessary bridge deck repairs and safety improvements. Following the shift, two southbound lanes

will be available on Route 1 during all peak periods. Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work, temporary ramp and street closures, and changes to traffic configurations.

DCR to start parking enforcement for street sweeping again

Starting on Tuesday, September 8, and continuing through Monday, November 30, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will commence parking enforcement along all DCR Parkways during street sweeping operations. On designated sweeping days, parking is prohibited at various times. Massachusetts State Police (MSP) will enforce the parking restrictions by ticketing vehicles in violation (the agency is not towing vehicles at this time).

Additionally, "No Parking" signs have been installed at specific DCR locations, noting the day and hours that parking is prohibited. DCR Parkways and Roadways, including, but not limited to:
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DiDomenico serves as a speaker on virtual mission on COVID

Staff Report

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently served as speaker on a virtual Mission: Readiness panel discussion to talk about COVID-19's impact on early childhood education and child nutrition in Massachusetts. DiDomenico joined with retired Generals Jack Hammond and Mike Hall, Amy O'Leary of Early Education for All, and the National Director of Mission: Readiness, Ben Goodman. Mission: Readiness is a group of 750 retired admirals, generals, and other top military leaders who work to champion evidence-based, bipartisan state and federal public policy solutions that are proven to prepare youth for life and to be able to

serve their nation in any way that they choose.

Senator DiDomenico kicked off the panel by sharing his perspective on early childhood challenges in Massachusetts and the growing childhood hunger epidemic due to the economic fallout from COVID-19. DiDomenico has been a long-time champion of both early education and food security policies in the Massachusetts Senate and provided insight into how the pandemic has weakened the early education sector, exacerbating challenges for Massachusetts kids and their families. In his comments, he emphasized that child care is not babysitting, but a crucial way to ensure children are prepared for future success. Senator



Senator Sal DiDomenico recently served as speaker on a virtual Mission: Readiness panel discussion to talk about COVID-19's impact on early childhood education and child nutrition in Massachusetts.

DiDomenico also provided insight to the participants and listeners on how they can work with their elected officials and representatives to urge actionable steps that preserve and strengthen early childhood programs.

Gladys Vega honored by Gateway Cities

Despite growth in communities of color in Gateway Cities, Massachusetts's non-profit and elected leadership remains overwhelmingly white.

Meanwhile, the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have fallen disproportionately on the communities most under-represented in leadership positions, like Chelsea.

In the Gateway Cities first session, a series on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for a Strong Recov-

ery, the organization will focus on the lack of representation in civic leadership in Gateway Cities.

"We'll start by recognizing the work of Mayor Dan Rivera for his outstanding leadership in the City of Lawrence, including diversifying the police force, and his relentless advocacy on behalf of Gateway Cities across Massachusetts," read a statement. "Then Joan Kulash, Executive Director of Community InRoads, and Gladys Vega,

Executive Director of the Chelsea Collaborative, will share case-studies on their experience working to make the ranks of elected and non-profit leadership more representative of the diverse population in Gateway Cities."

Attendees will leave the presentation armed with new insights and data on civic representation in Massachusetts, as well as strategies for implementing similar models in their community.

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Save the Harbor and Brain Arts bring you Beats on the Beach virtual music contest

The environmental advocacy organization Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the non-profit Brain Arts Organization have teamed up this summer to connect people to the region's public beaches during the pandemic through free virtual arts and wellness programs that amplify the voices of area BIPOC artists as part of their Better Beaches Program Partnership.

"We think that the best way to save the harbor is to share the harbor with free events and programs for everyone to enjoy," said Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini. "But the truth is that not everyone feels welcome on some of our region's most spectacular, and cleanest, public beaches. After the murder of George Floyd and in the face of ongoing violence and oppression faced by BIPOC communities across the country, Save the Harbor is emphasizing our commitment to marginalized groups by working with our current and new partners to make sure that everyone feels welcome on our

beaches.

This new collaboration with the Dorchester based Brain Arts Organization features a nature-based wellness and healing series and a beach soundscape music competition hosted by local Black artists and producers LDER and Rilla Force, and judged by Boston-born poet, rapper and educator, Oompa. Participants will create a beat from a series of sounds recorded by the producers on Boston's beaches, and Oompa will select the best beat and create an original song using it. The competition began on August 17 and will close on September 7. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$200.

The Harbor Healing series features virtual meditation, healing and wellness guides from the Sistahs of the Calabash, Joye Williams from Joyefully Natural and You Good Sis.

"Community members enjoy and connect to the beach in many different ways" said Joye Williams, Save the Harbor's Senior Staff Assistant and Founder and herbalist at Joyefully Natural. "Whether you prefer guided meditation or simply swim in the clean water, enjoying the beach enhances your mood and improves your mental, physical and spiritual well being. Understanding the different ways people enjoy and experience the beach increases our understanding of each other, our communities and the natural world."

The Brain Arts Organiza-

tion and all of the artists taking part in Harbor Healing and Beats On The Beach are part of a crucial effort to help welcome all community members to the beaches and encourage everyone to take ownership of the public beaches near them.

"Part of our mission is to foster a culture where individuals can create their own power and opportunities, so reclaiming our city's beaches for Black wellness and creativity is a very exciting project for us," says Emma Leavitt, the director of the Brain Arts Organization. "We are grateful for the opportunity to creatively activate this space with our community and we hope that this becomes a sustaining relationship that builds from year to year."

"Amplifying the voices of Black, Brown, and Indigenous folks is a priority as these marginalized communities continue to fight for their lives," said Save the Harbor's Community Engagement Coordinator Maya Smith. "We hope that creating this engaging community arts project with Black and POC voices at the forefront will continue making our beaches more welcoming to all of our diverse community members."

To enter the music competition, visit the Beats on the Beach webpage at savetheharbor.org/beats. To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay or the Brain Arts Organization, visit their websites at savetheharbor.org and brain-arts.org

Joye Williams, Founder of Joyefully Natural, emerges from the sea after a salt scrub at Nantaket Beach

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