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Success

In-person Learning Centers a blueprint for how to move forward

By Seth Daniel

The success of the Learning Centers in the Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) has been a bit unheralded, but the lack of cases and positive environment has bred confidence in school leaders like Supt. Almi Abeyta.

Abeyta said there are about 50 kids every weekday at the Clark Avenue/Siegel Middle School and then between 30 to 50 at the Burke Complex with For Kids Only – as well as a handful at Chelsea High

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Supplies are being unloaded in Revere from the UPS truck and the headed to Chelsea. Thanks for the donation from UPS the supplies were delivered to the communities free of charge. See page 7 for story and more photos

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, Mascon CEO John Chen and Chelsea City manager Tom Ambrosino prepare to announce a huge donation to their communities to fight the rise in COVID-19 cases.



City gets major state grant to further cement Innes Redevelopment plans

By Seth Daniel

The City has reported it has secured the largest MassWorks grant in the Commonwealth this year to help further cement the mixed-income Innes Housing redevelopment project – a grant that will provide \$5 million to helping lay the groundwork for the project before it begins.

City Planner Alex Train said the grant was a key part of the overall Innes package and will allow the project stability to go to the open market for financing.

“The Department of Housing and Community Development, Chelsea Housing Authority, the City of Chelsea and the Corcoran Companies are excited to announce we have received the largest MassWorks award in the Commonwealth – a total of \$5 million for critical infrastructure like streetscape improvements, utility work, and site infrastructure. It will allow the project to move forward now in 2021.”

A total of \$1 million will be dedicated to reducing flooding and mitigating things around the site with utilities and streetscape improvements – likely eliminating the persistent flooding issues

at Highland Park. That will include new lighting, sidewalks, roadways, crosswalks and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.

The remaining \$4 million will be used for demolition on the Innes site and for site improvements needed ahead of construction.

“This is huge and definitely the catalyst of the project, particularly on the streets and critical infrastructure,” he said. “With that, we’ll soon be able to transform the corridor for Chelsea Housing Authority residents and elevate the transportation connections between the City’s neighborhoods and the surrounding waterfront.”

Jenn Corcoran, of Corcoran Companies, said the MassWorks grant was a centerpiece of the entire development, and they had been working very closely with the state to impress upon how important that money was to unlock private financing.

“I’d go as far as to say this was something we needed to get,” she said.

Corcoran said last summer they were able to get a Home Rule Petition passed to move the development forward, and this was one of the last governmental pieces. Now,

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Tops in her fields

Maddie Mullaney off to Harvard to continue her academic and athletic excellence

By Cary Shuman

They are one of Chelsea’s greatest and most respected families. Frank and Eileen Mullaney raised five beautiful, generous, talented, warm, and personable children at their home on Cary Avenue.

The academic and athletic achievements were many, especially on the local athletic fields from the Chelsea Youth Basketball League and the Chelsea Youth Baseball League through their high school and college years.

Michael, Maureen, Joseph, Timothy, and Robert Mullaney were the kids you wanted for your friend and teammate. Joseph returned to the city and became the principal of Chelsea High School. Maureen Mullaney was captain of the Chelsea High School cheerleading squad on her way to becoming a nurse.

Robert “Bobby” Mullaney took the local sports community by storm early on in the Chelsea Youth



Pingree School senior Maddie Mullaney, one of the best field hockey players in the nation, will be continuing her career at Harvard next fall.

Basketball League as a unanimous MVP and the league’s undisputed top playmaker. He was totally unselfish on the court and a fierce competitor. He went on to excel at Savio and continued his stellar athletic career in the baseball program at Babson College, one of the nation’s finest schools in the field of business.

And Robert Mullaney has achieved tremendous success in the business world.

Maddie Mullaney, the daughter of Robert and Sara Mullaney, is carrying on the Mullaney tradition of excellence in the classroom and in the sports arena.

Ranked as one of the best high school field hockey players in the

United States, Maddie, a 17-year-old senior at the Pingree School, was poised to lead her team to incredible heights this fall but the season was canceled due to COVID-19.

Maddie Mullaney’s past achievements as a two-time All-New England player placed her on the radar of Division 1 college programs. She is an excellent student, earning Honor Roll and Head of School List recognition throughout her years at Pingree.

This month, Maddie Mullaney made known her college destination, signing her letter of intent to attend Harvard College in Cambridge. She will be continuing her majestic career in the Crimson’s Division 1 field hockey program that competes in the Ivy League.

Pingree head field hockey coach Jen Richardson said, “I met Maddie when she was in third or fourth grade. We had started this youth program. Of course, I got the job at Pingree the

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CONGRATULATIONS RYLEE



The “What are you thankful for” contest winner, Rylee, is shown with his prize, a 20lb. turkey.



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New Teacher Pathway program looks to reduce turnover, diversify staff

By Seth Daniel

Having a teaching staff that stayed in place and that resembled the community has been a problem identified quite vocally in the last year, particularly at a School Committee meeting last June when many teachers showed up in person to voice frustration with the lack of diversity in the teaching ranks – given Chelsea has a population that is about 80 percent Hispanic.

To address the problem, Supt. Almi Abeyta has moved to recruit from within using the new Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) to help paraprofessionals in the district – most of whom are from Chelsea and very diverse – to become licensed teachers while on the job.

“A lot of the cohort in the program right now are residents of Chelsea and a couple went to high school in Chelsea,” said Abeyta. “They are paraprofessionals and want to be teachers. It’s a very diverse group and an effort we’re making to recruit and train educators that reflect our community.”

Right now, some 75 percent of the teachers in Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) are white, and 20 percent are Hispanic. Meanwhile, 87 percent of the student population is Hispanic and only 6 percent is white – showing the vast differences between students and teachers along racial and ethnic

lines. In the latest cohort of the TPP program, 80 percent are Hispanic, 10 percent are black and 10 percent are ‘Other.’

Beyond the racial gap, Abeyta said she noticed when she was being introduced to the district that teachers didn’t stay, and identified ‘teacher retention’ as an issue for her Entry Plan into the job. She said there are a lot of factors for not retaining teachers, but being next to Boston is one major issue.

“What we have in Chelsea again is we are right next door to Boston and we all know Boston pays teachers really well,” said Abeyta, who previously worked for Boston Public Schools. “That can become difficult for us. Part of our strategy with the program is we think teachers will stay with us if there is a commitment to help them grow within their career and as a professional.”

That also comes with the fact that many of the paraprofessionals in the district are Chelsea residents, and many want to be teachers in Chelsea if they could get the credentials – and don’t have an interest in leaving for better pay because they are connected to the community.

“Many of our paraprofessionals do want to become teachers and many teachers start out as paraprofessionals,” said Abeyta. “Sometimes they didn’t have the funding or the

time to get their licenses. Our paraprofessionals can be an untapped pipeline for this district. A lot of them have lived in Chelsea a long time and a lot went to Chelsea High or Chelsea Public Schools. There is a sense that they want to give back.”

The district’s goals are to raise the numbers of teachers of color in overall to 27 percent of the staff by 2022, and to achieve that, the state awarded the district a grant for the TPP program.

The program works by those looking to participate having to apply to the program and attend classes at Salem State University. There, they will take classes towards their degree, and also take the teaching licensure test. Once they have their licenses in place, even though they are still working on their degree, they can apply for teaching positions in Chelsea. They do have to complete the program, but they are allowed to work while they continue on in their studies. The program stresses three categories of teaching licensure, including STEM, English Language Learners, and Special Education.

Paraprofessionals are a group of employees that interact with children in the classroom and act as an assistant to a licensed teacher. Many already have a great deal of classroom experience.

Chelsea Jewish VNA awarded the coveted 5-star rating

The Chelsea Jewish Visiting Nurse Agency (VNA) received the prestigious 5-Star rating from Home Health Compare. This designation reflects the highest number of stars allotted to a home health agency. Notably, there were only three home health care agencies with a 5-Star rating in the entire state of Massachusetts as of September 2020. In fact, only a select number of agencies across the country have been awarded this distinction.

“We are so pleased that our VNA Home Care has been recognized as being among the top home health agencies not only in Massachusetts, but throughout the country,” said Chelsea Jewish Lifecare President Adam Berman. “Earning this 5-Star designation is

a testament to our skilled and compassionate staff, our strong commitment to excellence and our dedication as an organization to provide the highest caliber of care possible.”

These ratings are based upon two separate categories: “Quality of Patient Care” and “Patient Satisfaction.” A rating of 5 stars means the agency achieved the highest possible evaluation. Home Health Compare, part of the Medicare website, serves as a key resource to help consumers choose a quality home health care provider.

Chelsea Jewish VNA provides exceptional home care services in the comfort of one’s home or assisted living facilities. By creating a care plan that best suits each client’s needs

and scheduling preferences, an individual will receive a treatment plan that is customized specifically for his or her needs.

Today the five-star rating system has become a critical way for the public to measure the quality and satisfaction of a home health care provider. Five stars are considered well above average. Adds CJL’s Berman, “We work very hard, day in and day out, to achieve and maintain this 5-star rating. I am incredibly proud of our home care staff.”

5 star survey and patient satisfaction. One of three with 5 star quality of patient care ratings in the state, and one of 3 that has both 5 star quality of patient care and patient survey ratings.

Jewish public art in 8 windows across Boston

JArts is opening a window on Hanukkah—actually eight windows—in a public art display to brighten the season designed with social distancing in mind.

BRIGHTER CONNECTED brings the light of Hanukkah to 8 Boston-area neighborhood windows through works of art created in partnership between a local artist and the community.

In past years, the Brighter installation series has been installed at the MFA as part of Jarts’ Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights annual celebration. This year, we’re taking it out of the museum and bringing it into the community - in line with the mitzvah (good deed) of “publicizing the miracle” of the oil that lasted 8 days. Through these 8 works of art, we will high-

light the Hanukkah story, connecting it to the present-day miracles of the strength, resiliency, and vibrancy of our Boston community.

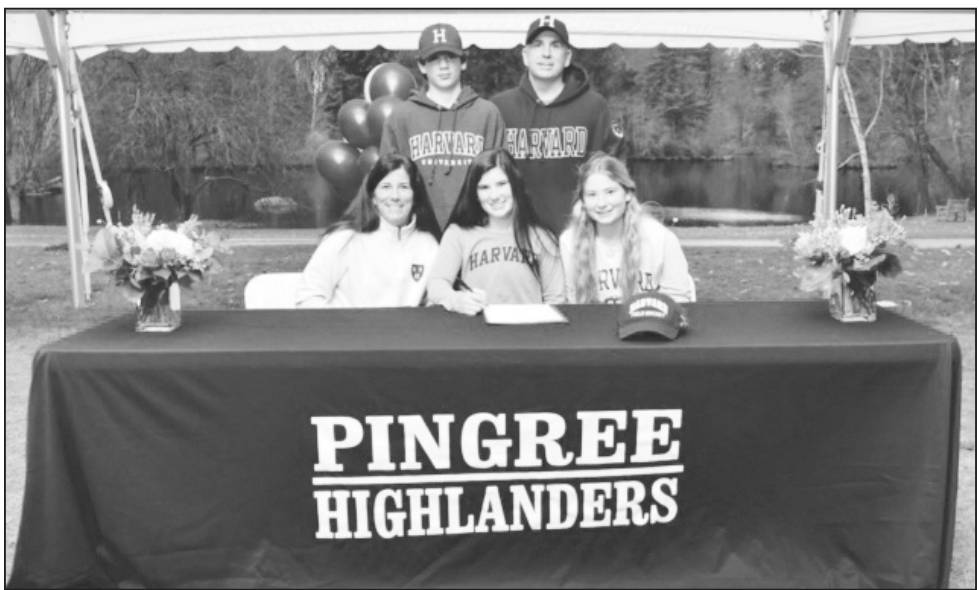
CHELSEA: Gallery 456, 456 Broadway, Chelsea

Artist: Clint Baclawski Bough, a site-specific photographic light installation, symbolizes the nine branches of the Hanukkah Menorah. Through deconstructed light, each bulb reveals a portion of a large-format photographic image of a eucalyptus forest captured in Montana de Oro State Park in Los Osos, CA. Most eucalyptus trees can survive more than 250 years in the wild and are one of the most familiar sights on the Israeli landscape. This forest highlights the significant role that both trees and light play into the Jewish

faith. This photographic light installation represents the nine branches of the Hanukkah Menorah. Through deconstructed light, the bulbs reveal a larger conceptual image of a eucalyptus forest highlighting the significant role that trees and light play in the Jewish faith. Reflections from Chelsea faith leaders are shared to inspire all who pass by.

The exhibit will be visible any time from the sidewalk in front of 456 Broadway in Chelsea during Hanukkah.

Join JArts, cultural anthropologist Ellen Rovner, and artist Clint Baclawski, for a special conversation as they shine a spotlight on Chelsea’s Jewish culture, past and present, Wednesday, December 16, 4 p.m. Free on Zoom.



HEADING TO HARVARD: Maddie Mullaney, a senior at Pingree School, signs her letter of intent to attend Harvard College. Maddie is pictured with her proud family, parents Robert Mullaney and Sara Mullaney, sister Grace Mullaney, and brother, Drew Mullaney.

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year before she had applied. So my first call at Pingree was to Maddie. ‘Come play field hockey at Pingree, please.’

Maddie Mullaney became a four-year standout at Pingree, an unstoppable force.

“Her story is amazing,” said Richardson. “She’s fantastic to watch, fun to coach. She has everything you want in an athlete. She’s gritty. She’s hard-working. She’s dedicated. She’ll spend her weekends working out or studying. She’s always asking how she can get better. She spent tons of time outside of the high school arena doing everything she could – tournaments, clinics, camps – she put in the work and she’s being rewarded for that in such a beautiful way.”

Richardson said the Pingree team had a superb senior class, led by Maddie Mullaney the coach’s daughter, Alana Richardson, and other exceptional athletes. “We had these great seniors, but we have these underclassmen who are phenomenal.”

One of those ‘phenomenal underclassmen’ is Maddie’s sister, Pingree sophomore Grace Mullaney. “Grace is another up-and-coming awesome player that hopefully I’ll get two more years to coach,” said Jen Richardson.

Richardson predicts a great career ahead for Maddie Mullaney at Harvard.

“I’m so excited that Maddie is heading to Harvard,” said Richardson. “She doesn’t plateau. She just gets better and better. So I think her trajectory is just to set her up to be an absolute standout at Harvard.”

The Chelsea Record interviewed the Harvard College-bound field hockey superstar and following are Maddie Mullaney’s responses to our questions:

At what age did you begin playing field hockey? Did you participate in other youth sports in your hometown?

• I started playing field hockey when I was in the third grade at Masco Youth Field Hockey, which my parents helped to run and organize. I also played tennis year-round, swim year-round, (Boxford Athletic Association) soccer, and tribal lacrosse.

When were you first recognized for your exceptional playing skills in the sport? Was there a particular coach that was instrumental in your development as a player?

• I started playing club field hockey when I was fifth grade (10 yrs old) for Danvers Indoor Sports. I was on a U14 (primarily made up of 13 and 14 year olds) team where I was coached by Leah

Boody-Simpson and Jen Richardson, who are still my coaches to this day. Both Jen and Leah have been an instrumental part of my development as a player and character. They have taught and fostered my love for the game.

What do you enjoy about field hockey?

• I enjoy field hockey because it feeds my competitive drive, and I get to be apart of a sisterhood.

Competing in various All-Star games and national tournaments, have you established friendships (outside of Pingree) through field hockey?

• Yes, through Club and USA field hockey, I have created many friendships. One that comes to mind, while on a U14 USA field hockey Futures Team, Meghan Joel (a future Harvard teammate), Sam Crochetiere (a current club teammate and future BC commit), and I brought home a Gold Medal.

How do you manage your time being an elite player, a student-athlete and maintaining high grades academically?

• Balancing time has taken discipline, planning ahead, and taking care of my health.

Do you participate in other extracurricular activities at Pingree?

A.Peer Tutor
B.Peer Advisor
C.Tour Guide
D.Special Olympics Volunteer
E.Varsity Tennis
F.Yoga
G.Community Service: Seacoast United FH Volunteer Coach
H.Shore Country Day School Camp Counselor
I.Scuba Diving: Turks & Caicos, Cayman Islands
J.Road Races: Falmouth Road Race (MA), Trot for Hunger (Washington DC), Jennifer Tinney July 4th Road Race (medaled)

This year’s Pingree team had sky-high expectations. When did you learn that the season was going to be canceled due to the coronavirus and what was your reaction? How often has Pingree been practicing as a team? What was it like to finally take the field against an opponent and score three goals in that game?

•Our first and last game was against rival Winsor school of Boston where we won 5-0. We had a lot of energy for our first and only game of the season as we were eager to get out and play. It was an emotional game for me, knowing that it was the last time playing with Pingree FH and my young sister, Grace.

Do you consider yourself a role model for the underclassmen on the team? What was it like having your sister as a teammate at Pingree? Have you and Grace been teammates in other

venues?

• I do consider myself a role model, and I lead by example with grit and determination. I have had the privilege to play with my younger sister, Grace, which brought aspects of sister competitiveness and special connections on the field. Grace is a trustworthy and reliable player in the backfield. We have played on a few teams together before, but one in particular was on a Seacoast United Club FH U14 team (where Grace was playing up an age level) and we placed 4th in the country at the National Club Championships.

When did you begin considering the prospect of playing in a Division 1 college program? Did you visit other schools besides Harvard? What were the factors in your decision to attend Harvard?

• I have always known I wanted to play Division 1, and I was fortunate enough to visit a lot of campuses at a young age, starting in eighth grade. I knew I wanted Division 1, strong academics, and wanted to stay in Boston. We are really lucky to have such strong academic and athletic local schools. Harvard stood out to me because I have always valued being a student first, and then an athlete.

What do you want to say about the support and encouragement of your parents and family during your athletic career and this journey that will take you to the world’s most prestigious university next year?

• My family has been nothing but supportive along my academic and field hockey journey. From traveling over Thanksgiving for field hockey tournaments to providing a private school education throughout middle and high school, I will be forever grateful for my parents encouragement.

Has your father told you stories about his athletic excellence and growing up in Chelsea?

• Oh, yes! I definitely take after my dad’s competitiveness and love for athletics!

What will be you doing training wise and competitively in the spring and summer to get ready for your first collegiate field hockey season? Have you met any of your Harvard teammates?

• I hope to continue training with USA field hockey this spring and summer. I will continue with club field hockey through June and then I hope to have a workout plan from Harvard! Some of my future teammates and I are in touch and I can’t wait for next fall! Thank you, Maddie.

Molly Baldwin, founder and CEO of Roca, Inc. receives prestigious 25th Annual Heinz Award

Molly Baldwin will be awarded the prestigious 25th Annual Heinz Award in recognition of the founding, leadership and outstanding results of Roca Inc. www.rocainc.org

Baldwin is recognized for Roca’s proven work in changing the lives of young people considered to be the hardest to reach, including those who have suffered as a result of poverty, gang involvement and violent crime and who cannot be connected with through school, work or traditional programs. Roca is a highly effective intervention program that provides relentless outreach to young people impacted by traumatic experiences at the center of urban violence.

Since founding Roca in 1988 in Chelsea, MA, Baldwin has remained focused on a mission to disrupt cycles of incarceration, urban violence and poverty in the lives of young adults. She has worked to seek out young

people who could benefit from its program and provide them the educational, employment and emotional regulation skills they need to change their life trajectories.

Established by Teresa Heinz in 1993 to honor the memory of her late husband, U.S. Senator John Heinz, the Awards celebrate the accomplishments and spirit of the Senator by recognizing the extraordinary achievements of individuals in five areas of greatest importance to him. The areas are Arts and Humanities, Environment, Human Condition, Public Policy, and Technology, the Economy and Employment.

Administered by the Heinz Family Foundation, the award bestowed to Baldwin is in the area of Human Condition. Nominations are submitted by an anonymous Council of Nominators and are reviewed by Jurors appointed by the Heinz Family Foundation. Award recipients are ultimately select-

ed by the Board of Directors.

Collectively, the 2020 Heinz Award honorees represent the vision, creativity and determination that produce achievements of lasting good and meaningful impact, which the Heinz Awards hopes to inspire. Diverse past honorees include: Marian Wright Edelman, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, C. Everett Koop, Steve Wozniak, Freeman Hrabowski III and Baldwin’s own early cherished mentors, Luis Acosta and Francis Lucerna. www.heinzawards.org

“Roca believes and has seen that change is possible for every young adult, regardless of past history, if we are relentless in engaging with them, in providing the right intensive supports and when we never, ever give up on them, particularly when they fail,” said Molly Baldwin, Founder and CEO, Roca Inc.

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School. With that group coming into the building every day in person to do online learning, there has been only one case of a student in their care – which was taken care of with the proper protocols.

That has given Abeyta confidence that school as we once knew it can happen again.

“I think it is possible to bring our most vulnerable kids back when the virus isn’t at the levels it’s at right now,” she said. “I really do think it’s possible. That’s great news to me. We want to bring our most vulnerable kids back.”

The lack of cases among students has been a bit of a surprise. The cases being at only one is much lower than many expected, and lower than in Everett where their e-Learning Centers have seen more cases than in Chelsea.

“We haven’t had but one student case while in

our care,” Abeyta said. “It tells you once the kids are there, we have them six feet apart and their masks are on and the virus isn’t spreading when they come to school. It’s a good thing.”

The Learning Centers weren’t established as a test case for in-person school. In fact, they were brought on to fill a need for parents who could not be at home while children were doing online, remote learning. Likewise, for older kids, they were a needed quiet spot to do their work when maybe their homes were not conducive to having school.

In meeting that need, however, they have also found that they believe they have the ability to keep the virus at bay while bringing in a larger amount of students.

“When we do come back and start slow, what’s good about this is our

staff and principals have already had kids in the building and know what to do,” she said. “It was a program meant to meet needs, but the same time we’re learning from it.”

One area of concern, of course, is adult staff members and teachers – many of whom feel they are at greater risk than the students if there were a return to in-person schooling.

Abeyta said employees that are getting the virus in the course of their jobs are not getting it from work. After contract tracing it has revealed that most live in Chelsea, and they’re getting it from a spouse at home.

The state and federal governments have also committed rapid testing resources to school districts that have attempted to bring students back to the classroom in various ways.



Students taking advantage of the Learning Centers in the Chelsea Public Schools.

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she said, though they are about one year behind due to COVID-19 delays, they are ready to move into the next phase of the development.

“All I all, we’ll probably be about a year behind where we had been before all this,” she said. “We’ll pick up in December where we left off in March.”

She said they are taking the project to the financial markets and will be looking to develop financial partners.

CHA Director Al Ewing said this is a big milestone his agency has been waiting for.

“It really is a big milestone for the project at Innes Development,” he said. “We’re excited to get this grant from the state and continue moving the project forward.”

Sean McReynolds, of Corcoran, said getting the largest grant shows the state is prioritizing this kind of partnership.

“I think the MassWorks grant highlights the priori-

ty the state put behind construction projects, public/private partnerships and something as important as the Innes Development being in the Smart Growth District,” he said. “There was a lot of work done behind the scenes to get the Smart Growth District established there.”

Train said they hoped to have a contractor on board in early 2021 and begin the infrastructure work just ahead of the overall construction project getting underway.

SCHOOL UPDATES

DISTRICT UPDATES

•A team of administrators held a session of the Online Parent Academy on Monday evening, Nov. 16. Over 50 parents of elementary school students attended. Many great parent questions were answered and helpful feedback on remote learning was received. There are more sessions for elementary parents planned for December 3 on SeeSaw. Thanks for the teamwork.

•The REACH Program has been teaming up with voicesofabl, Cambridge youth, Lawrence High youth, and Movement City to conduct writing workshops, become writing leaders and participate in monthly Open Mic Nights all Virtually.

The Chelsea REACH PROGRAM continues the in-person outdoor weekly meet ups at the CHS field! This week it was 38 degrees and it didn’t stop the family from meeting up! We continue to recruit middle and high school students! For more information contact Stephanie Rodríguez rodriguezs@chelseaschools.com

EARLY LEARNING CENTER UPDATES

Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Salazar’s class had a great time listening to Dr. Abeyta read Brown Bear. The children enjoyed meeting her and talking to her!

BERKOWITZ SCHOOL UPDATES

•Students in Ms. Cabigting’s class are showing determination to learn and have fun. They learned when they have a growth mindset, they can get better at something they have never done before.. and challenging ourselves is fun.

•The Berkowitz 4th grade STEM Challenge class has been meeting a few times a week. Many of these 4th graders have been coding the Dash robots since first grade, and now we are trying out the virtual Dash in the Blockly program. Students work in groups to solve a challenge and create their programs in Blockly. Then Mrs. Hubert can run the programs on the Dash robots in the lab while students watch on Zoom. Students then get to work debugging their programs.

KELLY SCHOOL UPDATES

•At the monthly whole-school assembly, the Kelly honored Gritty Scholars of the month for their perseverance, respect, integrity, and teamwork; learned a little from some of our 4th grade authors, and celebrated everyone’s hard work this month with a “Dress Fancy” spirit day.

•Ms. Donato and her first graders read the book Turkey Trouble and kids worked at home to create disguises to help their turkeys escape being eaten for Thanksgiving.

SOKOLOWSKI UPDATES

•Julian Bercu, the second grade foundational teacher, took advantage of the nice weather last weekend to tie the knot. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

•Lastly, we would like to welcome new sharks: Johnny Giraldo (parent liaison), Krystell Hernandez (third grade foundational teacher), Jacqueline Toledo (third grade para-



CAT IN THE HAT, CUP STACKING
Students from the ELC are participating in a November Engineering Project: The Cat in the Hat Cup Stacking Challenge. The school leaders love seeing the pictures and videos families have been submitting – such as this one.

professional), and Patricia da Silva (fourth grade paraprofessional).

•Firefighter Omar Frometa stopped by again this week and visited a few other 1st grade classes. We would like to thank Omar and all Chelsea firefighters for working hard to keep us all safe.

BROWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

Ms. Sonia Marin organized a fantastic poetry night with 7th grade Caminos students, their parents and Browne teachers featuring Poetic Voices From Earth-Exploring Reading of Pablo Neruda’s Poetry.

MORRIS H. SEIGAL CLARK AVE. UPDATES

Students and teachers at the Online Learning Center worked hard this week. Administration, monitors, and cafeteria staff made sure they were supported in being successful this week.

CHELSEA OPPORTUNITY ACADEMY UPDATES

•COA and CHS Support Hurricane Relief in Central America

Shout to teacher Pat O’Donnell and social worker Chabeli Nadal with support from CHS teacher Miguel Hernandez for organizing a hurricane response initiative. In coordination with Chelsea Collaborative, COA and CHS students are building awareness, helping with donations and writing personal notes for hurricane victims in Central America. If you are interested in supporting please reach out to one of the people mentioned above or directly with the Chelsea Collaborative. odonellp@chelseaschools.com nadalc@chelseaschools.com

•COA Thanksgiving Celebration Tradition Continues

COA students and families will be picking up traditional Thanksgiving meals next Tuesday afternoon. Since the COA were not able to have an in-person event this year, students will come by and pick meals to take home and re-heat. Special thanks to Charlton Becker Catering, CPS Business Office and the Boston Foundation for supporting the COA community and helping us continue our tradition with students and their families.

Fight the Flu


The flu vaccine is vitally important this year!

Protect yourself and your family. Our buildings are clean and safe. Patients and non-patients are welcome. To register, call **617-568-4401**. For children 18 and younger and their families, call: **617-568-4477**.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back almost 400 years to the Pilgrims, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Even amidst this time of a raging pandemic in our country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of what we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be where we are. Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and inevitably -- at least for some of us -- a post-dinner nap or early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SAFELY

We would be remiss if we did not remind our readers to enjoy the holiday weekend, but to do so safely.

The pandemic is spreading like wildfire across our nation, shattering previous records of infection on a daily basis and requiring all of us to take every precaution to ensure that we do not spread the coronavirus among our friends and family members.

The virus does not take a holiday -- and each of us must act accordingly.

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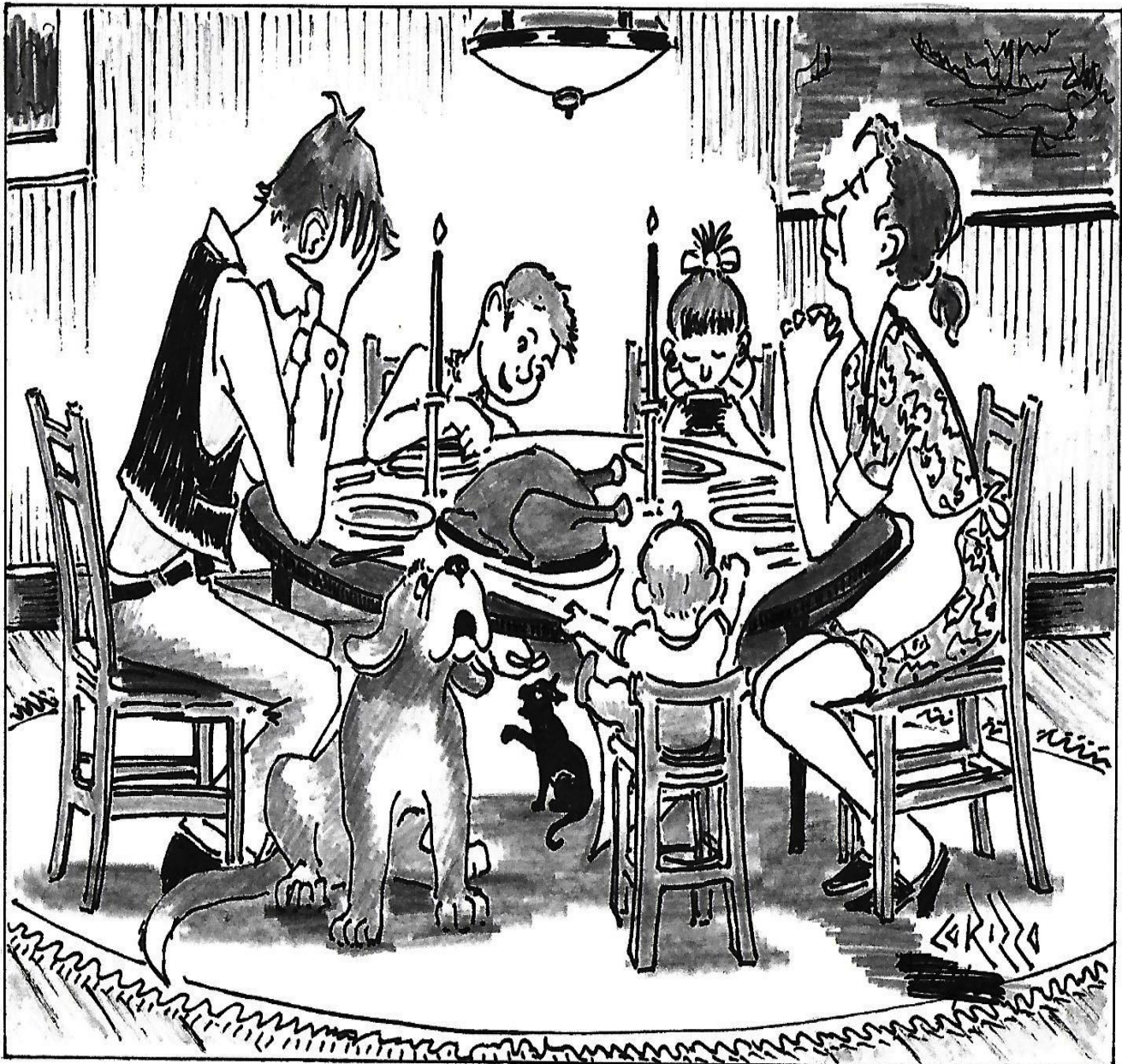
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GUEST OP-ED

Thanksgiving 2020; home, but not alone

By Karen Lee Sobol

Has your sense of time shifted lately? Does avoiding people feel bizarre, and has Purell become your new best friend? Do you spot beauty in surprising places, and feel the rhythm of your breath inside your mask?

I've lived through this before. Then, I was solo. Now, I'm one of seven billion, living through it again, with you. Both times, with little advance notice, a deadly disease became a dire threat. Then, in 2005, I was diagnosed with a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma defined as rare and incurable. Now, in 2020, we all risk infection by COVID-19, a wildly contagious novel coronavirus with no known cure. My blood cancer was so rare it's called an orphan disease. COVID-19 is so universal it's called a pandemic.

Thinking about the Thanksgiving holiday usually energizes us. Plans often include travel, time with family and friends, and meals shared. This year, the dangers of spreading or contracting COVID-19 trigger anxiety and dread. What to do?

In 2005, I faced a similar dilemma. I was in the midst of a clinical trial with a monoclonal antibody. Because the drug had annihilated my immune system, every germ and virus, whether it came from another person or naturally lived inside my body or on my skin, could pose a lethal threat. I washed and sanitized my hands obsessively and never touched my face. Social isolation was self-protection, so I left home only to go to the hospital or take solitary walks, a scarf wrapped over my nose and mouth. Holding a vision of myself as cancer-free and healthy, as though I already were, I felt that a brighter future was just a matter of time.

In a normal year, my family's Thanksgiving tradition might start by serving a mid-day meal to guests at a local shelter, then welcoming family and friends to dinner in our home. But for us 2005 was no normal year and exposing me to other people wasn't an option. Instead, we ordered in dinner for three—my husband, our teen-aged daughter, and me—and felt grateful. We connected with people by phone, and their intangible energy helped sustain my nuclear family through our crisis.

For us all, 2020 is no normal year. Together we face the potentially deadly risk of COVID-19. And we're tired of social isolation. But what opportunities we have, including the opportunity to keep ourselves, our families, and our friends, safe, and to share our resources more widely.

Remember what they

say before an airplane takes off? "If the oxygen masks drop down, put your own mask on before assisting others."

This Thanksgiving, if you're lucky enough to have a home, please stay there. Being alone doesn't have to mean being lonely. Consider safe, helpful ways to support and connect with people. Perhaps order your dinner from a local restaurant to help keep cooks and staff employed. Perhaps donate to a local food bank or shelter so those less fortunate have meals to nourish them. Perhaps, in recognition of the historic roots of the day, contribute to an organization like the Indigenous Environmental Network which provides desperately needed food and emergency COVID-19 relief funds to Native Americans.

With challenge comes opportunity. We have the chance to stem COVID-19's spread, and we have the chance to spread compassion. Compassion nurtures healing and hope. Its intangible energy creates real results.

When the twelve weeks of my clinical trial ended, I was frail and exhausted, but signs of cancer had decreased dramatically, and five months later, the disease was gone. It took two years and four months for my immune system to rebuild and I was able to

resume normal life. With the welcome news that a vaccine will likely be available within the next few months, I feel optimistic that our collective timeline will be much shorter.

I believe in medical science and I believe in the power of holding a vision of good health. Now, as then, I think of my favorite equation ever: Hope = Belief + Expectation. I believe, and I fully expect, we can and we will stop COVID-19.

Imagine a world free of COVID-19 as if it already exists, and hold this vision with me. Imagine a world in which we care for ourselves and each other as one family.

Now expand the vision to embrace the planet. If we actively protect and preserve biodiversity—earth's wondrously varied habitats and the countless species who thrive in them—we take a giant step to keeping hundreds of thousands of viruses in the plant and animal kingdoms where they belong, and where they won't leap to us.

Now we know. Good health is global health.

Karen Lee Sobol lives in Boston MA and is Artist and Author of *Twelve Weeks: An Artist's Story of Cancer, Healing, and Hope*.

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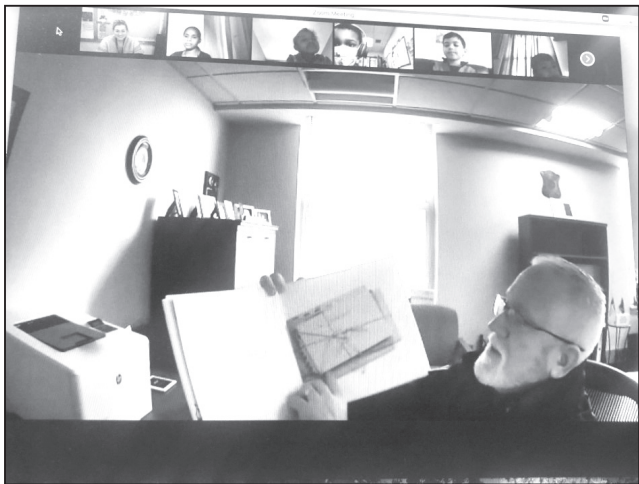
BRAZILIAN NATIONAL CHARGED WITH ARMED ROBBERY

A Brazilian national who previously resided in Chelsea was charged with the April 21, 2020 armed robbery of Lanzilli's Grocery in Boston.

Diego Evangelista DaSilva, 33, was charged on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 with one count of armed robbery.

According to the charging documents, on April 21, 2020 at 8:20 p.m., an armed robbery occurred at Lanzilli's Grocery in Boston. The robber was observed wearing a gray knit cap, a flesh colored mask, and a gray hooded sweatshirt with a red garment/jacket underneath. During the robbery, the robber passed a demand note to the clerk, made verbal demands for money and displayed what appeared to be a firearm tucked into the waistline of his pants. Following the robbery, law enforcement obtained surveillance photographs of the robber approaching Lanzillis, exiting the area, and at one point going between two buildings and later emerging wearing a red jacket and bulky clothing underneath. The robber then entered a store and used the store's Wi-Fi to order a cab, which dropped off the robber near Washington Park in East Boston.

On April 26, 2020, law enforcement surveilled the area of Washington Park and observed an individual, who fit the physical description of the robber getting into and then driving away in a car. Law enforcement conducted a vehicle stop, determined that the driver, Da Silva, did not possess a driver's license and de-



CHELSEA POLICE PARTICIPATE IN READING EVENT
Capt. Tom Dunn reads to Ms. Madison Piccoli's ELC Kindergarten Class 'The Day the Crayons Quit' during the virtual Read with a Cop event last week. The event coincided with several virtual readers that shared with the classes.

tained him. During a later search of the car, a black semi-automatic BB gun was recovered under the vehicle's seat, along with a gray knit cap.

A search of DaSilva's home led to the seizure of a red jacket and other items consistent with the clothing worn by the robber. DaSilva was later interviewed and admitted to robbing Lanzilli's and to his involvement in 11 other armed robberies between Jan. 4, 2020 and April 20, 2020 in Greater Boston.

The charge of Hobbs Act robbery provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

CHELSEA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM

A Chelsea man pleaded guilty today to being

a felon in possession of a firearm.

Semaj Leary, 26, pleaded guilty to one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper scheduled sentencing for March 17, 2021. Leary was indicted in December 2019.

On Aug. 15, 2019, Leary was found in possession of a 9mm Glock semi-automatic pistol, seven rounds of R-P 9mm caliber ammunition, four rounds of WIN 9mm caliber ammunition, two rounds of VPT 9mm caliber ammunition, one round of WCC 9mm caliber ammunition, one round of Tulammo 9mm caliber ammunition and an extra magazine. Leary had previously been convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm and other crimes punishable by more than a year in jail, and therefore was prohibited from possessing firearms.

The charging statute provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss.

Chelsea Fire Department begins 'Toys for Tots' campaign this season

The donation bin is open.

The Chelsea Fire Department has begun its annual collection for 'Toys for Tots' at the Central Fire Station seven days a week.

Chelsea Fire's Phil Rodgers said the firefight-

ers will have a collection box available at Central Fire from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week into mid-December. A cut-off date for donations hasn't yet been set.

The toys must be non-violent, and they have to be unwrapped and new. No used toys will be accepted.

Central Fire Station is located at 307 Chestnut St. in Fay Square across from City Hall.

ACE Mentor Program expands to Chelsea High, Opportunity Academy

ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston, the free after-school program run by award-winning design and construction professionals with the goal of encouraging high school students to pursue careers in the architecture, construction and engineering industries, is proud to announce their current rate of success as student enrollment exceeded all previous years' totaling 170 students. In addition, the program has raised a total of \$200,000, the most successful fundraising effort to date.

With support from donors, sponsors, and partners, the fundraised money will help the program provide an interactive, hands-on experience for its students while also offering more scholarship opportunities. At the spring 2020 final presentation, the ACE Mentor Program awarded \$152,000 in scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$11,000, to graduating high school

seniors who participated in the 2019-2020 initiative. Participating students are currently meeting virtually on a weekly basis with their respective mentors while also receiving kits of supplies directly to their homes, allowing them to learn design and engineering skills and physically put those skills to work by designing a mock-residential project.

"As an organization, our goal is to grow and expand in order to provide top-notch educational tools and career exploration for students," said Casey Williams, newly appointed president of the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston. "We are beyond thankful for all our donors, sponsors, and partners for supporting us during such a challenging year. With record-breaking donations coming in, we have the ability to continue to cultivate opportunities and financial support to select students."

In addition to the fi-

nancial growth, the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston has added new schools to their reputable roster of partners throughout the Greater Boston area. New schools for the 2020-2021 year include Chelsea High School and Chelsea Opportunity Academy.

The architecture, construction and engineering industries are constantly evolving, and ACE also is proud to offer students a diverse quantity of knowledge by working with varying firms. This year, the program has added Dyer Brown Architects, Finegold Alexander Architects, Hatch (Civil Engineers), AMCON Corp, Related Beal LLC, Studio Troika, Ellenzweig, Haley & Aldrich, Inc., The Whiting Turner Company, Ostrow Electric, Jacobs, CHA Consulting, Interior Architects, GEI, Hargreaves Jones and DiMella Shaffer to their list of distinguished firms.

United Way's largest Thanksgiving project to date responds to increased need and Covid-19 challenges

The ongoing Covid-19 public health and economic crisis has both increased the number of families in need and created new challenges for distributing Thanksgiving meals in person this holiday.

On Saturday, November 21, United Way is meeting both challenges head-on, providing a record number of 15,000 families across 23 communities with gift cards to purchase food for a Thanksgiving meal. In 2019, United Way provided 11,000 families with bags of food for a Thanksgiving meal. Due to current Covid-19 health and safety concerns, United Way made the decision to distribute gift cards this year through its network of agency partners instead of recruiting in-person volunteers to pack and distribute food.

United Way is partnering with Roca and The Neighborhood Developers to provide gift cards to 650 Chelsea families.

"With the ongoing crisis and unemployment rates as high as 30 percent

in hard-hit cities, countless workers in our region remain underemployed with reduced hours and are struggling to make ends meet," said Bob Giannino, President and Chief Executive Officer at United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. "Adding to the crisis, many local traditional Thanksgiving meal drives are not able to take place in person this year due to necessary health and safety Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines. We're proud that so many businesses and individuals stepped up to help United Way serve 4,000 more families this year in even more communities."

United Way's Thanksgiving Project will be held at 23 distribution sites on November 21 in the following communities: Chelsea, Attleboro, North Attleboro, Milton, Lowell, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lynn, Quincy, South Boston, Randolph, Weymouth, Somerville, Malden, Medford, South End, Dorchester, along with

Rochester and Newmarket in New Hampshire. Families will receive grocery store gift cards valued at \$50 or a gift card valued at \$35 and a turkey, depending on which site they pick up their meals.

Lead sponsors include: UPS, Tishman Speyer, Eaton Vance Foundation, US Foods, Winn Companies, Envision Bank, Vertex, Wegman's, SS&C Eze, AEW, Bristol County Savings Bank and Silicon Valley Bank.

Since the start of the COVID-19 crisis, United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley has raised and distributed over \$8 million to more than 300,000 vulnerable people, providing emergency financial assistance of \$300 on average to help pay for food, rent/housing, utilities, and other basic needs. More than 100,500 households received food assistance, 3,500 households had utility/rental help and another 8,000 households received general financial assistance.

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CHELSEA SALVATION ARMY TURKEY GIVE-AWAY

The Salvation Army Chelsea Corps staff and volunteers are helping to make Thanksgiving brighter for more than 600 families (4,000 individuals) in Chelsea by distributing hundreds of Thanksgiving food boxes, turkeys, produce, and other food items to help those in need.

Salvation Army Capts. Isael Gonzalez and Brenda Gonzalez, led the distribution effort Monday at the Salvation Army headquarters located at 258 Chestnut St.

Due to the financial impact of the pandemic, the need in Chelsea continues to grow as The Salvation Army is now seeing up to 700 families each day at their food pantry, compared to 50 families each day prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Salvation Army's Thanksgiving boxes - complete with 13-pound

turkeys and all the fixings, from stuffing to pumpkin pie, were distributed to pre-registered families to take home and enjoy for the holiday. Thanksgiving donations are made possible thanks to sponsors including Northern Light and MFS Investment Management.

This year the need is greater than ever for those served by The Salvation Army. With fewer Red Kettles in communities this holiday season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Salvation Army is projecting that donations to its iconic kettle will be down by more than 50 percent with needs for assistance up by 155 percent or more statewide. Since March, The Salvation Army has served more than 13 million meals to our neighbors in need across the Commonwealth, serving every community and anyone who asks for help.



The line went all the way down Chestnut Street, as local residents arrived at the Salvation Army to get their Thanksgiving turkey baskets.



The front of the Salvation Army on 258 Chestnut Street was covered with pallets of food for the many families that applied for the Thanksgiving Day baskets for the upcoming holiday, that were given out on Monday.



Captain Brenda Gonzalez of the Chelsea Salvation Army, checks her watch and gets ready to feed the many families that will arrive on Monday morning.



Maria Orellando and Jose Campos are clearing the way for more food to be brought in.



Volunteers unpack the many goodies that are to be given out to local Chelsea families that signed up for a holiday turkey basket.

ZONTA CLUB HELPS FAMILIES IN NEED



Kathlyn Cox-Breen and Charlien Price work at the ITC Building and collected food to donate to the Salvation Army from fellow employees.



Zonta members Mary Jane O'Neill and Barbara Lawlor are pictured presenting Chelsea's School Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta with this years holiday gift cards. The cards are given to families in need in the area. "Thank you for your continued support for our families each holiday," said Supt. Almi Abeyta.

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Mascon Medical donates 400,000 pieces of PPE to Chelsea and Revere

By Journal Staff

The Cities of Revere and Chelsea will receive a large donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) from Mascon Medical to help fight the spread of COVID-19. Revere and Chelsea are among the first cities to receive some of the more than 1.5 million masks, gowns, face shields, goggles, hand sanitizing wipes, and electrostatic sprayers donated by Mascon Medical. A subsidiary of Mascon, Inc. and leading minority-owned manufacturing and supply chain company based in Woburn, Mascon Medical will begin their donation with the cities of Revere, Chelsea, and Lawrence, followed by 7 other communities with high case numbers in the Commonwealth.

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo and Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino were delighted to receive such a generous donation, and coming at a very opportune time, when the federal money for supplies will run out on December 30th of this year. According to both top ranking officials, the supplies will be distributed through local city organizations and the special COVID-19 committees in each city.



Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino thanks Mascon for their generosity, and explained how the equipment will be distributed across then City of Chelsea over the next few weeks. Ambrosino also cautioned on safety over the Thanksgiving holiday.



CEO of Mascon, John Chen, addresses the need for PPE supplies and his concern for public safety in the higher risk cities and towns of the Commonwealth.



CEO of Mascon and Global President, John R. Chen addresses the media at the rear of the AC Whelan School. Also shown are Chelsea's City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Revere mayor Brian Arrigo (right).



Revere Police Chief Dave Callahan has a few words with his friend and former Revere Mayor and Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino.



With a UPS 18 Wheeler in the background, and full of PPE supplies for the Revere and Chelsea Communities, Revere Mayor Arrigo and Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino discuss their strategies for the coming months to fight COVID-19.

TURKEY DONATIONS



Aaron Jennings (photo left), Chelsea Public Schools officer of diversity, inclusion and excellence, and Supt. Almi Abeyta (photo right) were on hand Tuesday to distribute donated turkeys to more than 30 Chelsea Public Schools families in need on the holiday. The effort was organized by Councilor Leo Robinson, who secured the donation for the schools just in time for Turkey Day.

Courts extend start date for jury trials to Jan. 11, 2021

In response to the current situation in the Commonwealth with respect to COVID-19 and the expectation of rising infections during the holiday period, the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) and the Trial Court announce further postponement of the resumption of jury trials. It is anticipated that Phase 1 of the plan previously approved in the SJC order of Sept. 17, and scheduled to begin the week of Nov. 30, now will commence the week of January 11, 2021. Phase 1 calls for initially conducting a limited

number of jury trials, with six-person juries, in a designated number of courthouses, and is expected to last for two months. The Trial Court will complete its preparations for Phase 1 over the coming weeks so that the required comprehensive protocols that address the health and safety of jurors and other trial participants will be in place in all courthouses that are identified for Phase 1 jury trials. The Trial Court also is identifying and securing jury trial locations in those counties that do not

have courthouses suitable for conducting jury trials during the pandemic. Court leaders continue to seek to balance the critical right to trial by jury with health and safety concerns of trial participants. The Office of Jury Commissioner will cancel jurors summoned for dates before the new resumption date and trials currently scheduled will be rescheduled. Courts will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation in the Commonwealth.

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CALMER WITH RECENT COVID SPIKE

EVERETT - Whether it's raising kids or treating COVID, the second time is always a little bit easier, and as the so-called "second wave" begins to hit the Everett and Chelsea communities – and show up at CHA Everett Hospital – things are much more calm than in the first go-around.

"When people came in last spring, we felt frantic and brought in supplemental oxygen and begged for the oxygen levels to go up and people to be able to breathe," said Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett. "We didn't know. Now we know what's going on. We let them know we're pretty sure they have COVID and we flip them on their belly and suddenly they're breathing easier. We know we don't have to pump the oxygen into them like a fire hose...Everyone is more calm about being able to talk about (treatment)...and what we're going to be able to do. It's so nice to have a pre-flight checklist to go over with patients now. I guess we're just accepting how it can work without engaging in all the psychic drama that it took previously."

That said, there are preparations underway for the increased numbers that are coming into the hospital in fits and spurts. Lai-Becker said there will be days when everyone who comes in seems to have COVID-19, and then there will be days when no one has it, followed by another day with heavy cases. It is a trend, she said, and the hospital has spent much of this month re-bolstering their protocols, hiring more staff to prepare and getting plenty of supplies in order.

"There are no major numbers or breakthroughs or setbacks," she said. "That's all good and no major explosions either. There is a growth of cases in the community and the positivity rates and we're

admitting more people... However, the other good thing is it's not an exponential increase of cases either. It's still big numbers, but at the same time it didn't double, so that's good...I guess it's also just realizing that viruses like the flu love the cold, dry air."

The differences between the first and second waves has also been dramatic in the age range and the mystery in which how the disease has been contracted, Lai-Becker said. It is a much younger group of people, and many of them have been doing all the right things for the health protocols, but somehow got sick anyway.

"I want to confirm for people that last spring our hospital was filled with a lot of different populations and Nursing Home populations," she said. "Now, as we look at the start of winter, it seems like we have plenty of people that are 20 or 30 years old. In the spring, it felt like the 30 or 40 year olds were in the front line essential jobs – like a grocery store cashier...This time there seems to be just enough people saying they don't know where they got it. It is a bit of a puzzle. Many say they have been doing all the right things for the last six months...It's not like they attended a 200-person wedding."

Right now, the hospital is in an enviable position, as they invested in several different testing platforms and ample testing supplies. When people come into the Emergency Room, there is plenty of ability to test people for the traditional flu and COVID-19. That was a testament, she said, to the Laboratory Department at CHA which was very scrappy in securing testing equipment during the surge last spring, and then continuing with that push through the summer so that any second wave wouldn't come without supplies – including all of the PPE that was missing in the spring at times.

Adding onto that the fact that the hospital has adopted newly-informed COVID precautions that are constantly changing with new discoveries and conditions, and Lai-Becker said the hospital is very safe and fully supplied.

"I believe we hit an inflection point in the summer and still are at that point where it's safer in the hospital than to go grocery shopping," she said, "just because of all the precautions everyone around you is taking at the hospital."

That, of course, is one of the key differences between then and now. The preparations are in place and the experience of the first time around was so valuable that health professionals still maintain a confidence even as cases do go up week after week. That brings about a contentious issue regarding another lockdown or shutdown, something Dr. Lai-Becker said probably isn't necessary again. Instead of lockdowns, she said it should be more about adjusting to the circumstances as they come – being vigilant and going back to good habits when cases increase.

"Look at the fact that hospitals operate and grocery stores operate and they do it by wearing a mask in the hospital and they wash their hands thoroughly," she said. "People are still functioning. We're not shut down. In a hospital people will be able to maintain some perspective. It's not a shutdown or a lockdown. It's just adjusting to what precautions we're taking. We're going into winter now and viruses love cold, dry air. I don't know why, but they do, and we should remember that."

TESTING PLATFORMS INVESTMENT

One of the great items of readiness marked off on the CHA Everett checklist is the fact that the hospital and the network invested in testing and testing supplies – multiple different kinds and platforms

so that a second wave wouldn't cause the same disruption as the first wave when testing was in short supply.

The Laboratory and Pathology Departments both got on waiting lists for different analyzing systems and testing supplies in the surge, and then took advantage of that place in line when their number was called in the early summer. Then throughout the summer they continued to invest in testing kits to be ready for any second wave.

It has proven to be a good ally now that more people are arriving in the Emergency Room with COVID symptoms. They can be quickly tested with quick turnarounds – as opposed to the spring when testing had to be done off-site and often delayed due to supply issues.

"We're very fortunate that our Lab and Pathology Department, they did not want to take any chances of running out of any one type of test," she said. "We have several different platforms and a couple of different analyzers. That's been a pretty good boon for us in our supply chain...So it's been a lot to run all these different types of tests and to have enough agents and supplies and testing kits on hand. We're positioned well."

To date, since March, CHA has done 81,000 tests and around 4,250 have come back positive.

COME TO THE HOSPITAL

Dr. Lai-Becker said they are also encouraging people to come to the hospital when they are experiencing non-COVID emergencies – such as chest pains or stomach pains or any other injuries.

She said there was a clear message in the spring to not come to the hospital, but that time has passed and they now want patients to come in if they feel a health issues. Ignoring the emergency visits and even check-ups and follow-up visits can complicate health problems.

LYNN ROTARY CLUB DONATES TO POLICE DEPARTMENT



Lynn Rotary Club President William Reilly and Past President Stephen Upton donated to the Lynn Police Department 3,000 Nitrile Gloves and a case of Disinfectant Wipes. Rotary District 7930 and the Lynn Rotary Club provided the funds for this contribution. Products were purchased at ERC Wiping Products in Lynn. Pictured are William Reilly and Stephen Upton presented the donation to the Lynn Police Department.

She stressed that the hospital is very safe, even with the increase in cases lately.

"If you're having chest pains, that's a good reason to come to the hospital," she said. "If you have belly pain, that's a good reason to come to the hospital. We really want to encourage people to come to the hospital when they need to. It is safe."

PIONEER CHARTER TAKES DIFFERENT APPROACH

EVERETT - One of the keys so far to a successful school year at Everett's Pioneer Charter School has been keeping teachers in the classroom, even as students tune in remotely on computers from their homes.

Pioneer has taken a different approach than some other schools to try to give some continuity to the students working from home, and also to make teaching easier and from a familiar space. While other schools like Everett Public Schools don't require teachers in the classroom – though some choose to do so – Chelsea Schools have required teachers to teach from the classroom two days a week. However,

Pioneer has taken the approach that if the students can't be at school, at least they can watch their teachers there.

"We thought it was a good idea with all our students being out of the building a long time and not having a school structure in place," said School Executive Director Sanela Jonuz. "Teachers had everything they need right here – everything from whiteboards, laptops and high-quality internet. Also, the students are tuning in and seeing their classroom and teachers and it gives some sense of normalcy. I am a firm believe that by having our teachers in the classroom, it allows for teachers to all be on the same page for student progress. It's taken time to adjust, but it's certainly better for our students."

After some summer orientations, and putting a rigorous health and safety plan in place, teachers were welcomed back earlier this fall. Teachers said it has cut down on distractions for themselves – i.e., the dog that won't quit barking – and for their students, who see a classroom setting and feel "at school."

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building,” said Alina Artyunova. “It’s much more encouraging to wake up in the morning. It just feels different than last spring when we were at home. I am more productive here than last spring when things were so disorganized. I couldn’t organize myself at home. At school, I have two plenty of room and two screens for the computer.”

Lisa Hanson, an English teacher, said one thing that she has noticed is the students are paying closer attention to her for longer periods, and particularly because she isn’t dealing with home-life distractions.

“It’s really satisfying to have my desk at school and my big whiteboard and laptops,” she said. “Being here has been a game-changer. I have a dog and he gets upset when I’m not paying attention to him at home. When I get up in front of my classroom, I’m in my zone and everything is controlled and that’s helpful.”

Added Artyunova, “I can say the students are more organized and are more accountable for their work.”

Jonuz said they have even kept the bell schedule going, and that has helped teachers, but provided a small comfort sound for students who hadn’t heard the familiar school bell in months.

“I feel like the bell is wonderful to get everyone’s attention and set the tone that we’re in school,” said Jonuz.

Science teacher Joe Paone said one thing that has been valuable to him is to be able to use the SmartBoard – a computer-connected chalk board – to teach directly onto the screens of students at home. That equipment wasn’t available when he taught from home, and it made things harder. Likewise, he also has space to do lab experiments on the camera to show students demonstrations – something virtually impossible when teaching from home.

“One thing I’ve also been doing since I’ve been in the building is making videos of the class and then posting them and kids can go back and watch them later,” he said.

He also has used simple principles in his classroom, using things like a spinning chair or a spinning egg, to demonstrate scientific ideas in conjunction with the SmartBoard.

“The spinning chair – that principle is the same exact principle for how satellites work up in space,” he said. “It’s also how the Hubble Telescope makes turns to look at a new planet.”

Right now, teachers are mostly in a bubble environment. Though they are in the classroom, interactions are limited and there is no “teacher’s lounge” situation. Staff have been

very good about monitoring their symptoms and staying home if not well, plus Jonuz said there is a protocol in place every morning for the teachers to follow before they go to a classroom.

That plan, so far, has worked, and until the time when the kids can come back in person to class, at least they can see their teachers there in person.

“We’re trying our best to make the best of this situation,” said Jonuz. “It can be difficult, but our team is trying as hard as they can.”

EASTIE COVID RATES CLIMBING

EAST BOSTON - Nearly one out of every five people tested in East Boston were found to be COVID positive according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last Friday the BPHC reported that of the 23,693 Eastie residents tested for COVID last week 19 percent were found to be positive for the virus, a 13 percent decrease from the 16.8 percent reported two Fridays ago. Eastie still has the highest positive test rate in Boston.

Overall since the pandemic began 14 percent of Eastie residents here have been found to be positive. The citywide positive test rate was up 29 percent and went from 7.9 percent of Boston residents testing positive for the virus to 10.2 percent last week.

At his daily press briefing last week, Mayor Martin Walsh reiterated the City’s priority in this crisis.

“To keep people safe and contain this virus, we have to follow the science and we have to follow the data,” said Walsh.

What that means, the Mayor explained, is that city public health experts collect comprehensive testing data and hospital data. They analyze it to understand how and where the virus is spreading, and the impact it is having.

“We shape our responses and our guidance based on what the data indicates,” said Walsh.. “And, we share the data with the public, so you can be armed with knowledge to help keep yourself, your family, and your community safe. That’s a process of continual feedback and learning because, just as this epidemic evolves and its impact on our neighborhoods evolves, our knowledge about it must evolve as well. We need to adapt and update our understanding of COVID spread in the community.”

Walsh announced that, starting this week, the City will be publishing a total of six key metrics relating to test results and hospital usage. The goal, he said, is to give residents the most current and comprehensive picture of the virus as

they can.

“The more we know, and the more you know, the better informed and prepared we can all be,” he said.

Walsh emphasized that every metric right now is telling city officials that we are in the midst of a significant and concerning increase in COVID activity in the city.

“The daily case increases we are seeing are starting to look like numbers that we saw near our peak, in April and May,” said Walsh. “Hospital admissions are not at that level, but they have increased over time. We all must be focused on turning this trend around.”

Walsh said that the City is looking closely at what steps we can take to further limit the risk of transmission.

“We have taken a cautious approach throughout this pandemic, making safety our priority,” said Walsh. “We pulled back on in-person learning in the Boston Public Schools. This week we were able to bring back 150 students with the highest needs, who desperately need in-person services. The Mayor thanked the families and teachers for making that possible. We have kept our limits on gathering sizes low. Private, indoor gatherings are limited to 10 people, and private outdoor gatherings to 25 people. For events in public spaces, the limit is 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors. We’ve worked with the state to limit restaurant hours and retail hours, and put in place a Stay-at-home advisory for the hours between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.”

However, the Mayor cautioned, if these case numbers continue to go up, the city will have to go further but added that he is mindful of the impact that restrictions have on the local economy and small businesses.

“But we must put the health of our community first because, in the end, there is no economic recovery without public health,” he said.

Eastie’s infection rate rose by 6.7 percent according to the data released by the BPHC last Friday. Eastie’s COVID infection rate went from 671.4 cases per 10,000 residents to 716.8 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 365.9 cases per 10,000 residents and Eastie still has one of the highest infection rates in all of Boston.

So far 3,364 Eastie residents have contracted the virus and the neighborhood accounts for 13.5 percent of all cases in Boston.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by

age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 4 percent last week and went from 24,159 cases to 25,105 cases.

Fifteen more Boston residents died from the virus and there are now 899 total deaths in the city from COVID.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

EAST BOSTON - On Tuesday, November 10. City Councilor Lydia Edwards and the Edwards Empowerment Fund hosted a virtual East Boston Trivia and Comedy Night to honor this year’s recipients of the Maverick Street Mothers Scholarship.

At the event Diana Cifuentes, Alejandra De La Cruz, Hanane Ihizan, Monica Sierra Ochoa and Maritza Marinique were all named recipients of the 2020 Maverick Mothers Scholarship.

“I started the Edwards Empowerment Fund because it’s vital we provide opportunities for residents to achieve their fullest potential,” said Councilor Edwards. “The Maverick Street Mothers Scholarship pays tribute to the men and women who came before us and fought for our community. It honors parents who are doing the work today and allows us to invest in their leadership so that our community is stronger. I’m so proud of the five East Boston mothers who received a scholarship to continue college, go to trade school, or improve their English. I want to thank them for their commitment to their families and East Boston despite everything they juggle in their lives.”

Edwards also thanked all of the sponsors and everyone who joined the Virtual Comedy and Trivia Night.

“It was amazing to have our community show up and support the recipients with a beautiful, diverse crowd that represented all of East Boston,” she said. “We look forward to next year.”

The Maverick Street Mothers organized community protests in the late 1960s against Logan Airport expansion construction. The protest was widely publicized as women, mostly mothers, formed a blockade using baby carriages to stop construction and delivery trucks on Maverick Street.

In honor of this movement, the Edwards Empowerment Fund, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit, was established by the District 1 Councilor to uplift, amplify, and empower residents by providing equitable access to educational and skill-building opportunities. The annual scholarship will be awarded to parents wanting to

further their education or are attending Boston-area colleges. Cifuentes is an active member of the East Boston Community born in Medellin Colombia.

She’s a mom to two children, Stephen and Valery. In her spare time, Cifuentes is busy fighting for safe and secure working conditions at MassCosh, for tenants at City Life/ Viva Urbana and Cosecha, and environmental justice at GreenRoots. Cifuentes said she hopes to utilize the scholarship to attend English classes and propel her professional life forward.

De La Cruz, born in Lima, Peru, is a local mom to three-year-old Nathaniel and a resident of Maverick Square. In addition to attending Bunker Hill Community College for Early

Childhood education, she is a lead hotline advocate and serves on the Executive Committee for City Life / Viva Urbana. She is also a volunteer with the East Boston Soup Kitchen and mutual aid during the pandemic. She said she will use the scholarship to pay the tuition at Bunker Hill and become a teacher.

Ihizan is an Eagle Hill resident originally born in Casablanca, Morocco, and mom to her three children - Sohaib, Rayane, and Elaaf. Ihizan is currently pursuing her IT degree at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. She has been involved in the East Boston community for six years organizing multicultural days, helping with the East Boston Soup Kitchen, peace walks, Harborkeepers, and translating documents for Maverick Landing services. Ihizan mentioned in her application she worked extremely hard to pay for and receive her GED from Bunker Hill Community College while being a full time mom and working. This scholarship will help her fulfill her dream to receive a Bachelor’s Degree.

Ochoa is a resident of Eagle Hill and mom to Juan Manuel and Daniel. She is heavily invested in the East Boston community and wishes to give back with this scholarship. She is currently a preparer of documents and will use this scholarship to attend English classes. It is her goal to build on the work she’s already done in the community and get involved in more organizations once she learns and practices more English.

Finally, Marinique is a Maverick Central resident in East Boston, and mom to Valentina. Her work is rooted in child and day care, but her passion is to serve the community. She intends to attend English classes to better her skills and use them to be engaged more in East Boston area organizations.

Last year the Edwards

Empowerment Fund dispersed over \$10,000 worth of scholarship money to five deserving parents in East Boston at a gala that was attended by 100 community members at Spinelli’s Banquet Hall.

Recipients of the inaugural Maverick Street Mothers Scholarship last year were Mary Luz Barrera, Dominique DiDomenicis, Lisa Melara, and Noemy Rodriguez.

The Maverick Street Mothers protest was in response to the construction trucks bringing fill for a Logan expansion project. The trucks drove very fast down the densely populated Maverick Street, creating an unsafe situation for children, the elderly and the mothers that took their children out for walks or to run errands.

On September 28, 1968, led by local legend the late Anna DeFronzo, a group of mothers in what was to become a historic protest against the Port Authority and airport expansion.

The group became known as the ‘Maverick Street Mothers’ and their protest became the true beginning of environmental justice in Eastie and marked the opening salvo and first victory in the neighborhood’s famed transportation justice struggles.

After a series of clandestine community meetings it was decided that only women and children would participate in the demonstration because many felt if men were involved it might lead to fights and violence. The group notified the media, put out a simple press release and the next day, September 28, the demonstration began.

As the dump trucks arrived the mothers, pushing their children in baby carriages, blocked the street.

The State Police arrived to restore order to the street and when the Maverick Mothers refused to back down. The State Police began to drag and push the mothers to the sidewalk so the trucks could continue. However, former Mayor Kevin White, who was being kept abreast of the situation, sent in the Boston Police to counter the State Police’s use of force.

The Boston Police made the trucks stop and ordered the protest to continue.

That night the event was all over the evening news.

When Massport caught wind that the protests would not end, but continued the next day, Eastie’s elected officials pointed out that there were several other viable truck routes on Massport property that could be used.

After negotiations, Massport agreed to use the alternative truck routes and the Maverick Mothers scored a major victory during the era of Logan expansion.

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Baker-Polito administration announces \$10 million to Community Foundations for COVID-19 relief

The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$10 million in immediate relief and support to individuals and households experiencing severe economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds, awarded to 14 organizations through the Community Foundations Grant Program for COVID-19 Relief, can be used for vital services such as food security, housing and utilities support, emergency childcare and transportation, and other unmet needs of the community.

“This pandemic has created challenges for fami-

lies across Massachusetts, including food insecurity, housing instability, and a lack of childcare, and these grants build on the Commonwealth’s efforts to help residents access these essential services and items,” said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy. “We appreciate the partnership of the Legislature in moving this funding forward, and applaud the work of so many organizations across the state helping people to access critical aid.”

“We are pleased to award these grants to re-

gional and local organizations to help achieve goals such as keeping people in their homes, providing nourishing food, and supporting remote work and school,” said Undersecretary of Housing and Community Development Jennifer Maddox. “These additional resources complement the Eviction Diversion Initiative and other administration programs that boost the critical safety nets for our most disadvantaged and at-risk communities.”

The Community Foundation Grant awards continue the Administration’s efforts to support the individuals and families who have been hit especially hard during the pandemic, and are part of Partnerships for Recovery, the comprehensive plan to stabilize and grow the Commonwealth’s economy. These one-time grants to community organizations range from \$200,000 to nearly \$1.7 million. Each foundation will regrant program funds to local or regional commu-

nity-based organizations that have the capacity to efficiently provide immediate relief and support for individuals and families.

The Community Foundations Grant Program for COVID-19 Relief was authorized under Chapter 124 of the Acts of 2020 (Supplemental Budget), to grant \$10 million in funds to eligible Community Foundations for immediate COVID-19-related needs. Applications were evaluated based on both the Community Foundation’s history of funded activities and proposed activities to serve the intended populations, and allocations were based on a formula determined by the demographics identified in the Supplemental Budget language. The program is administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

“As Massachusetts experiences a second COVID-19 surge, there are

so many people suffering and in need of help,” said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “Our priorities in the Senate have been to provide immediate access to emergency food support, mental health support, rental and utility assistance, emergency childcare, educational support, and emergency financial support for individuals with COVID. We are fortunate to be able to work with outstanding community partners such as Foundation for MetroWest to provide these critical resources in a timely and effective manner.”

“Since the onset of the pandemic, the House has worked to provide relief to the most vulnerable among us with funding for housing, food security, unemployment benefits and economic development,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “Our communities need support during these unprecedented times, and these investments will go into the hands of groups

that directly serve those in need across the Commonwealth.”

In May 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration created a new Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program as part of a \$56 million investment to combat urgent food insecurity for some Massachusetts families and individuals as a result of COVID-19. To date, the Administration has awarded over \$17.7 million in grants through four rounds of funding, ensuring that Massachusetts’ farmers, fishermen and other local food producers are better connected to a strong, resilient food system to help mitigate future food supply and distribution disruption.

The Boston Foundation Boston, Braintree, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Quincy, Randolph, Revere, Weymouth Housing support, utilities, food security, technology needs for remote work/school, transportation \$1,690,681.

DA Rollins vacates more than 100 Dookhan-related drug convictions

In order to remove a huge stain on the legal system caused by the criminal malfeasance of convicted drug lab chemist Annie Dookhan, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins late yesterday filed a motion to vacate all so-called List Three convictions in Suffolk County.

The List Three cases were those that District Attorneys did not move to vacate following the Supreme Judicial Court’s 2017 ruling in Bridgeman and others v. District Attorney for the Suffolk District and others. In that decision, District Attorneys were required to certify that they could produce evidence at a retrial, independent of Dookhan’s signed drug certificate or testimony, that the substance at issue was the drug alleged in the charge.

“All List Three cases are forever tainted by egregious and reprehensible government misconduct — even if fresh convictions were to be obtained without Dookhan’s involvement,” said District Attorney Rollins. “No defendant impacted by this ignominious chapter of Massachusetts law enforcement history should continue to bear the burden of Dookhan’s deceit, her sad and desperate need for attention, and the enormous amount of harm she inflicted upon so many.”

Since the 2017 decision by a prior administration to put 117 cases on List Three, there have been significant and profound changes in the political and legal landscape. A handful of these cases have already had new trial motions granted and a nolle prosequi (dismissal) entered or a plea agreement re-negotiated; the remaining 108 are covered by today’s motion.

District Attorneys wished to vacate and dismiss with prejudice. On April 19, 2017, the SJC issued a declaratory judgment vacating those convictions and dismissing the original Dookhan related charges “with prejudice,” meaning prosecutors could never pursue the charges again. In Suffolk County, there were 7,886 such cases.

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Collateral consequenc-

es of a criminal conviction can have life-long impacts on an individual’s capacity to gain employment, secure housing, and use government benefits, as well as many other opportunities. The Committee for Public Counsel Services and the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts assent to this motion. The shame and repercussions of the state drug lab scandals are still felt some 15 years later.

Rollins’ Office is the first in the state to take such broad affirmative action on List Three cases. But the putrid legacy of Dookhan requires additional fumigation.

List One is composed of individuals who pleaded guilty before receiving test results of drug analysis, but the court found they were not entitled to relief because Dookhan’s misconduct did not impact their decision to plead guilty. Suffolk County’s List One was composed of 254 cases, all district court convictions. In addition to these cases, there are some from the Hinton Drug Lab where the defendant pleaded guilty before the drug certificate came back negative. In those cases, and a few similar ones, DA Rollins in May asked the state Supreme Judicial Court to vacate guilty pleas of 64 individuals. Remanded to the trial court, those matters are pending and remain a priority of our office.

Once sentences are vacated, the District Attorney’s Office will work collaboratively with the defense bar to further remedy the records of individual defendants.

List Two is composed of Dookhan drug convictions which the

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John J. “Butch” Brennan, Jr.

Former Mayor of Chelsea whose true passion was helping others

John J. “Butch” Brennan, Jr. of Melrose, the former Mayor of Chelsea, entered into rest on November 15 at the age of 76.

Encouraged by the local community, Butch entered politics to help improve the city he loved. He was an Alderman-At-Large from 1984 to 1987 and was the Mayor of Chelsea from 1988 to 1991. After politics, Butch continued to be a true inspiration to many who knew him. His true passion was helping others. His legacy will live on.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the son of John J. Brennan and Eileen (Ryan) Brennan, he was the beloved husband of the late Linda (Tillman) Brennan, loving father to Michael Patrick Brennan and his wife, Meghan of Ipswich, dear brother of William “Biff” Brennan and his wife, Claudia of Revere and the cherished



grandpa of Riley Brennan and Taylor Brennan of Ipswich. He is also survived by his nephew Matthew Brennan of Chelsea and his niece Kelly Brennan of Boston.

The family wishes to thank all of his devoted friends who helped care for Butch in his final months and they will be forever grateful for the love, loyalty and kindness displayed. The family plans to celebrate his life in the future, post Covid-19.

OBITUARIES

Marcy Cochran

Devoted member of Temple Emanuel, Chelsea

Marcy A. (Rosenberg) Cochran, 61, beloved wife of Joseph Cochran, died on November 21. The loving daughter of the late Edward Rosenberg and Judith (Rosenberg) Grell, she was the dear sister of Barry Rosenberg and the late Shelly Gray and the devoted cousin and aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Marcy worked at the Aon Corporation for 30 years as a director of Reinsurance Solutions and was part of the MGA practice group, and a founder of the Ignition Forum. Marcy was also an avid Red Sox fan and a devoted member of Temple Emmanuel of Chelsea.

Marcy and her husband loved to travel, especially to New Hampshire, Fort Myers and Aruba. She enjoyed life, always had a smile on her face, and was dedicated to her family and her friends. One of her favorite places was the Capital Grille, where she was treated like a celebrity.



She was a lifelong resident of Chelsea and loved the city. Her family owned Murray and Eddy’s, a popular delicatessen in the city in the 1960s and 1970s.


Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, private services will be held in Everett. A celebration of life will be held in her honor at a later date. Sharing written remembrances and condolences during this time will be essential in helping the Cochran/Rosenberg families reminisce, celebrate and heal. We encourage you to share your memories by visiting www.torffuneralservice.com.

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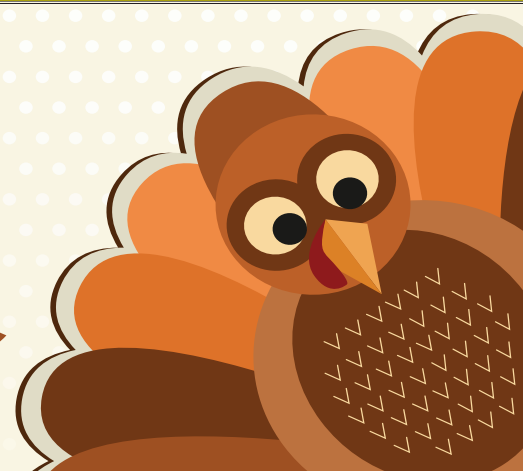
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