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Western Front cannabis store opens its doors

By Seth Daniel

The newest industry in the Commonwealth came to Chelsea on Tuesday, as the City's first cannabis dispensary – an adult-use dispensary on Webster Avenue called The Western Front – opened its doors for business with a unique ceremony not so much celebrating the idea of buying “weed,” but rather the brand-new opportunity it presents to young people of color who might have been marginalized or affected unfairly in the past by the War on Drugs.

Co-Owner Marvin Gilmore, 96, said opening the store was a dream come true for him and for men and women in Chelsea who now had a crack at a new and potentially lucrative career in a product that may – at one time – have gotten them in trouble.

“This is my dream,” he said. “To have lived so long and to see what’s happening here and the changes being made, it’s unbelievable. From my point of view it’s going to help this community and these young people to have a way to get mon-



Left, Western Front partners Dennis Benzan and Marvin Gilmore address the crowd. Above, Western Front partner Marvin Gilmore cuts the ribbon on the opening of the new cannabis dispensary on Webster Avenue Tuesday morning as City leaders look on. It is the first adult-use marijuana store to open in Chelsea and in the region north of the Mystic/Tobin Bridge.



ey in their pockets and to buy homes here. Chelsea was one of the poorest cities in Massachusetts and look at it now. With all its achieved, it’s elegant. The sun is shining and the Lord is with us and it’s a new day. Today is our day.”

The ceremony featured most City leaders and several City officials, including Councilors Leo Robinson, Todd Taylor and Judith Garcia – as well as Council President Roy Avellaneda and City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

Many from the Chamber of Commerce were also present to celebrate the new industry in town.

Co-owner Dennis Benzan said Chelsea welcomed their company and

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City Council to weigh expanding marijuana locations to downtown

By Seth Daniel

A change to the zoning for the location of marijuana stores could bring any new stores that open into the downtown area and other traditional business districts in Chelsea – as the City moves to liberalize their siting of marijuana dispensaries on the eve of the first store opening this week.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino officially proposed to the City Council on Nov. 2 a zoning package that would include changing the zoning for marijuana stores and likely bring them into the business district – something that was blocked

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State Rep. Dan Ryan inducted into Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame

By Seth Daniel

For State Rep. Dan Ryan and his family, the Boys & Girls Club is a multi-generational way of life, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) recognized that commitment in a ceremony last month that saw him inducted into one of the rare spots in their Hall of Fame.

Ryan’s parents attended what was then the Boy’s

Club and the Girl’s Club in Charlestown, and he also attended as a kid, along with his sisters. Now, his kids also are growing up at the Club. Add that to the exposure he got to local government while a youngster at the Club – an experience he credits with getting him into politics – and it equals a Hall of Fame tradition.

“It is truly a great honor to be recognized by the Boys and Girls Club

Community and join to the ranks of former ‘Club Kids’ who attained this title mostly by never forgetting the ideals and values taught inside our Clubhouses for generations,” he said.

Josh Kraft, Nicholas President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, said Rep. Ryan exemplified the value they seek to teach young people in

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CHELSEA’S BRIGHT KNIGHT Wall re-elected to Northeast Reg. School Committee

By Cary Shuman

He is the most unsung of Chelsea’s everyday heroes, helping thousands of local kids realize their dream of receiving a well-rounded vocational and secondary education over the past 37 years.

Michael Thomas Wall was re-elected to the Northeast Regional School Committee on Nov. 3. Though he was unopposed, Wall, the highly respected dean of the committee, received another impressive vote in recognition of his continuing commitment to the city and the vocational

school in Wakefield.

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, a dean of local government, offered his personal congratulation to Wall on his re-election. Robinson said he understands how impactful Wall’s knowledge and experience have been for Chelsea kids during his tenure on the Regional School Committee.

“Mike Wall has opened the door and guided so many of our students who have desired to attend Northeast Regional and acquire the skills necessary to specialize in the trades, go on to college, or enter the workforce,” said

Robinson. “I’ve always felt well assured that our parents and kids were being represented by an outstanding community leader in Mike Wall and by a strong voice that everyone respects in this city and on the Regional School Committee.”

From Chelsea Schools To Northeast Regional

Mike Wall grew up on Grove Street and is a 1965 graduate of Chelsea High School, having previously attended Sacred Heart School in East Boston and St. Rose School in Chelsea.

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City hosts public forum on Route 1 Housing Enhancements Program

Application process begins Nov. 16

By Cary Shuman

Alexander Train, director of Chelsea Housing and Community Development, and Sayou Cooper, project manager, hosted a public forum on the Route 1 Housing Enhancements Program Monday.

The meeting was conducted via a remote Zoom broadcast.

Cooper said at the outset that the meeting would focus on the scope of the Enhancement Program itself, the MassDOT project, and the application process for funding.

“Through his program we strive to improve housing conditions and public health for Chelsea residents,” said Train. “We’re extremely pleased to be

launching this program. The Program seeks to improve properties that are adjacent to the Route 1 Corridor.

Chelsea residents who live adjacent or parallel to Route 1 North and Route 1 South, from Beacon Street to Carter Street (10 streets total including Walnut, Arlington, and Chestnut Streets), are eligible for funding through the Enhancement Program.

The Program will be focused on noise installation, air quality, and interior and exterior renovations.

Train said the application process will be launched on Monday, Nov. 16. The funds (\$200,000 has been allocated for the program) will be available on a first-come, first-serve

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Councillor Vidot shows support for Everett councillor

By Seth Daniel

Councillor Damali Vidot was part of a large coalition of elected officials from the Greater Boston area that showed up at Everett City Hall on Monday night to show support to Everett Councillor Gerly Adrien, whose colleagues suggested she resign at an Oct. 26 meeting if she wouldn’t start coming to meetings in person.

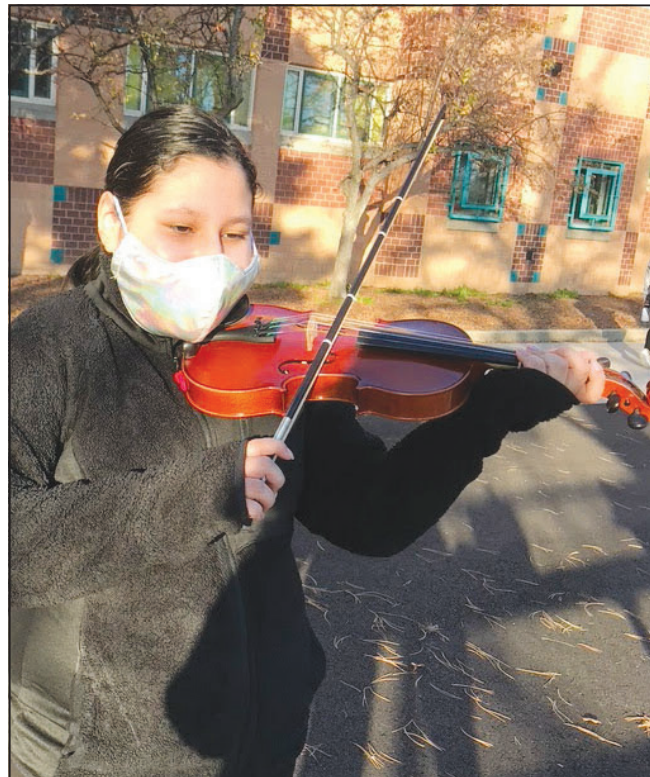
The rally to support Adrien, the first Black woman elected to the Council in Everett, drew elected officials from Chelsea, Boston, Winthrop, Cambridge, Somer-

ville, and beyond to show support for her. While all of her colleagues had opted for in-person meetings, Adrien had concerns about her health and that of her family due to COVID-19, and so chose to stay on Zoom. When technical difficulties plagued that Council, several colleagues told Adrien at a public meeting to either come in or consider resigning.

Vidot was there with Boston Council President Kim Janey as part of the newly formed Massachusetts Black and LatinX

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ZOOM VIOLIN CLASSES BEGIN END OF NOVEMBER



Last Monday and Wednesday, violinist from our Elementary and Middle Schools Strings Program stopped by the MCB Complex to pick up music and have their instruments tuned up. After eight months of not playing, Zoom violin after school class will be starting at the end of November.

For the latest news in Chelsea that you need to know, check
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Small Business Loan Program looking to distribute funds this month

By Seth Daniel

The City’s Small Business Loan Program could get money in the hands of hurting businesses and restaurants before Thanksgiving, according to an update to the Council from City Planner Alex Train. There were 137 applications for the program

by the cutoff date last month, and 29 came from restaurants and 108 came from small businesses like salons, light industry, contractors and retail businesses. Train told the Council on Nov. 2 in an update on the program that they are currently evaluating all of the applications and scoring

them appropriately. Businesses were to begin to be notified this week if they got a grant and for how much. Money was expected to be delivered on Nov. 23. For the restaurants, the maximum loan allowed was \$20,000 and all but two establishments asked for the maximum. He said under the funding allowed,

they would only be able to fund 20 applicants for the amounts requested. Instead, they will be likely awarding lower amounts to accommodate everyone. “Our recommendation is that we make smaller awards so we can accommodate all applicants,” he wrote in his update. All of the grants awards

were subject to a good standing review by the City to make sure applicants weren’t delinquent on taxes or doing anything wrong. The program began last summer when Council President Roy Avellaneda and Councillors Todd Taylor and Judith Garcia all realized small businesses

were going to need help throughout the pandemic and when trying to recover. After several meetings to work out details and figure out who and how the wanted to help, the program launched in August. It is funded by the City and federal grants money from the CARES Act as well.

MBTA proposes service changes following decreased ridership

By Lauren Bennett

As part of its “Forging Ahead” program in response to ridership changes, the MBTA announced on November 9 several proposed changes to service, and is looking for feedback from riders.

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said at the MBTA Fiscal & Management Control Board meeting on Monday that for next year, there is nearly a \$580 million budget gap. He said the T is “in this position because of a tremendous loss in fare revenue as ridership has decreased,” and there is “very low ridership on certain services.” He added that “the service reductions are not intended to be a permanent shrinkage of MBTA services.”

Changes are proposed across the range of services offered by the MBTA, from rapid transit to ferry to the commuter rail to bus service. Starting this week, the MBTA will be engaging the public through virtual community meetings and a public hearing to gather feedback about the proposed changes to service. There is also an online comment form for riders to provide questions and comments.

“The MBTA’s fare revenue, while above the lowest levels seen at the beginning of the pandemic, has remained at unprecedentedly low levels and the ongoing impact of

COVID-19 in Massachusetts is likely to limit our path to recovery,” Poftak said in a video posted on the MBTA’s Forging Ahead webpage.

He said that the T is currently still only running about 330,000 trips during an average weekday, but is running about the same level of service as it did to have 1.26 million trips before the pandemic hit.

“This level of service delivery, along with the loss in revenue, is not sustainable,” Poftak said.

He said that since August, ridership, along with fare revenue trends, have been monitored by the MBTA, and he said that the MBTA is “taking steps to control costs,” which includes “implementing a head count freeze, pausing executive pay increases,” and “updating our savings projection” from the RIDE service because of lower ridership.

For Chelsea, the greatest concerns are the bus routes, and making sure no cuts hit these essential, high-volume routes – though the 112 at Market Basket Mall is slated for a reduction in service.

Poftak said that bus service “remains among our most durable services in terms of ridership,” but changes are still being proposed including reducing the number of routes run as well as “consolidating and restructuring certain routes,” Poftak said. Some routes will also be eliminated. He said that 80 routes

have been deemed “essential,” and 60 have been deemed “non-essential,” which could face a drop in frequency by 20 percent. Essential routes could see an aggregate drop in frequency by five percent, “but it will not be an across the board cut,” Poftak said, as crowding will continue to be monitored on bus routes and service can be adjusted accordingly.

Many riders are concerned about these proposed changes, and have spoken out in opposition. A coalition of “business, labor, transportation, and environmental justice organizations” has banded together to form a campaign called Transit is Essential. The campaign “will underscore the importance of keeping the T accessible and affordable to all,” according to a press release.

“A reliable public transportation system is essential to keeping businesses operating safely, efficiently, and profitably during and after the pandemic,” Chenelle Brown of the Alliance for Business Leadership’s Board of Directors and CMBG3 Law said in a statement. “We cannot allow public transportation, the lifeline of Greater Boston, to become a casualty of COVID-19. Pulling the rug out from under the MBTA now will put us further behind in meeting the long-term infrastructure and service improvement goals that are key to making Massachusetts a desirable and affordable place to

do business.”

State Senator Sal DiDomenico testified at the meeting on Monday, which also included a discussion of the budget, calling for the continuation of Phase One of the resolutions for the environmental justice corridor in the Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 capital investment plan, including the electrification of the Newburyport/Rockport line, higher train frequency, and the fares set at the rapid transit rate.

He said that it is “a matter of environmental justice for those neighborhoods” in his district where the diesel engine trains emit exhaust.

“So many essential workers rely on public transportation,” he said, and they need to be able to take transit without worrying about crowding.

Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino agreed with DiDomenico about the importance of following through on the changes to the environmental justice corridor that runs through Chelsea on the Newbury/Rockport line of the commuter rail.

“Only by maintaining these kinds of commitments can we ensure that cities like Chelsea, environmental justice communities, economically disadvantaged communities, communities of color, can actually benefit from commuter rail service and it doesn’t remain what it has often been: a transportation system mainly serv-

ing only those with financial means,” Ambrosino said.

He advocated for no service cuts to bus lines like the 111, 116, and 117. “Let me be clear that neither I nor anyone speaking today is blind to the severe financial constraints facing the MBTA as a result of COVID,” Ambrosino said. “But the communities we are trying to help here, they’re actually the ones that have been most disadvantaged; most adversely impacted disproportionately by COVID. I urge that you ensure that both your operating plan and your capital investment plan remain equitable and include a clear message that previous commitments to cities like Chelsea will be honored.”

COMMUTER RAIL

Poftak reported that commuter rail ridership on the commuter rail is currently around 12 percent of what it was prior to the pandemic, and the MBTA is proposing to end all weekday service by 9pm and eliminate all weekend service. Additionally, there would be a reduction in service levels to reduce the amount of service at peak hours as well as eliminate some midday service that would “result in a reduction of trains from 505 daily trips to 430,” Poftak said.

“This is a significant drop, but we are not ceasing service on any lines and we will still be running multiple trains in the

peak,” he added.

FERRY

Ferry service also remains at about 12 percent, which is about seven passengers per trip, Poftak said. The MBTA is proposing to eliminate all ferry service “until ridership returns,” Poftak said. For commuters who rely on the Charlestown ferry, alternative service will be provided by the 93 bus.

RAPID TRANSIT

Poftak said that a 20 percent reduction in frequency of rapid transit trains is proposed, and would be achieved by extending headways by about a minute.

“These changes are well within the service delivery policy that was passed in 2017,” he said, though he added that it is “obviously a reduction in service.”

Another large change proposed for rapid transit trains would stop service at midnight instead of 1am, and for the E Line to end at Brigham Circle, where passengers can transfer to the 39 bus for continued service to Heath Street.

The proposed cuts are not yet set in stone, and the public is encouraged to provide feedback about the changes. A vote on the changes is expected by the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control on December 7. For more information on the proposals and to submit comments, visit <https://www.mbta.com/forging-ahead>.

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when marijuana first came on the scene several years ago.

The City’s first marijuana store opened on Tuesday, and currently stores and dispensaries are only allowed in the Industrial District (Produce Market area and Eastern Avenue area) and in the Parkway Plaza district.

“Given the limited options for real estate available in the industrial center and highway shopping business district, were this to be allowed, property in the business district may open up some more opportunities,” he wrote.

The current minimum number of dispensaries in Chelsea would be four,

and there are three in the pipeline now besides the one that opened Tuesday. However, there is also seemingly amongst the Council and the residents of Chelsea a desire to look into expanding that number and allowing more than just the minimum.

Ambrosino opened up that possibility – along with delivery-only options – in his zoning package. Chelsea has been known as one of the more progressive and welcoming municipalities to the new cannabis industry, and it is also one of 29 Areas of Disproportionate Impact (ADI) designated by the state.

Councillor Damali Vi-

dot was in favor of maybe revamping the ordinances now that cannabis hasn’t become as bad of a deal as some thought.

“I think it is time we move forward,” she said. “We moved with baby steps in the beginning because we didn’t know how the public would react to it. When you look at Chelsea being disproportionately impacted by the War on Drugs, we should at least try to our residents to try to find a lucrative situation in this industry.

NEED THEM BIG GLASSES

If Councillor Giovanni Recupero were a social media star, he’d be viral twice a week. One of

those great moments from the councillor came at the Nov. 2 meeting when he called on all departments in the City to begin submitting graphs, maps and reports in bigger typeface.

It seems he has an inkling that some City Departments are trying to put the kibosh on his inquiries by printing everything out too small so he can’t read it – even with big glasses.

“I don’t know if this is strategically done by them, or maybe it’s not, but every time they send us these graphs and charts they are so small you can’t even read them with glasses,” he said. “You need a big pair of glasses to look at these things. We spend money all the time on

these big machines to give us graphics. I would like them to give us bigger size so we can see what it is.”

The Council agreed to bigger sizes on a voice vote.

WHERE’S THE SAVINGS

It wasn’t long ago last year that the City took its Water & Sewer Department in-house to save some money and stop using contractors – with the hope it could also provide more local jobs for residents as well.

Now some time has gone by and Councillor Leo Robinson wants to know if there has been any savings from that major shift in the City’s operations.

He said it was predicted that the first year would see a savings of \$350,000.

“We were told in the first year we’d have a savings of \$350,000,” he said. “I’d like to know if we saw any savings and if we’re going to make it to that figure.”

The Order was approved 10-0.

TAX RATE MEETING THIS MONTH

City Manager Tom Ambrosino moved to schedule a Subcommittee on Conference at the Nov. 2 meeting to hold a meeting and presentation on the Tax Rate this coming year.

That meeting will be on Nov. 16, and it will explain the movement in values on property and potentially any increases or decreases in property taxes. The Council is to set the final rate on Nov. 30.

Route 1 Northbound Lane Impacts

On Friday, November 13, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, there will be an overnight lane shift on Route 1 northbound where it passes through the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the combined Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves project. The current configuration of the two split lanes will become two lanes together, left and center. On the right will be the work zone

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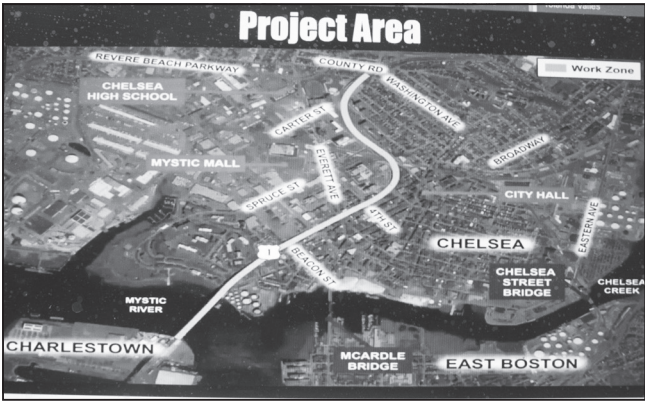
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basis. “We see this as one of the first housing programs that targets noise and air pollution,” said Train. “So we are confident that this will be a model that we will be able to build off of in the future.”

Tran expects that the city will be able to assist 10-15 housing units in the program.

“This program is only open to owner-occupied properties,” noted Train. “The applicant has to live in the property as the principal resident.”

During the meeting, residents raised concerns about the ongoing state



The project area – from Beacon Street to Carter Street in Chelsea for the Route 1 Housing Enhancements Program is pictured above.

construction project (the replacement of the actual Tobin Bridge structure between Fourth Street and Carter Street) on Route 1.

“We’ve relayed those concerns to the state and we’re working on the issues that they identified,” said Train.

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Municipal Caucus – representing more than 40 city councillors across the state.

Vidot has also been one of the Councillors in Chelsea who has opted to stay on Zoom from her home

to attend Council meetings. However, there have not been similar issues in Chelsea with her, and others, opting for Zoom.

At the rally, Vidot delivered a statement from the Caucus in support of

Adrien.

“Councilor Adrien has faced constant criticism from her colleagues, most recently for not risking her health by attending Council meetings in person,” said Vidot. “Her colleagues have now asked her to resign. Elected officials are accountable to the people. Councilor Adrien was duly elected by the voters of Everett and came in first in her race for City Council. The will of the people will and will not be overridden...These attacks against Councilor Adrien are not unlike other attacks against women in leadership. Attempts at silencing a Black woman who challenges the status quo are rooted in racism and will not be tolerated.”



Chelsea Councillor Damali Vidot and Boston Council President Kim Janey appeared at a rally in Everett on Monday night for Everett Councillor Gerly Adrien. They appeared on behalf of the new Massachusetts Black and LatinX Municipal Caucus.

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“I enjoyed my days at Chelsea High,” said Wall. “I remember some great teachers, Lorraine Ruby, Rebecca Mack, Gilbert Cherry.”

He later served on the Chelsea School Committee for four years with some of the legendary officials in this city, including former Mayor and State Senator, the late Andrew P. Quigley, Elizabeth McBride, Anthony Tiro, Paul Kornechuk, and Dom Pagnato.

“Though we were on different sides in some of the committee’s discussions, I had a lot of respect for Mr. Quigley,” said Wall. “He and I were part of a very good committee and I appreciate Mr. Quigley’s service to Chelsea.”

Wall was then appointed to the Northeast Regional School Committee in 1984. He has won re-election to the board each time since then.

He and his wife, Marie Wall, are celebrating their 52nd anniversary this week, having been married in 1968 at the Saint Rose Church, followed by the wedding reception at the Hotel Edison, Lynn.

The Walls live on Jones Avenue. They have three children, Michael Jr., Kevin, and Erin. Michael is a Chelsea High graduate while Kevin and Erin are Northeast graduates. The Walls also have seven grandchildren.

Helping hundreds of Chelsea students

Thanks to Mr. Wall’s diligence and conscientious efforts, Chelsea has one of the highest student enrollments at Northeast Regional, which serves 12 communities in the district. He has served with six superintendents, including current Supt. David DiBarri, who is doing a superb job under challenging times due to the coronavirus.

“Mr. DiBarri is a for-

mer Chelsea High teacher, a Revere resident, and a graduate of Northeast,” said Wall. “He’s an outstanding school administrator.”

Wall is particularly excited about ongoing plans for the construction of a brand new, state-of-the-art Northeast Regional High School, one that is necessary to continue to address the needs in a rapidly changing and technologically advanced job market.

“Vocational education provides a solid foundation for our students in fields like carpentry, electricity, plumbing – our graduates do very well as far as job placement after graduation,” said Wall.

A love of Chelsea

Mike Wall used to live on Marlboro Street as a neighbor of the popular Walata family, notably the beloved Walter Walata Sr. and former School Committee member Lydia Walata. He has since moved across the city to Prattville.

“I love Chelsea,” he says. “I can relate to the changes in the city over the years. We’re making it through the hard times. This is a difficult time for people in the current health crisis.”

Wall was an officer at the Chelsea Y.M.C.A. and a leader and adviser to the Explorer Post 109. He continued his involvement when the YMCA became the Chelsea Community Center.

Prior to that, Wall was a Grand Knight of the Chelsea Knights of Columbus. At 23, he was the youngest Grand Knight in the organization’s history at that time.

He is proud of his employment record at General Electric in Lynn, where he worked as a technician doing industrial x-ray screening for 25 years.

He also takes pride in



Chelsea Representative on the Regional School Committee Michael T. Wall.

his service in the United States Air Force as a Vietnam War-era veteran.

Michael T. Wall, 73, has no plans to leave Chelsea.

“I’ve been here all my life,” said Wall. “Some people asked me, ‘Why are you still in Chelsea?’ ‘The answer is like it and I know a lot of people here.”

Wall related a story about his great-grandfather’s brother, Edward Wall, whose family came here from Ireland. Mr. Wall died in service to his country during World War I.

“His photo is displayed right above the doors to the Council Chambers at Chelsea City Hall,” said Wall. “His name is engraved on the monument at Chelsea High School. He died in the war and he is buried in France.”

The legacy continues Wall will be inaugurated to the Northeast Regional School Committee in January. He has served as chairman six times.

“I’m the longest-serving member,” said Wall proudly. “I just lost a good friend, Ronald Janino [of Revere], with whom I served on the committee.”

Chelsea is being well represented by Michael T. Wall on the Northeast Regional School Committee. The city made its support and admiration for the dean of the committee clear once again in the Nov. 3 election.

NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

COVID CASE UPDATE

There has been a surge in cases starting in October, building on a series of increases over the past several weeks. There were 146 confirmed cases from Nov. 2-8, which was up from 140 the week before and 99 the previous week.

Last week, Oct. 19-25, there were 99 cases reported, but no deaths. That was a huge jump from previous weeks when there were 60 to 75 cases in a week.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Chelsea residents are welcome to participate in a Conversation with Chelsea’s City Manager Tom Ambrosino next Tuesday, November 17 at 6-7:30 pm via a Zoom meeting.

Learn more about the work the City is doing and find easy ways to participate in community activities. Share ideas, suggestions, and opinions in an informal setting.

Please register now by sending an email to recreation@chelseama.gov , calling 617 466-5233 Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:30 pm, or online at register.communitypass.net/Chelsea

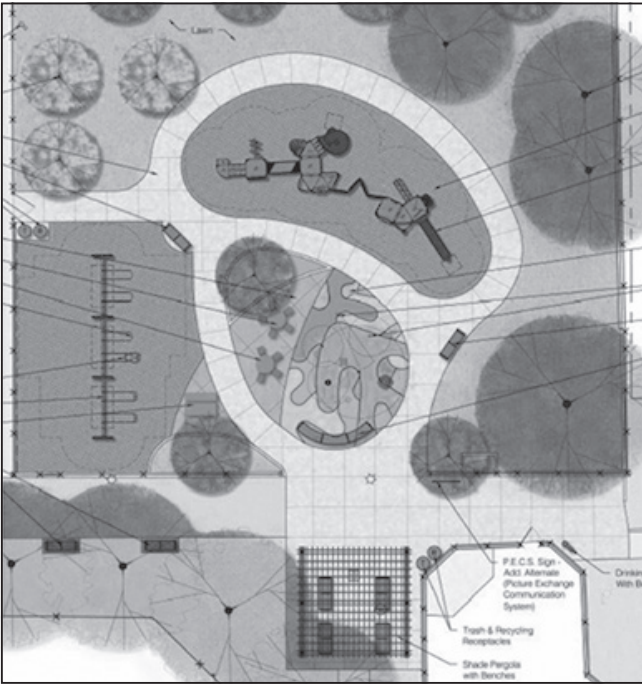
CHELSEA ARTS & CULTURE PLAN MEETING

The City of Chelsea is planning for the future of arts and culture. We want to hear from you! Please join us for a virtual Community Meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 7-8 pm. Those interested must register to receive the Zoom link: bit.ly/nov18meeting

CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Chelsea Cultural Council Grant application deadline has been extended to Monday, December 14, 2020. Paper and Online Applications are available at https://bit.ly/2GhFQQV

VOKE PARK DISCUSSION



Please accompany the Department of Planning and Development online to discuss the construction of the Voke Park play area Improvements include new water games, new gardening, new games, new paths and places to sit on November 16, 6-8 p.m. Contact Ben Cares at 781.300.3016th bcares@chelseama.gov with questions.

GRANTS support individuals, schools, and organizations for projects in the arts, humanities, & sciences. Further information at 617 466-4090, or culturalcouncil@chelseama.gov.

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If you see businesses or workplaces not complying with safety guidelines, please report it by calling the City of Chelsea 311 (non-emergencies line) at 617-466-4209 or visiting mass.gov/compliance.

CHELSEA READS GOES VIRUTAL ALL NOVEMBER

The 15th annual Chelsea Family Literacy event has gone virtual over four weeks in November.

The annual event takes place at the Chelsea Public Library and draws huge crowds, but this year it will have to be online. All four weeks in November, the CPL will be hosting online events, virtual activities, at-home crafts and not contract programs like a StoryWalk, scavenger hunt and more. There will be lots of surprises for all ages throughout the month. Visit the website

at www.chelseama.gov/public-library to access the program, or visit the CPL’s social media pages – which are accessible from the website.

HOMEOWNER STABILIZATION

The Homeowner Stabilization Program has now begun. If anyone has been financially impacted by COVID-19 and own a single to four-family home, they may be eligible. The funds would assist in paying for mortgage, utilities, and assisting in recuperating rent unpaid by tenants for instances after April 1, 2020.

The application period will close on November 19 at the end of the business day. Find the information and Application on www.chelseama.gov/homeowner-stabilization-program

HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC AVAILABLE

Chelsea Housing Legal Clinic is available to help low-income residents with landlord mediation, eviction proceedings, and other housing legal issues. Due to Covid-19, the office cannot accept walk-ins. Please call 617-603-1700 or 1-800-342-LAWS

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Chelsea

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REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

It was 102 years ago on November 11, 1918, that World War I formally came to a conclusion on the “11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month.” Americans observed the first anniversary of the end of the war the following year when the holiday we now know as Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919.

The first world war was referred to at the time as “the war to end all wars.” It was thought that never again would mankind engage in the sort of madness that resulted in the near-total destruction of Western Civilization and the loss of millions of lives for reasons that never have been entirely clear to anybody either before, during, or since.

Needless to say, history has shown us that such thinking was idealistically foolhardy. Just 21 years later, the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first war seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 75 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship USS Missouri. Today, we still have troops fighting -- and dying -- at various places around the world.

“Peace is at hand” has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past 102 years.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation’s appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

Although Veterans Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate the debt we owe to the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day, that was celebrated this week, should remind us that freedom isn’t free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation’s founding has required the sacrifice of tens of millions of our fellow Americans who have placed their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.

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GUEST OP-ED

Democratic process must be protected by not succumbing to resentments based on differences in political views

By Cardinal Sean O'Malley

Today our country, one of the oldest democracies and most diverse societies in the world, should take pride in the success of the electoral process. We thank all the candidates who have participated in the elections and commend the historic voter turnout, a tribute to the citizens who voted in such striking numbers, in stark contrast to earlier elections. That encouraging sign has opened the way to begin a process of participation among all citizens however they voted. As Catholics we are committed to the common good, social justice and the Gospel of Life. Participation in the political process is a sacred duty. In a country facing the threefold challenge of addressing a global pandemic, repairing a fractured economy and renewing a national commitment to the goals of racial justice and equality, the broad participation of citizens in the election should be a foundation for

rebuilding our unity as a people.

The President and those who will serve with him have both the opportunity and the challenge of rebuilding civic trust, of providing a sense of hope in a time of social crisis, and of calling us all to share our best talents and energies in a common task. Our prayers should be with all those called to lead the country.

The task we face is not fully captured in the data; the numbers, charts and graphs, the task is also a spiritual challenge. As Pope Francis shared in the recent Encyclical Letter, Fratelli Tutti, we are called to promote ‘friendship and an acknowledgment of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere’. Each citizen, each person, across lines of color, ethnicity, of faith and philosophy, can and should be asked to place solidarity over inequality, compassion over revenge, generosity over self-inter-

est.

An election is never only about who wins and who loses. It is always about a moment in time when a new beginning is possible. Such a beginning relies upon our best traditions and aspirations: belief in our common humanity and the unique dignity of each person in the land; beliefs which can bind us together, rich and poor, black and white, citizens and dreamers, women and men. We are now at a moment when a new beginning is not only possible but urgently necessary. The work at hand calls us to respect the opinions of others, to dialogue about differing perspectives, to seek reconciliation where there has been estrangement, to work for healing among the people of our country. I confidently believe that as a nation we can achieve these goals, to rise above our differences, to embrace our unity as brothers and sisters who lives are a gift from God

and who share a mission to build a just society.

We must not succumb to resentments based in divergent political views and divisions that have emerged from the stress of recent months. The challenge is always to transform a crowd into a community, a people who share a commitment to building a civilization of love and a culture that can sustain democracy, freedom and respect for human rights. Let us remember the unity and charity we are called to at the celebration of the Eucharist and in the proclamation of the Scriptures. Let us witness to the ideals of the Gospel, striving to have a positive impact on our families, communities and the nation in these crucial days. Let us follow Jesus’ call to love one another as He has loved us.

Sean O’Malley is the American cardinal of the Catholic Church serving as the Archbishop of Boston.

GUEST OP-ED

Chief Gants saw coming evictions as looming Civil Rights, public health crisis

By Joan Quinlan,
Leslie Aldrich, Melanie Gleason
and Deborah Ramirez

(The following op-ed first appeared in Commonwealth Magazine last week)

Before passing away earlier this fall, Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ralph Gants was clear about what he saw as the largest civil rights and public health crisis in his lifetime: widespread evictions during COVID-19.

As the head of the state judicial system, Justice Gants had a systemic overview of the eviction crisis. He recognized that eviction is not merely a symptom of poverty. Evictions actively cause poverty—and disproportionately so for communities of color.

A recent report by City Life/Vida Urbana and MIT stated that as many as 1

in 3 Massachusetts tenants are presently at risk of eviction—over 300,000 renters. The study also found that 78 percent of eviction filings in Boston were in communities of color during the first month of the Massachusetts state of emergency. They also analyzed eviction records in Boston from 2014 to 2016, and confirmed that evictions are filed up to seven times as often in communities of color compared with predominantly white communities.

Furthermore, eviction proceedings on a tenant’s record are an enormous barrier to being able to obtain subsequent housing. Research from the Massachusetts Legal Reform Institute indicates that tenants were rejected from future housing solely because eviction cases had been simply filed against

them—regardless of the outcome. Even when there is an amicable settlement or if the court ruled in favor of the tenant, the eviction record is permanent and will follow a tenant for life.

This tenants’ crisis also co-exists with a once-in-a-century pandemic. Escalated housing instability during COVID-19 threatens Massachusetts renters, families, children, and public health. Evicted individuals and families will face impending homelessness—forcing people to try to “double up” with family, friends, or seek space in overcrowded emergency shelters. This will disrupt vital social distancing and increase risk of COVID-19 exposure, transmission, illness, and death. Increased chronic stress, which is associated with worse health outcomes if the virus is contracted, will be inflicted

on those evicted.

It is also well known that there are significant health disparities surrounding COVID-19 itself, particularly along pronounced racial lines.

Data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s COVID-19 Health Equity Advisory Group found that black and Latinx residents have contracted the coronavirus at a rate that is three times higher than white residents. The advisory group also noted that nine out of 10 of the towns and cities with the highest rates of COVID-19 in the state were in communities where more than half of the residents identify as a person of color—including Chelsea, Everett, and Revere—all cities where MGH HealthCare Centers have been established and

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play a critical role in providing life-saving medical care and treatment.

Since the state eviction moratorium expired on October 17, tenants are in a full-fledged crisis and need urgent, immediate assistance. There are presently three solutions that the state needs to enact immediately.

First, the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program needs to be further funded and better operationalized. Gov. Baker recently allocated an additional \$100 million for the RAFT program to keep Massachusetts renters in their homes. While the governor is to be applauded and commended for this investment, it is unfortunately not enough, given the scale and scope of the housing crisis. Doubling this investment must occur to ensure all eligible tenants and landlords can meaningfully participate. This is critical to ensure that families and communities are not displaced and devastated.

Additionally, more state capacity-building resources must be dedicated to the nine Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs) statewide, which are responsible for distributing RAFT to tenants in need. More staff need to be hired and trained to build more effective rapid-response systems to dispense RAFT funds on an expedited basis in response to the eviction crisis.

Second, state agencies and non-profit organizations need to be educating tenants of their rights under the CDC moratorium,

which is in effect until December 31, 2020. At-risk tenants are eligible for the moratorium if: 1) there is an individual net household income of less than \$98,000 (\$198,000 for a couple); 2) they cannot pay the rent due to a substantial loss of income or extraordinary medical expense; 3) they would likely become homeless if evicted; 4) they have tried to obtain state or local rental assistance; and 5) they are making their best effort to pay as much rent as possible.

Eligible tenants must fill out a CDC Moratorium Declaration Form and provide it to their landlord. Multilingual forms are available at the HUD website. Every tenant on the lease needs to print and sign a declaration and send it to their landlord via certified mail or email for proof of submission. If a landlord ignores or challenges a declaration, tenants should seek legal help at: www.masslrf.org.

Lastly, more pressure needs to be placed on the Legislature and Gov. Baker to enact the Housing Stability Act. The Legislature has the ability to be able to enact longer-term relief for both tenants and landlords, yet it has not had a formal session in over two and a half months. The Housing Stability Act would aid both vulnerable renters and landlords up to 12 months after the end of the governor's declared state of emergency. This emergency legislation addresses not only an eviction ban for tenants, but also offers other protections to renters—as well as assisting and stabilizing landowners and homeowners.

Undoubtedly, the state has already committed a laudable total of \$171 million to its Eviction Diversion Initiative to help vulnerable tenants and landlords. However, funds are not being distributed swiftly or effectively enough. Since July 1, more than 25,000 requests for aid were submitted—more than four times the number of RAFT applications approved for the entire 2019 fiscal year. Since April, only 5,169 households have received \$15.5 million in aid.

Chief Justice Gants spent the summer before he died preparing the courts for a torrent of eviction cases—aware of the deep intersectional crisis between civil rights and public health. For the good of the Commonwealth, particularly in our communities of color, it is imperative that the state take necessary, urgent action in protecting tenants where they are the most vulnerable: in their homes.

Melanie Gleason is a medical-legal partnership staff attorney at Lawyers for Civil Rights. Deborah Ramirez is a professor of law at Northeastern University School of Law. She is the widow of late Chief Justice Gants. Joan Quinlan is vice president for community health at Massachusetts General Hospital. Leslie S. Aldrich is executive director of the Center for Community Health Improvement at Massachusetts General Hospital.

CHLSEA SCHOOL UPDATE

Who are the candidates?

Camila

Mateo

Lynnea

And the winner is...Mateo for president. Ms. Johnson's class at the Hooks School has been learning about elections over the past two weeks, and last week voted for their president amongst a group of three great candidates.

HOOKS SCHOOL UPDATES

•In Ms. Johnson's first grade class, we have been discussing voting and elections during social studies block. We have learned what a President is, what makes a good President, what a debate is, and what voting is. As an exit to our mini unit, we participated in a classroom election. Students in room 220 spent 2 weeks preparing to vote for their class President. We used Seesaw and participated in two rounds of voting. We are happy to announce that Mateo is our new class President and Camila is our Vice President. Congratulations! Everyone did a wonderful job voting for students who are respectful, responsible, and cooperative.

•The Hooks had a wonderful time during its family event last Friday night. Around 67 Families and Teachers enjoyed a great juggling performance by performing artist Jason Tardy. Check out some of the pictures! The program was supported by the Chelsea Cultural Council, a local

agency which is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. We appreciate Mr. Grajal for writing this grant and making it happen for us!

KELLY SCHOOL UPDATES

The Kelly School dressed up as their favorite book characters last week, and students shared their voices through creative writing.

SOKOLOWSKI UPDATES

The first graders at Ms. Flaherty's class have been talking about how to reach their personal best. The school mascot, Finn, decided to swim by to help kids understand the meaning behind the red triangles. Students were able to ask questions and learn more about the most beloved school community member.

MORRIS H. SEIGAL CLARK AVE. UPDATES

Students at the Clark Ave attended a workshop with a professional opera singer, Anna Carolina

Pelaes. The students had many takeaways, including that "singing is a full body sport" and "opera is just storytelling through singing." Most importantly, the students saw that it's possible to follow your dreams by working hard.

CHELSEA REACH UPDATES

The Chelsea REACH Program is recruiting Middle School and High School students to participate and we are also hiring! Join our TEAM!

E-mail Stephanie Rodriguez at Rodriguezs@chelseaschools.com for more information.

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL

Several Chelsea High students worked the polls on Election Day, Nov. 3. Thanks to those who served, including:

- Oscar Amaya
- Lesley Umana
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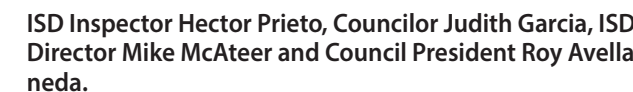
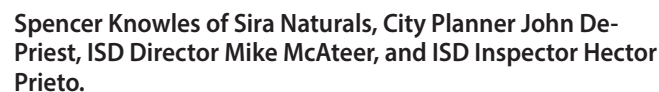
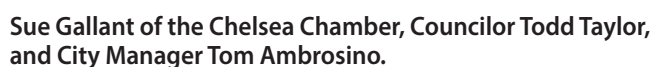
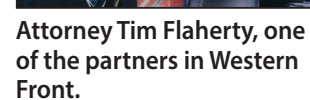
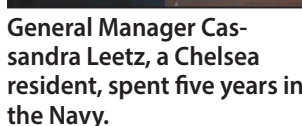
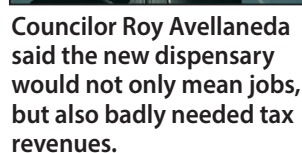
Council President Roy Avellaneda said he expects the store to bring in

a lot of new tax revenue that hasn't been available in the past.

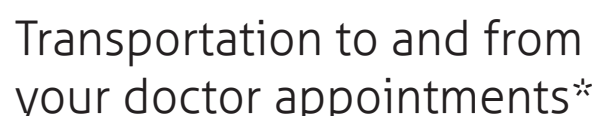
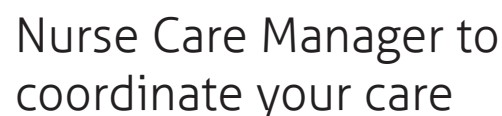
“We’re happy for the

jobs,” he said. “There are a lot of Chelsea people working here. It’s not just the jobs though, we’re

happy about the taxes so we can pay for our teachers and firefighters and sidewalks.”



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Cohen Florence Levine Estates resident turns 100

Staff Report

Bernice Berman cannot believe she turned 100 on November 7.

The much beloved resident at Cohen Florence Levine Estates celebrated her milestone birthday with visits from her daughter Janice Cohen son-in-law Larry Cohen, granddaughter Deborah and great granddaughter Breanna. It was a special day for an exceptional woman.

Growing up in Malden, Bernice and her sister Ida Zaltzberg were inseparable. Ida, who is four years younger than Bernice, was allowed to attend school with Bernice as a young child. She would sit in the back of the room while Bernice attended to her lessons. As they grew older, Bernice and Ida would clean the apartment together every Sunday morning, and then go to the movies together in the afternoon. To this day, Bernice and Ida are

extremely close. In fact, Ida is also a resident at the assisted living.

Bernice met her husband Benjamin on a blind date and the rest, as they say, is history. They married in 1943 and raised two daughters in a very loving, albeit busy, household. Even though Bernice moved out of the family home when she married, she and Ida remained very close, with Ida eating dinner at their home every Friday evening.

Her daughter Janice recalls there was no such thing as take-out food in their house. “My mom was a wonderful cook and cooked every single day. You always knew the day of the week by what she was for dinner. Monday was dairy such as mac ‘n cheese; Tuesday was either steak or lamb chops; on Wednesdays was hamburger day, such as American chop suey or spaghetti and meatballs.” Added Janice, “We loved to tease her about keeping such a

strict schedule, but secretly, we all looked forward to the meal schedule.”

In addition to working at General Electric, Ben sold memberships for ALA. Bernice helped him with member renewals, charming customers with her wit and persuasive manner. She also worked at a photography studio transferring black and white photos to color images. Over the years, Ben and Bernice enjoyed spending time with their two daughters and grandchildren. Once Ben retired, they went on many trips to Florida during the winter months. It was during those trips that they made many long lasting friends. The couple were married for 53 years. Sadly, Ben passed away in 2003.

Bernice remained in their Malden home until she was 93, keeping busy with family, friends, and a myriad of activities. Today, she treasures spending time with her

15-year-old great granddaughter. Politics is also a passion. To this day, she retains an intense interest in politics. As Janice noted, “Her knowledge and perspective about the political climate, especially these days, is extremely perceptive.”

In 2013 Bernice moved into Cohen Florence Levine Estates and quickly became an integral party of the assisted living family. “Everyone just loves her,” said Kristen Donnelly, Director of Admissions and Resident Relations. “Bernice is kind, funny and a very big part of the Cohen Florence Levine family.” An avid Bingo player, Bernice can often be found singing at

the weekly concerts, reading the newspaper in the library, and holding court at mealtimes.

When asked about her greatest achievement, Bernice was quick to respond. “I am so proud that Ben and I were able to provide our daughters with opportunities that were not available to us,” said Bernice. “Their education was our top priority.”

One of Bernice’s greatest pleasures revolves around feeding people. Janice remembers when she and husband Larry were dating. “He couldn’t wait to come over and eat Bernice’s stuffed cabbage,” said Janice. “Larry proclaimed it the best



Bernice Berman turned 100 on Nov. 7.

he had ever had.” Others apparently agree. Bernice gave her coveted cabbage recipe to Michael Millard, the chef at the assisted living, soon after she moved in seven years ago.” Not surprisingly, it remains one of the most popular items on the menu today.

CLASS RING CAPER: Shurtleff School ring turns up in Wisconsin storage unit

Seth Daniel

A Wisconsin woman is trying to figure out a bit of a mystery that appeared in her mother’s storage unit, that being just why and how a 1970 Shurtleff School class ring ended up in her mother’s things.

Deborah Davenport contacted the Record last week to see if the paper knew anything about the Shurtleff School and whether the proper owners from a class ring from 1970 might be found. Davenport said she found the ring in a storage unit in Wautoma, Wisconsin amongst her mother’s things. No one in her family, including her mother, has any connection to Chelsea, she said, and she had never heard of Chelsea until she found the ring.

“It’s bizarre because my mother had several storage units and we were closing them out and found this ring,” she said. “She did flea markets for 30 years



A woman in Wautoma, Wisconsin found a 1970 Shurtleff School class ring in a storage unit that belonged to her mother. With virtually no connection to Chelsea, she’s trying to find out whose ring it might be.

and bought and sold at markets for a long time out here. We were wondering how in the world this ring got here. At first, I thought it was a girl’s name. I thought her name was ‘Chelsea Shurtleff,’ but then I looked it up on the Internet and found it was a school in Chelsea, Massachusetts.”

The Shurtleff School in Chelsea no longer exists. The 1970 class ring was

made my O’Neil Company and is sterling silver with a green stone. She said there weren’t a lot of markings on the ring, but someone in Chelsea might have more of an idea, she said.

She said there was another class ring in the unit, but it was from a nearby town and Davenport was able to locate the owner. Doing so 1,000 miles away was a more daunting task, so she reached out to the Record for help.

“I don’t know how it ended up here, maybe someone from back East moved here and it got mixed up at a market,” she said. “I thought about selling it for the silver, but I’d rather try to find the owner, or just give it to the School Department and they can keep it as a piece of history. Oddly enough, it was the same year I graduated.”

Anyone who has any information or questions about the ring can contact seth@reverejournal.com.

ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS AT DELLA RUSSO STADIUM



All-American football players Amanda Alpert of Revere, left, and Ashley Beckham of Malden, members of the Women’s Football Alliance (WFA) reigning champion Boston Renegades, participated with their teammates in a WFA tryout and combine Saturday at Harry Della Russo Stadium in Revere. Alpert, director of athletics at Chelsea High School, is a five-time women’s professional football champion while Beckham has been a standout on two WFA championship teams. The dynamic duo will reunite on the Renegades’ offensive line when the league resumes competition in April, 2021. The Renegades, the winningest organization in women’s professional football, will play their home games in Revere.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SOCIAL CENTERS RECEIVE GRANT

EAST BOSTON - The East Boston Social Centers (EBSC) was one of several organizations to receive a mini-grant last week from the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) to help support nonprofits that work in immigrant communities.

Mayor Martin Walsh said each \$5,000 grant to 20 nonprofits including EBSC would help celebrate Boston's rich cultural diversity and applaud the work immigrant-serving organizations in Eastie and across the city do each and every day.

"The coronavirus pandemic shined a bright light on the disparities in our community," said Mayor Walsh. "Immigrants have been on the frontlines from the beginning and they have also been the most impacted. This year especially, we need to celebrate immigrant contributions to our community and recover from this pandemic in a more equitable state than we entered it."

The mini-grants are funded through corporate sponsorships for We Are Boston, an annual end-

of-the year reception that honors the contributions immigrants have made to our City. This year's We Are Boston 2020: From Resilience to Equity is on November 19 from 5-6 pm.

EBSC's Executive Director Justin Pasquariello said the mini-grant to the Social Centers will be used to purchase and deliver groceries, formula, diapers, cleaning supplies, masks, gloves and any other basic needs that East Boston families cannot afford at this time.

"East Boston has been perhaps the neighborhood of Boston hardest hit by both COVID-19 and the related economic impacts," said Pasquariello. "The city of Boston has been one of the Social Centers' steadfast partners as we have worked to support our neighbors in this very challenging time. This mini-grant helps us continue the important work of meeting health/safety, and basic needs of our immigrant community. We are deeply grateful to Mayor Walsh and the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement for their partnership in service to our community."

I am grateful too to our team, including the Family Engagement Network and Parent Partners, who are bringing this support to our neighbors."

These mini-grants are made possible through the contributions from We Are Boston 2019 sponsors including State Street Corporation, Arbella Insurance Foundation, Eastern Bank and Verizon; and this year's corporate sponsors include Arbella Insurance Foundation, Eastern Bank and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

For this year's We Are Boston 2020: From Resilience to Equity on November 19, Mayor Walsh will recognize the successes of the past year and name this year's honorees. The evening will culminate with the City's new Cabinet Chief of Equity, Dr. Karilyn Crockett, speaking on the convergence and divergence of African American and immigrant struggles and how the corporate and philanthropic sectors can support the fight for equity for all.

"We picked this year's theme because 'resilience' means the ability to recover quickly from difficulties, and that is exactly

what our immigrant communities are doing during this pandemic. And this resiliency, this strength, is what gets us to equity," said Yusufi Vali, Director of the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement.

SECOND CARRIER TO RUN SEAPLANES

EAST BOSTON - A second carrier wants to join Cape Air in running seaplanes from Boston Harbor, just off Eastie's shore, to New York City.

Cape Air, who got approval from the FAA to fly seaplanes on a route from Boston to a pier on Manhattan's East Side, began trial runs of the new operation last year.

Now Tailwind Air has scheduled two public community meetings with Eastie residents regarding their proposed plan for seaplane service from Boston Harbor to New York City.

The meetings are sure to be contentious given the fact that Cape Air's CEO Dan Wolf and Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney repeatedly told the community at numerous meetings the takeoff and landing area in the water off Eastie would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

"This is a private, restricted sea base," said Bonney at a community meeting in 2018 trying to garner support for the seaplane plan. "So you wouldn't have to worry about other carriers using the area."

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 10 am to 12 pm with a second meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Both meetings will be held via ZOOM at <https://tinyurl.com/tailwindcommunitymeeting>.

To RSVP and submit questions beforehand, please email tailwindboston@gmail.com

"So let me get this



Mr. Potato Head and a young trick-or-treater joined Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria and First Lady Stacy DeMaria.

straight...We are going from zero to two seaplane operations?", said a frustrated April Abenza of Jeffries Point.

It seems a look into FAA approvals for the water landing area shows Tailwind, as well as Cape Air, were both granted the right to use the harbor for seaplane operations. Something Wolf and Bonney were allegedly not up front about when pitching their own seaplane operation.

Also, when Cape Air began testing flights, Jeffries Point residents reported the planes seemed a lot louder than described by Wolf and Bonney.

The planes Cape Air would use are new Cessna Caravan nine-seat seaplanes.

"We did a sound study because we wanted to know what the acoustic impacts would be to the surrounding area," said Bonney at a community meeting. "The conclusion of the study was the impact would be minimal."

Bonney said the single engine Cessna is a relatively quiet seaplane.

"They are small aircraft that are pretty high performance so when they take off they climb to altitude relatively quickly to mitigate sound impacts," he said at the time.

However, they proved to be anything but, they did not climb to high altitudes in the harbor quickly, and usually banked right and headed over Beacon Hill.

Residents in Jeffries Point, as well as Beacon Hill, expressed disappointment over the operations and wished the planes were as quiet as Cape Air initially led on.

Wolf said Cape Air's plans involve flying seaplanes in and out of Boston Harbor. Wolf explained that a lot of major cities like Seattle, San Francisco and Vancouver have been doing this for years now so it's not a new concept.


Cape Air's seaplanes will take off and land on the water just off Eastie's shores near the Hyatt Boston Hotel and land at an already established seaplane dock on the East River in Manhattan near East 23th Street.

"It is relatively difficult to get from Downtown Boston to Midtown Manhattan," said Cape Air's Senior Vice President An-

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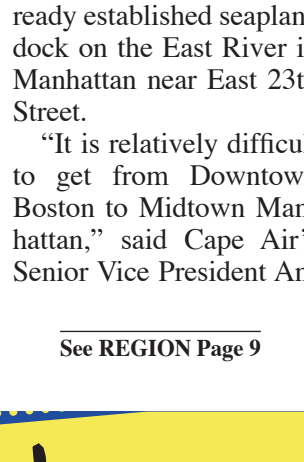
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drew Bonney at a community meeting recently. “But with seaplanes from downtown to downtown you can reduce a three to four hour trip to just over an hour. So that’s really the genesis for this. So people ask why seaplanes? Well, with this plan you remove all the other parts of flying except the flying part.”

Bonney said commuters on seaplanes are not subjected to TSA security lines, ticket lines, luggage lines and other inconveniences that are usually part of flying. Seaplane passengers would simply arrive at a proposed dock in Southie’s Seaport District, board the seaplane, taxi out to the takeoff area near the Hyatt and then be on their way to New York City.

“And on the other end in New York it’s the same thing,” said Bonney. “We would land at the existing seaplane dock in Manhattan that has existed since the 1930’s.”

Bonney said one key fact about seaplanes is that they can only operate in daylight because pilots must be able to see the surface of the water and horizon.

“There really isn’t the concern of aircraft waking you up at night...just not possible with seaplanes,” said Bonney. The takeoff and landing base in the water off the Hyatt, explained Bonney, would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

“This is a private, restricted sea base,” said Bonney. “So you wouldn’t have to worry about other carriers using the area.”

COMMISSION TO MEET ON ZOOM

EVERETT - The intent of the new Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Equal Employment Commission was to get public input and testimony about their true experiences with the Everett Police Department – testimony that was to come from young and old, no holds barred.

It seems, however, such a conversation was a little too much for many residents to have in public, so Chairman Bishop Robert Brown said they have decided to have such meetings with the Commission in more of a private format on Zoom.

Bishop Brown said last Wednesday’s opening forum was moved last minute to a private forum with the Commission and those wishing to give testimony.

“At the last minute, folks started to feel a sense of intimidation talking about the Police Department,” he said. “The kids didn’t want to tell their truth in front of Chief Steve Mazzie. We talked about it and decided to do it anyway and postpone that format. We met with folks until 9 p.m. on Zoom in a different way. Folks were very, very open. Maybe talking about the City is one thing, but folks talking about the Police Department felt there could be retaliation.”

He said it was still very important to find out the first-hand experiences that people had to share about their interactions with the Police Department, which is why they continued on with the Zoom meeting.

“In the end, I’m finding out it wasn’t just young people, but the older folks too – especially in the immigrant population that are trying to stay clear of any type of law enforcement, particularly ICE,” he said.

Brown said the Com-

mission will continue to hear testimony and will present it in a final report that retains confidentiality so they can hear the real truth, but also protect those giving it.

“This has become a little more involved than we first thought it might be,” he said. “So we have to do things a little different to get the information we want. We will have a public forum where we will relate these experiences confidentially to protect people who have concerns.”

KEVERIAN SCHOOL RECEIVES FUNDING

EVERETT - The Keverian School received final approval on Wednesday, Oct. 28, for \$1.5 million in funding for their Core Program and repairs to the building.

State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, Chair of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), and John K. McCarthy, MSBA Executive Director/Deputy CEO, announced that the MSBA Board of Directors approved final audits for three projects from three Districts totaling over \$7 million in grants from the MSBA. The final audit stage is the last step in the MSBA building process and represents the successful completion and closure of these projects.

“Every project undertaken by the MSBA is a step toward creating the 21st century learning environment that all Massachusetts students deserve,” Treasurer Goldberg said. “We are delighted to have made the significant investments in Massachusetts schools.”

The Board approved the projects from the MSBA’s Core Program and Accelerated Repair Program, which consist of repair or replacement to roofs, windows/doors and/or boilers. The combined grant value of the audited projects was \$7,080,400.

“Approval of the final audits brings these vitally-needed projects to a successful conclusion, which benefits students all across the Commonwealth,” said Executive Director Jack McCarthy.

MCNEIL TO COACH IN SWAMPSCOTT

LYNN - When Kenny Leeder was named the head coach of the Swampscott High School girls soccer team, one of the first phone calls he made was to Ed McNeil, who retired as Lynn English High School girls soccer coach following the 2019 season.

Leeder called to offer McNeil a position as the Swampscott junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach and the highly regarded 73-year-old coach from Lynn accepted the offer right away. He’s glad to be back on the sidelines after 17 seasons at English.

“This position has been a perfect fit for me,” said McNeil. “I had coached JV hockey at Stoneham for seven years and it was the best job. There’s no pressure and you play all the kids a lot.”

McNeil’s JV team has a 3-2-1 record. The Big Blue varsity is 2-3-1, having defeated Gloucester, 5-0, on Senior Night Tuesday. “The varsity’s

record is a little deceiving because we’ve played Danvers, Beverly, Masco, Peabody, and Marblehead who are the best teams.”

Swampscott plays at its games at Blocksidge Field. “We play on the artificial turf and it’s great,” said McNeil, noting that virtually all of the NEC schools now play on artificial turf.

The Big Blue varsity has an upcoming rematch with Danvers. “They’re [Danvers] as good a team as I’ve seen in years,” said McNeil. “We were tied 2-2 with 12 minutes to go in our first meeting and they got three goals in the last 12 minutes. They just keep coming at you and they’re well coached. Jimmy Hinchion is a great coach.”

McNeil said his routine has been to take a separate bus with his JV players to their 4 p.m. away games. He then drives back to the field for the varsity games.

While McNeil was at English, he coached against Leeder’s Swampscott teams for four seasons. Leeder moved back to New Jersey before returning to the area and resuming his coaching career at Swampscott High.

“Kenny’s the best coach I’ve worked with,” said McNeil. “He’s so knowledgeable and the kids really buy into his program. It’s a shame it’s a shortened season because we would have made the tournament easily this year. It would have been nice for me for the first time ever to participate in the tournament.”

McNeil has good memories of his coaching career at Lynn English. “The girls at Lynn English were terrific kids. I can’t say enough about them. We had some great players - Megan Forti went on to WPI and she was the New England Division 3 soccer player of the year in her senior year. She was a gem. I went to see Emma Trahan play soccer twice at Simmons last year; she’s one of the nicest girls I’ve ever coached. Grace Gately, who is the niece of School Committeewoman Lorraine Gately, Carissa Burton - I coached so many wonderful girls who went on to good colleges and became successful young women. My 17 years at English were wonderful.”

And now the Swampscott High soccer girls are benefiting from Ed McNeil’s fountain of knowledge and outstanding coaching abilities.

FINE TUNING OVERNIGHT PARKING

REVERE - Proving that the devil is in the details, several city councilors appeared before the Revere Traffic Commission at the October 29 meeting asking that certain multi-family apartment buildings be given parking permits for the Overnight Parking Program that was started on October 15.

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso asked that the commission modify the regulations on certain buildings with six or more dwellings to allow their residents to obtain parking permits. Under the current regulations, tenants in these buildings would not be granted on-street parking permits.

Guinasso noted that the buildings that he would like to see be exempted from the regulation were

built before the year 2000, and many tenants have no place to park except on the neighboring streets. He noted that two buildings in his ward, Village Court Condominiums and Friendly Gardens, were built before 2000. “Tenants in these buildings have no place to park. There are not enough parking spots to accommodate all the tenants. As a city, if we can help we should,” he said. Presently, many tenants at Friendly Gardens have to park on Revere Street or Waite Street or in St. Anthony’s parking lot, and under the new overnight program they could face nightly parking tickets.

He noted these buildings were built before the city required the number of off-street parking spots to correlate with the number of units. Guinasso further went on to say that there are buildings like Rumney Marsh that should not be included in the list of exemptions, because it was constructed only two years ago and should have enough off-street parking spots.

“I concur with (Councilor) Guinasso,” Ward 5 Councilor John Powers said. He pointed out that 1129 North Shore Road was built more than 50 years ago and no one has ever received a ticket until now.

Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna asked that certain buildings in her ward, such as 77 Bennington Street and 145 Bennington Street, as well as 45 Atlantic Ave., be added to the list to have tenants receive overnight street parking stickers. McKenna also pointed out that many single family homes that are on state roads such as Winthrop Parkway and the Lynnway should be granted stickers to park on adjoining city streets.

Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky also had a list of buildings to be added, including 41 Highland Ave., 525 Beach St., and 120 Walnut St.

“Many people have two cars, so there is a need to expand the relief,” said Novoselsky.

Resident Elizabeth Kowalski of Village Court noted that many residents have two cars and their needs should be addressed. “Right now, we have 76 spaces for 75 units, so we have a need,” she said.

“These and other buildings should be added to a list to be discussed at a public hearing at the November 30 meeting,” said Traffic Commission Chairman Paul Argenzio.

James Rose, the city’s Parking Director, noted that the first tickets that will be given out will only be warnings.

The commissioners, noting that time is of the essence, then voted to move the matter to a public hearing on November 30.

The commission also approved plans from Rose to place parking meters in the Central Ave. lot that is off Broadway. The lot currently has 85 parking spaces and will be partitioned as follows:

- 56 two-hour meter spaces;
- 18 business-permit spaces; and
- 11 spaces earmarked for seniors who are using the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center.

The meters will be at fifty cents an hour for a maximum of two hours. Area residents can park in

the lot at no charge during designated hours. The business spots would be charged at \$100 per year. During a snow emergency, the lot would default to emergency parking so residents have a place to put their cars off the streets. The motion was moved to a public hearing.

In other matters, the commission moved to have three spots on Ford Street by the Turkish Cultural Center be made into metered spaces from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It was noted that these parking spaces would not impact the residents of the area and the motion was approved.

With regard to a request for a public hearing from the Point of Pines Yacht Club to have its members be able to park along their property, Councillor Powers said, “This motion should be tabled and we should hear from the residents who have some complaints.”

After both Police Chief Dave Callahan and Fire Chief Chris Bright expressed public safety issues with the additional on-street parking, the commission tabled the motion.

The commission also heard a request from McKenna for the installation of No Parking signs on both sides of Ocean Pier Ave.

The Ward 1 Councilor noted that during this past summer, with parking restricted on the beach, cars were parked on both sides of the street. McKenna also pointed out that Ocean Pier Ave. is a narrow street. The motion was passed by the commission.

Commissioners approved three handicapped parking signs for 20 Hauderman St., 202 Constitution Ave., 560 Revere St., while a motion to deny a handicap sign at 22 Burnett Rd. was upheld because the house has a very wide handicapped-accessible driveway. The request did not meet the criteria for a handicapped sign and the motion to deny was passed.

The commission also heard a request from Novoselsky for No Parking

Anytime signs to be installed on the westerly side of Walnut Ave. from Kimball Ave. to the dead end. Novoselsky noted that with the wider sidewalks, there is no room for two-sided parking. The commissioners approved the motion.

Some of the requests that are headed to public hearing on November 30 include:

A request from Novoselsky to have a Loading Zone sign be posted at 1 Orr Square. Novoselsky noted that because of the wider sidewalks and the bump-outs, unloading trucks presently impede the traffic flow as they need to park more in the street while unloading.

Novoselsky also is seeking a stop sign on Standish Road for east-bound traffic at Curtis Rd.

Councilor Patrick Keefe requested parking restriction signs at the old McKinley School be removed. Argenzio said that the McKinley is abandoned and the need for the signs does not exist.

Lastly, Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino is seeking to designate no parking on one side of Brookline St.

MARKEY EASY WINNER IN WINTHROP

WINTHROP - Sen. Ed Markey was the clear choice of Winthrop voters in the election on his way to being re-elected to the United States Senate.

Markey, who had the support of Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo and Democratic State Committeewoman Alicia DelVento, received 6,274 votes in Winthrop while Republican Kevin O’Connor received 3,308 votes.

Markey had prevailed over Congressman Joe Kennedy III in a hotly contested Democratic Primary Sept. 1.

Congresswoman Katherine Clark won re-election to the House of Representatives, defeating Republican Caroline Colarusso. Clark received 5,940 votes in Winthrop while Colarusso received 3,382 votes.

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their Clubs in Boston and Chelsea.

“Danny Ryan exemplifies all the values that make Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston such an important part of Boston and Chelsea for the past 130 years: commitment to community, respect and love for all, and thoughtful leadership,” said Kraft.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston Hall of Fame celebrates a tradition of positive influence and impact across the communities of Boston and Chelsea. Inductees are individuals who attended Club and have gone on to make important contributions in their field, are role models of exemplary service to their community, and continue to have a positive impact on their Club. Their stories are very different, but all start out the same: with the life-changing programs, caring and attentive staff, and fun and safe environments provided at Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

Ryan is currently serv-

ing his third term as State Representative for Charlestown and Chelsea from the Second Suffolk District in the Massachusetts Legislature. Dan serves as Vice-Chair of the House Post-Audit and Oversight Committee.

A Charlestown resident, he and his wife Kara are raising a third generation of “Club Kids.” Their daughters Ella and Audrey are both members of the Charlestown Club Swim Team. Their son, Myer, is a Club alumnus currently attending graduate school at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. Myer was also a swim team member and played basketball at the Club. Ryan and his two sisters, Carla and Marnie, grew-up at the Club. Carla currently serves on the Charlestown Club’s Local Advisory Board. Ryan’s mom, Maryanne, swam for the Girl’s Club as a youngster and his dad, Carlo, a World War II veteran, also attended the Boy’s Club as a kid in the 1930s.

Ryan’s introduction to public service was a direct result of his involvement in the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. As a kid, Ryan said he enjoyed summer camp, playing basketball and attending the Friendship Club. These experiences led him to become a staff member at the Club as an adult. As Teen Center Director in the 1990s, he chaperoned the annual Rocket Club trip to Washington, D.C., with then Club Director Jerry Steimel. A seed was planted. The following year, Ryan was living in Washington, D.C. while working as a legislative aide for Congressman Mike Capuano when the Rocket Club returned for a tour of the Capitol building. After a 14-year career



COURTESY PHOTO

State Rep. Dan Ryan was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB), serving Boston and Chelsea. His family is a third-generation “Club Kid” family, and he said his experiences at the Charlestown Club at a young man shaped his interest in political service.

in the Congressman’s office, Ryan won his seat at the Massachusetts State House in 2014.

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In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on November 2, 2020, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$62,734.45 for water improvements to the Fiscal Year 2019 Essex Street Project.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$146,024.15 for sewer improvements to the Fiscal Year 2019 Essex Street Project.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$299,380.60 from General Stabilization Account Fund to Essex Street Project.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council hereby accepts and approves the Center of Tech and Civic Life grant in the amount of \$27,112 for the public purpose of planning and operating safe and secure elections in 2020. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

11/12/20

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Los Pinos Mexican Grill II, Inc.
50 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission,
November 12, 2020
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of an Amusement and Entertainment License for Los Pinos Mexican Grill II, Inc., 50 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA. 02150.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
11/5/20, 11/12/20

LEGAL NOTICE



CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
In accordance with Section 40, Chapter 131 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Wetlands Protection Act), a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Conservation Commission will be held via video conference on:
Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
The purpose of the Public

Hearing is to review the NOI submitted Patrick Martin, Interpark, LLC, for repair and upgrades to culvert under the roadway crossing between parking lots on site. A copy of the Notice of Intent is available for review in the Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning, Room 106, during City Hall business hours. All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdeppriest@chelseama.gov. Name, address, and email address must be included.
Per Order
Stephen N. Sarikas
Chairperson
11/12/20

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In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on November 2, 2020, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea as amended, be further amended and adopted as follows:
Amendment 1
That Chapter 30, Article V be amended by striking Division 2 - Storm Drains,

Sections 30-218 through 30-224 Storm Drains in their entirety and replacing with the following:
DIVISION 2. - STORM DRAINS
Sec. 30-218. - Building storm drains and connections.
Sec. 30-219. - Use of the public drains.
Sec. 30-220. - Pollution prevention in the stormwater collection system.
Sec. 30-221. - Discharges exceeding standards.
Sec. 30-222. - NPDES permits.
Sec. 30-223. - Stormwater management.
Sec. 30-224. - Maintenance, cleaning and inspection of systems to manage stormwater.
Amendment 2
That Chapter 30, Article V be amended by adding a new Subsection 30-196(o) which shall read as follows:
30-196(o) No dwelling unit, in which living space exists below the street elevation along the building frontage, shall be allowed to be constructed or occupied unless the finished floor elevation of said dwelling unit is greater than the sum of the invert elevation of the City sewer main (at the connection point) plus two times the nominal diameter of the City sewer main plus 2% of the distance from the City sewer main to the rear of the building (furthest distance from the City sewer main). No sewage pump systems shall be allowed to be connected directly to the City’s sewer system without the written approval of the Director,

at whose discretion hydraulic modeling may be required (at the sole cost of the developer or building owner). Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk
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CITY OF CHELSEA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
UPPER BROADWAY APPRAISAL SERVICES
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “Upper Broadway Appraisal Services”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after November 12, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “Upper Broadway Appraisal Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00 AM on November 30, 2020.
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject

any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.
Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
11/12/20

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Restaurante El Pecos
10A Central Avenue, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission,
November 12, 2020
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of an Amusement and Entertainment License for Restaurante El Pecos, 10A Central Avenue, Chelsea, MA. 02150.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
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Chelsea man arrested during firearm incident

About 12:51am on November 9, Boston Police officers assigned to District B-3 (Mattapan) made an on-site firearm arrest following a traffic stop.

Officers were traveling on Morton Street when they observed a motor vehicle drive past them at a high rate of speed. The officers made a U-turn, and attempted to conduct a traffic stop at the intersection of Morton Street and Gallivan Boulevard. The operator of the vehicle initially slowed down, but then immediately accelerated refusing to stop. The vehicle turned onto Pine Ridge Road and then came back out onto Morton Street. The vehicle ultimately came to a stop at 1087 Morton Street.

As the officers exited their cruiser, three males exited the motor vehicle and began to flee on foot. The officers gave verbal commands for the males to stop, resulting in two of the males dropping to the ground in front of 1087 Morton Street. The third male, continued to flee on Morton Street towards Druid Street, then back onto Morton Street where he was detained. This individual was FIO’d and later released.

A fourth male, later identified as Devon Ashton, 24, of Worcester,

exited the motor vehicle and fled up Morton Street towards Pine Ridge Road, where he was taken into custody. Ashton was placed under arrest by virtue of an active warrant issued out of Worcester County, charging him with Larceny over \$250.

Upon further investigation, officers located a black firearm under the passenger seat of the motor vehicle. The firearm, a Taurus G2A was loaded with (1) round in the chamber and (12) rounds in the magazine.

Officers placed the operator of the motor vehicle, Anthony Lagrant, 21, of Chelsea, under arrest and charged him with Failure to Stop for Police, Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and Speeding. MA Uniform Citation was also issued.

The front passenger of the vehicle, Taje Vozzella 21, of Lynn, was arrested and charged with Carrying a Firearm without a License, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, Carrying a Loaded Firearm without a License, and Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm

All three suspects to be arraigned in Dorchester District Court.

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Zonta Club of Chelsea changes name to represent cities served

The Zonta Club of Chelsea has been serving and advocating for women & children locally and internationally through out the years. The Zonta Club was started in Chelsea in 1980 by local professional women with the desire to volunteer and help others. Our club is a chapter of Zonta International, a

non-profit women's service organization. We participate in local service projects and support local, national and international projects. For the past 40 years the club has provided many services: given holiday food certificates to needy families, provided school supplies for children living in shel-

ters, given scholarships for graduating high school girls, and has supported local domestic violence shelters and many other causes dedicated to assisting women and children. Since we service the communities of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Saugus we felt it was time to change the name

of our club to represent the cities that we serve. We are now the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore. In order to raise money to support and fund our causes we usually have 2 fundraisers a year but like most things in the world right now fundraising will and has to be different. This year we are selling a

"Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore Lottery Calendar" from now till December 24th. The cost of this Lottery Calendar for the month of January 2021 is \$25.00 and there will be a drawing on each day of the month. Each day a prize will be given away. The prizes given away will be gift cards, cash, lottery

tickets, and other prizes. The total value of the prizes to be won is \$1295. Winning names will be re-entered into the remaining drawings. If you are interested in purchasing a "January 2021 Lottery Calendar" please contact Christine DePrizio at 617-466-1596 or at c5ds-mom@yahoo.com.

OBITUARIES

Marion McDonough

Longtime Soloist and Moderator at First Congregational Church in Chelsea

Marion F. (MacGinnis) McDonough, a lifelong resident of Chelsea, entered into eternal rest on Thursday morning, November 5 at her Chelsea home. She was 97 years old.

Born in East Boston, the daughter of the late Ray L. and Marion (Armstrong) MacGinnis, Marion attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1941. Marion began her working career at M&M Transportation as a clerical dispatcher in Chelsea and Somerville. She dedicated 30 years of service before taking on her new job at Air Freight Forwarding of Revere. She dedicated 20 more years in service before retiring at the age of 70.

Marion was a long time member of the First Congregational Church in Chelsea. She always attended Church and participated in all of the Church's events throughout the years. She was the Church soloist for 40 years and the moderator of the Church Administrative Board. She will be greatly missed by her family and her Church family on County Road.

The devoted mother of Martin J. McDonough and his wife, Angela of Chelsea and the late Patricia



Bozick, she was the dear sister of Helen Holland of Chelsea, sister-in-law of the late Donald Holland and is also lovingly survived by three grandchildren: Ismael Pena, Asela Pena and Patricia Pena and four great grandchildren: Aylin Pena, Jessica Buenrostro, Ashley Castro and Janelly Buenrostro, all of Chelsea.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Congregational Church in Chelsea on Monday, November 9. Services concluded with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. We encourage family and friends to visit www.carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Elaine Murphy

RMV Retiree

Elaine E. (Cummings) Murphy, a lifelong resident of Chelsea, entered into eternal rest on Saturday evening, November 7 at the Cambridge Health Alliance Hospital in Everett after a brief illness. She passed away one day after her 84th birthday.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the daughter of the late John "Salty" A. Cummings, Sr. and Hilda (Howell), Elaine attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1954.

Elaine was a retired records clerk for the Registry of Motor Vehicles in Boston who dedicated over 22 years of service before retiring in 2001. Elaine was an avid reader. She loved the beach and sunbathing in the warmth of the sun. Her happiest time was her yearly vacation to Hampton Beach with her whole family. Elaine will be greatly missed by her family and all those who loved her.

Elaine was the devoted mother of James W. Murphy and his wife, Barbara of Dunbarton, NH, Karen L. Murphy of Woburn and William G. Murphy and his wife, Ann of Waltham; sister of the late John "Gus" A. Cummings, Jr. She is also survived by her much loved grandchild-



dren, Daniel, Katherine, Ashley, Alyssa, Sean and her great granddaughter, Kylie.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Elaine's visiting hours at the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea today, Thursday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. 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. Funeral Services will follow the visitation in the Funeral Home at 12 Noon. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. We encourage family and friends to visit www.carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Robert F. "Bob" Litwin, 84, a lifelong Peabody resident, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 7 after a short illness.

Born in Salem, a beloved son of the late Frank and Jennie (Weglasz) Litwin, he served in the Army National Guard for nine years and was honorably discharged at the rank Sergeant.

As a young teenager, Bob began working on cars in the 1940's as a member of his father's stock car racing team's pit crew. He was proud to be part of a team helping his father to numerous wins as a NE Stock Car Racing Champion. For his entire adult life, Bob worked as an auto mechanic at his father's shop, Litwin Motor Company in Salem. He became the owner/proprietor there and continued to operate the shop into the mid 80's.

He also succeeded his father becoming the weekly host and disc jockey of the Litwin Polka Variety Show broadcasting from Radio Station WESX for nearly 52 years. The show was started by the elder Mr. Litwin many years earlier and was popular with the polish community in both the Northshore and Southshore regions.

Over the years, Bob befriended many of the polka bands featured on his show. Together with his wife, Judy, they would attend countless polka dances and socials at the PAV in Chelsea and the many various Polish clubs in the area. He was a longtime member of the P.A.V. Post 13 Chelsea.

In addition to his parents, Bob was predeceased by a daughter, Karen Reeves and his only brother, Felix "Joe" Litwin. He was the beloved husband of 35 years to Judy A. (Covino) Litwin



of Peabody, devoted father of Kim Litwin, Kathy Bradley and her partner, Robert Reynolds, Kristine Ksikes, all of Lynn, Kelly LeBlanc and her husband, Corey of Groveland, Kerrie "Missy" Biondi and her husband, Carmine of Lynn and Robert Litwin, Jr. and his wife, Nancy of Swampscott; dear brother-in-law of John and Gail Covino of Londonderry NH, James and Judy Covino of Billerica and Joyce of Winthrop. He is also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to gather at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Saturday, November 14 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church, 670 Washington Ave., Revere at 10 a.m. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing when greeting the family and attending Mass. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Should friends desire, contributions in his memory should be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

Concetta Zingariello

Of Revere, formerly of Italy

Concetta (DeSimone) Zingariello, 77, of Revere passed away on Nov. 4.

Born in Montella Italy on January 29, 1943 to the late Vito DeSimone and Generosa (Cianci), she was the beloved wife of the late Salvatore Zingariello; devoted mother of Carmine Zingariello and his wife, Paula, Cristian Zingariello, and Marco Zingariello and his wife, Crysta; cherished grandmother of Salvatore and Matias and dear sister of Maria DeSimone and Luciana DeSimone, both of Italy and the late Alfonso DeSimone of France, Cristina DeSimone of Italy, and Mario DeSimone of Argentina. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was



celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Revere on Tuesday, November 10. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Concetta's name to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011 or at Alz.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Doreen Ann Burge

June 17, 1960 - November 1, 2020

Doreen Ann Burge, 60, passed away on Sunday, November 1. Doreen has been living courageously with ALS for the past two years at the Leonard Florence Center for Living in Chelsea.

Born and raised in Chelsea, a beloved daughter of John H. Burge of Alabama and the late Joan L. (Dunn) Burge, Doreen attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of '78. As a young lady, she was a cheerleader for Chelsea Pop-Warner, studied dance and participated in countless dance recitals and competitions. She worked as a bookkeeper for various local companies; Kayem, Market Basket and DavEl Limousine. She will be fondly remembered as a loving sister, caring aunt and devoted friend.

She is survived by her father, John H. Burge and his wife, Virginia of Alabama, her sister, Denise Molino and her husband, Gary of Norfolk and her brother John M. Burge and his wife, Patricia of Newton, NH. She was the cherished aunt of John T. Burge and his wife, Na-



tasha of West Newbury, Robert Burge and his wife Allison of Sandown, NH and Janine Molino and her companion, Andrew Chapman of East Greenwich, RI; adored great aunt of Brayden, Bryce, Samuel and Bianca. She is also lovingly survived by her special cousins, Brad and Mary Prenney and her lifelong friends, Shelia and Carl Bruno. She is also survived by additional cousins, friends and extended family members.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett. Should friends desire, contributions in her memory should be directed to; The Leonard Florence Center for Living, 165 Captains Row, Chelsea MA 02150.

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