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Ed Markey re-elected to U.S. Senate

Staff Report

Sen. Ed Markey won impressively in Chelsea on his way to re-election to the U.S. Senate Tuesday.

Markey received 7,947 votes in Chelsea while Republican Kevin O'Connor received 1,736 votes. Markey won the statewide balloting with 66 percent of the vote.

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

Markey was re-elected to a six-year term and will be inaugurated in January. He was first elected as Chelsea's congressman in 1976, succeeding the late Torbert Macdonald.

Markey's victory was aided by the strong support he received locally from Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, School Committee members Marisol Santiago and Roberto Jimenez Rivera, and Chelsea Collaborative Executive Director Gladys Vega.

State Rep. Dan Ryan was unopposed in the election after winning the Democratic Primary versus Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot in September. Ryan represents part of Chelsea and all of Charlestown in the House of Representatives.

Revere Councilor-at-Large Jessica Gi-



Western Front Owners Marvin Gilmore, Dennis Benzan, Tim Flaherty, General Manager Cassandra Leetz and the rest of the employees gather for a photo of the new Western Front cannabis store on Webster Avenue at the Parkway Plaza. The store will open on Nov. 10 and will be the first cannabis store to open in Chelsea.



Luis Castillo and Randy Jones are two Chelsea residents that have been early hires of the new store. They said it has been a great opportunity to learn how to get a new industry off the ground and running.

A Store Story: First marijuana store to open Nov. 10, and it has quite a tale

By Seth Daniel

It seems like an eternity since marijuana was legalized in Massachusetts and people began talking about opening cannabis stores, but now Chelsea – one of the most welcoming communities to the new cannabis industry – will see its first adult-use store open on Nov. 10, yet it's more than the routine story of a "pot shop."

Western Front will hold a short ribbon cutting ceremony on Webster Avenue in the Parkway Plaza at 9

a.m. on Nov. 10, and then become the first marijuana business to open in Chelsea – a highly-competitive municipality for the new industry due to the City's early willingness to help and create clear ground rules for those seeking licenses. Western Front is an equity licensee, meaning they are minority-owned and focused in an Area of Disproportionate Impact (ADI) – meaning a place where the war on drugs hit harder than in other places. Chelsea is one of 29 ADI communities.

The 3,000 sq. ft. store will offer all kinds of cannabis products, including flower/buds, gummies, tinctures, edibles and oils – to name a few – in an extremely highly-regulated and safe environment. A full new buildout of the store was massive, with it being a vacant building for a long time before the partners began work on the venture.

"It was a shell when we first came in," said owner Marvin Gilmore. "There

Broadway bus lane goes into effect as drivers get used to it

By Seth Daniel

The new dedicated bus and bike lane is now fully installed on Broadway, and planners said the initial feedback has been good, while Chelsea Police continue to patrol the district and push the learning curve for drivers.

The new traffic pattern has squeezed down the driving lanes, ended persistent double parking, and brought an entirely new look to the downtown business district.

"We have started operations on the bus and bike lane two weeks ago now," said City Planner Alex Train. "We have most everything done on the project except for some typeface in the lane that needs to be finished in the next few days. We've put in new curbing, the red/white pavement markings, sign installations, and other improvements. There's definitely going to be a period of learning for folks, or they will seek alternate routes to avoid Broadway. When we look at when Everett put in their lane and other cities too, there

was a period of two to four weeks that driver behavior had to change and enforcement had to happen."

Train said Chief Brian Kyes and the Chelsea Police have been doing a great job getting the bus/bike lane off the ground.

Kyes said they have been spending about 12 hours a day, seven days a week, on Broadway over the last two weeks to enforce the rules on the new bus/bike lane. He said the new lane will only be as good as the enforcement to teach people to use Broadway differently than in the past.

"The Police Department is trying to change driver behavior in and around the downtown and to help people get used to staying in one lane," he said. "Broadway has never really been marked and the one lane is very wide. That lent itself to problems. Now there is a much narrower lane and that lends itself to a more expedient flow of traffic."

One key that Kyes said they are looking to really

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Case Study: Public health data show why COVID spread in Chelsea, and amongst whom

By Seth Daniel

A new study of public health data for 3,302 COVID-19 cases in Chelsea from March 9 to Aug. 3 shows that one of the major reasons for the lightning-quick spread of the disease was the long period of time between when people first noticed symptoms and they finally

got tested – as well as more than 30 percent of the positive cases being asymptomatic.

Those two things were found to create a cauldron for the spread of COVID in Chelsea, making it one of the hottest hot-spots on the East Coast in the spring. When combined with other factors in Chelsea, like lots of old folks

homes and many essential workers wary to lose their jobs to a COVID test, it was the perfect storm.

Cristina Alonso, a public health doctoral student at Harvard's T.F. Chan School to Public Health, hit the ground in Chelsea during the height of the surge to help in whatever way possible with the state's Academic Public Health Volunteer Corps. Though she loaded food boxes at the Collaborative and set up programs for the City, she also began a study of Chelsea's COVID-19 cases, and released her initial report to the City late last week.

One of the major findings in the report is that people – for all numbers of reasons, likely – waiting sometimes seven days between the first symptoms and getting a test. That was particularly true in the Hispanic community and allowed the spread

to move fast.

"The time people were taking between symptoms and being tested was pretty long," she said. "If there's one thing that I hope is learned from this report, it's do not wait to get tested. If you ask the question of what happened in Chelsea, I would say one thing that happened is this time that people took between symptoms and testing. If you can imagine people walking around for a week and how many people were in contact with each other and how many people it put at risk. That's a big thing that happened."

Testing during that initial surge certainly wasn't plentiful or quick, but the analysis showed it took on average about one day to get the test back during the study period, many times less than a day. However, it took most people several

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COLD LUNCH



Last Friday was an unexpected jolt of snow to the region as Chelsea logged about five inches of snow in a surprising storm that brought a rare blast of winter before Halloween. The unexpected snow, however, didn't stop the dedicated School Lunch team from being in their stations on Friday. Here, they are pictured handing out lunches to students in the sudden snow.

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Due to the Veteran's Day Holiday on Nov. 11, trash will be delayed by one day.

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Encore casino analyzing changes under new state closures, will close gaming floor at 9 p.m.

By Seth Daniel

The impact to the workforce at the Encore Boston Harbor casino is still being analyzed after the major rollback of hours by Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday due to escalating case numbers statewide – a rollback that will take effect on Friday and is still an uncertainty as to how it will affect the casino and other businesses in Everett.

On Monday, Gov. Baker put a new stay-at-home curfew statewide from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., calling on businesses of many types to close by 9:30 p.m. to in-person services, including restaurants that are already hurting and the casino which had just gotten some gains in bringing back the Roulette game to its offerings.

The governor cited that cases are up statewide 278 percent since Labor Day, and hospitalizations are up 145 percent in the same time period.

“These measures are meant to disrupt rising trends now, so the Commonwealth can keep the economy and schools open for residents and to prevent the need to roll back to Phase I or Phase II of the reopening plan,” he said in a press conference on Monday afternoon.

All orders and advisories will be effective Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:01 a.m.

Encore Spokesperson Rosie Salisbury said they will analyze the business demand under the new regulations, but they fully support the governor’s new regulations.

“We’re still analyzing the impact to our operations and making adjustments accordingly,” said Salisbury. “We need to better understand what the business demand will be under this new operating model. Encore Boston Harbor supports and will adhere to the additional directives put forth by the

Commonwealth aimed to reduce the ongoing risk to public health. As a result, the resort will adjust its operating hours to be in compliance with new regulations.”

The new casino operating hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week, beginning Friday, Nov. 6.

In addition, all hotel reservations at Encore Boston Harbor have been cancelled through Dec. 15. Wynn Resorts has a quarterly earnings call on Thursday, Nov. 5, and the matter is likely to come up during that call.

The early closure of businesses comes at a time when many restaurants and licensed establishments – such as bar and grill setups with alcohol sales – had been struggling with an 11 p.m. closing time across the board. Now, with a 9:30 p.m. closing time, many will struggle to keep the doors open.

The specifics of the business closures are as follows:

Effective Nov. 6, the following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. A full list can be access at the state’s website.

*Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 p.m., although take-out and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages, but not alcohol)

*Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m. (but may continue to sell other products)

*Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 p.m. (not including medical marijuana)

*Indoor & outdoor events

*Theaters/movie theaters (including drive-in movie theaters), and performance venues (indoor and outdoor)

*Youth and adult ama-

teur sports activities

*Golf facilities

*Recreational boating and boating businesses

*Outdoor recreational experiences

*Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities

*Driving and flight schools

*Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers

*Close contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)

*Gyms, Fitness Centers and Health Clubs

*Indoor and outdoor pools

*Museums/cultural & historical facilities/guided tours

Gov. Baker’s announcement on Monday also included an updated face covering mandate in public places, and a reduction for gatherings – which have been a prime area for spreading COVID-19 this fall.

The new gatherings order reduces the gathering size limit for gatherings at private residences: indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people. The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues (e.g. wedding venues) remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 p.m.

The new gatherings order also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to co-operate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

One Chelsea Fund begins to wrap up operations after critical help during surge

By Seth Daniel

The One Chelsea Fund was one of the hallmark helping hands of the COVID-19 pandemic surge as the community got hit fast and hard with sickness and job loss – with nowhere to turn in many cases.

The saving grace for many to keep afloat was the One Chelsea Fund that was sponsored by the United Way and administered by GreenRoots, TND and the Chelsea Collaborative. Thousands of applicants were able to get \$250 checks with no strings attached after the application process to help keep their families in stock with the essentials during one of the worst times in Chelsea’s modern history (which is saying a lot!).

“All of the donations went dollar to dollar to Chelsea residents at the beginning of COVID-19,” said Roseann Bongiovanni of GreenRoots. “None of the three organizations took any fees to administer it. The donations really came in and we were able to raise \$1.3 million for Chelsea families. We had thousands of applications from the community.”

The organizations worked out the kinks on the fly, applied analytics to the process and made the application easier to fill out. It was an extensive amount of work behind the scenes, and GreenRoots actually brought on former ECO Youth member Adela Gonzalez to administer the program there with other volunteers.

“Long story short,

GreenRoots distributed 1,700 checks and each of the other organizations distributed about 2,000 checks also,” she said. “Donations came from all over the place. When we finally saw the donor list, the donations had come in from all over the country. It was thousands upon thousands of people. It wasn’t like one big company donating a ton. It was \$25, \$5, or \$50. Most of the funds came from small, individual donors.”

The application process closed on June 30, and those that were remaining on the list were funded. On Sept. 4, they opened the Fund again for Phase 2 to concentrate on housing.

Now, Bongiovanni said, the three organizations are preparing to close down the One Chelsea Fund and transition it to another emergency organization that will work on emergency housing needs as many expect a huge uptick in evictions in Chelsea.

The remaining proceeds in the Fund will be transferred to the organization – which will be officially announced shortly – to continue the work.

And so will come the close of an interesting chapter of human services history in the city.

“It worked great and a lot of people were helped,” said Bongiovanni.

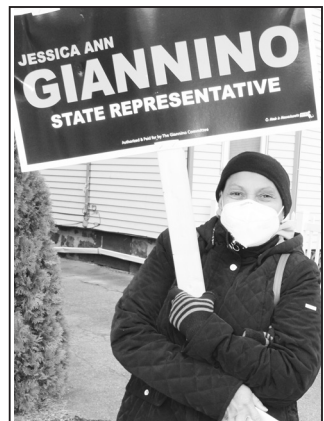
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annino was elected State Representative in the Sixteenth Suffolk District that includes parts of Chelsea, Revere, and Saugus. Giannino will succeed State Rep. RoseLee Vincent who decided to not seek re-election. State Sen. Sal DiDomenico was unopposed in his bid for re-election.

Chelsea voters favored former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris over President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence in the Presidential Election.

Biden and Harris received 7,953 votes while Trump and Pence received 2,146 votes.

Interestingly, Mike Wall was re-elected as Chelsea’s representative on the Northeast Regional School Committee. Wall, 73, has served for 37 years on the Committee that oversees the vocational high school in Wakefield. Prior to serving on the Regional School Committee, Wall was a member of the Chelsea School Committee for four years.



Marcy Smith-Harrison shows her support for State Rep.-Elect Jessica Giannino outside the polls on Sagamore Avenue.

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was nothing here...We made it first-class and I think you can see that.”

Indeed the store is now a first-class operation with plenty of natural light, ample space and numerous kiosks for choosing and purchasing products. There is also a teaching and learning component of the operation on the other side of the store that will focus on educating people about marijuana and helping aspiring entrepreneurs to learn how to start their own stores.

Yet one of the most interesting things about the store is not the once-illegal, now legal, sale of marijuana to those over 21 years of age. Rather, the real story comes in the ownership – particularly Gilmore.

The owners are all three Cambridge residents, including Gilmore, Dennis Benzan and Attorney Tim Flaherty. The three Cantabrigians have been long-time friends, with Gilmore being a mentor to both for a long time.

Gilmore is a World War II veteran with a rich life story, and a life that hasn’t slowed down with age – fueled by a desire to always continue helping disadvantaged folks who might need a leg up.

There are a few reasons for that, he said, and getting into the marijuana industry as an equity applicant followed the same trajectory as when he couldn’t get a veterans home loan – and thus founded United Bank, now OneUnited - the largest black-owned bank in the United States.

Gilmore’s grandparents were born into slavery in Alabama, and he also served with distinction in World War II. Both are defining moments for him.

“My grandmother was born into slavery and lived to be 107,” he said. “My parents had come up from Alabama to Cleveland and then to Boston. They sent me down to Alabama to learn and understand how we had been treated in the past. That inspired me to work for people and to work to make change and I’ve been doing that all my life. When this opportunity came, I knew Chelsea and where it had been in the old days. We put together a team and it has gone great...This is a very,

very underprivileged and poor community. If we can bring this concept to Chelsea and get this store to take off and put people to work – it’s a great idea.”

Gilmore also served in World War II, and because he was black, he was not able to get on the airplane to come home with the white soldiers. He had to find another way home, as the white soldiers wouldn’t ride with him.

“My beginning fighting prejudice came in the army because we had two armies in World War II – the white army and the black army,” he said. “I wanted to see if I could challenge that. I wanted to change it.”

Meanwhile, once home, as a veteran he was entitled to a home loan, but they wouldn’t grant it to him – which pushed him to found the OneUnited Bank.

He currently serves on the Board of the Boston Redevelopment Authority’s EDIC, he’s an accomplished musician that graduated from the New England Conservatory (playing the Vibes), started the successful Cambridge nightclub Western Front, and even traveled to the Deep South with Celtic legend Bill Russell during the Civil Rights Era to “make change.”

Gilmore, who said he doesn’t smoke cannabis, said all of his life has been an “uphill battle,” and helping others get a leg up in any business – including cannabis – meshed with his long business and philanthropic career.

Benzan, the first Latino vice mayor of Cambridge and one of the only Latino liquor license holders there, said they are a team of firsts. He said he was impressed by the legislation that brought cannabis to Massachusetts – as it put a priority on minority communities, people that had been arrested disproportionately in the War on Drugs and sought to use the new industry as a way to create wealth for those that had been affected.

“Western Front and the cannabis industry was another opportunity to be first,” he said. “We have investors that reflected the minority community really like no other cannabis company in Massachusetts. We’re doing every-

thing possible to provide opportunities for young people of color, whether Latino, African American or others. Truthfully, that’s why I’m in this and for no other reasons.”

Benzan said that’s reflected in the workforce at the store, which features many people of color and those who simply need a leg up.

“When I first came in and saw the numbers of black and brown faces, I have to say I had a little bit of emotion,” he said. “We’re going through an incredibly difficult economic pandemic, and that’s being felt mainly in the communities of color.”

General Manager Cassandra Leetz, who lives on Suffolk Street, said she is one example of a Latina who has found great opportunity in the cannabis industry. Her mother came from Costa Rica and she grew up in New York. She joined the Navy and was deployed worldwide as an intelligence specialist. However, after discharged, she said she struggled to find opportunities. Employers didn’t understand her skill set or didn’t believe she had such skills, and she often found herself underemployed. That went on for many years, until Western Front took a chance on her.

“They could have brought in a cannabis industry professional from outside the state to run this, but they picked me,” she said. “It’s been an honor to do this and I’m very proud to take my experience and be able to work with the people in Chelsea and the people we’ve hired.”

Flaherty said they have truly enjoyed working the past three years with the City of Chelsea, and that everyone from the City Solicitor to the Planning Board to the Police Department has been professional and helpful. He said he felt like their company – which is looking to expand already to Cambridge and a third, undisclosed location – embodied what an economic empowerment applicant should be.

“From our investors to our staff, we have assembled what I think the state envisioned for economic empowerment candidates,” he said. “It’s exceptional.”

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days to get tested.

For Hispanic members of the community, the average time between a symptom and a test result was 7.7 days. It was 7.5 days for white residents, 4.9 days for Black/African Americans and 4.3 days for Asian residents.

“One thing that’s important is we don’t use this to place blame on individuals for not getting tested,” she said. “We have to look in Chelsea and remember people here are essential workers and can get replaced on the job. At this time, people in Chelsea were worried about getting a test and being positive and having to go home and then they lose their jobs. They may have been the only person at the time that was bringing home a paycheck. If COVID can cost you your job, it can be stigmatizing and not something someone wanted to know.”

She said one lesson learned is that people need to be tested at all times – as has been recently suggested by state officials – and not just to wait for symptoms. That was because of the second prong of her report, which showed that of the confirmed cases in the time period, 35 percent of people had no symptoms, while 65 percent had one or more symptoms. That meant many people were positive and had no idea.

“One third didn’t have symptoms and people are taking a week to get tested,” she said. “That really speaks to how the epidemic can fly through a community. You have all these people walking around without symptoms and thinking they don’t have it.”

Another interesting find was the people who got the virus.

While essential workers were identified as those who fared the worst in getting the virus, the study found that by and large retired persons were

the ones that suffered from COVID-19 more than any others.

Of the cases studied, 35 percent came from retired persons, while 19 percent were from essential workers.

Indeed, the prevalence to get COVID-19 in Chelsea during the surge was greatest in the retired community and the Hispanic essential worker community, Alonso found.

Interestingly, non-essential workers in Chelsea were not that far behind essential workers in the cases studied. They account for 13 percent of cases, which was only 6 percent behind essential workers.

The retired numbers in Chelsea signify the large numbers of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and it’s something that she said has to be in context with changes made after the initial surge.

“You’re going to get clusters that show up at assisted living and old folks homes, which is the story of COVID in Massachusetts,” she said. “That’s where the epidemic first hit in Massachusetts and where we got the whiplash...Also because they are vulnerable, they got COVID, they got sick, they went to the hospital and they died. Assisted living and old folks homes are taking it very seriously now. They get tested every day and PPE is plentiful. The data has probably changed now and the numbers would probably look different if I were to look at them for August to December.

A sobering finding in the study is those with co-morbidities – like asthma, cardiac disease, diabetes or hypertension had a much more likely chance to die if they got COVID in Chelsea.

She said the risk of dying if you smoke is about 111 times higher than if you don’t smoke – using

that as a measuring stick. For those who have Cardiac Disease, COPD or hypertension, the risk of dying of COVID in Chelsea was higher than a smoker.

Having cardiac disease with COVID made it 132 times more likely that you would die, COPD 131 times and hypertension 116 times.

“Basically, your risk of dying of COVID if you have heart disease conditions is higher than that of a smoker,” she said.

That, she said, is a painful reminder to younger family member who – as is often the case in Chelsea – live in a multi-generational home with grandparents or older relatives.

“Taking a step back, you might be young and in your 20s, but you have to really be thinking about other people in your family if they have these three diseases,” she said. “If your mother, father, grandma or other relative has these three diseases and you give them COVID, it’s not going to go well.”

The final plea by Alonso is that municipalities like Chelsea need to invest in public health data experts like herself, perhaps with the help of state and local funding. When the pandemic hit, the Board of Health was in place, but not up to studying and making key decisions about a global pandemic’s effects on the community. Had there been immediate data analysis in many communities at the Health Department level, things she found in the report could have been found earlier – leading to informed decisions about how to avoid COVID.

“You can’t wait until six months into the pandemic to analyze the data,” she said. “We’ve been waiting for the world to look at us for years in public health, so now is our time to shine.”

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES



The Chelsea High Buildings and Grounds Crew, along with CHS staff, honored CHS Custodian Francisco Pena, who passed away in September, by planting a tree in his honor. His family said a few words about the humble, kind, and generous man during the ceremony last week. The tree will bloom by next Spring and be just as beautiful as Francisco’s heart, school officials stated.

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Newsweek published its inaugural bank rankings in September in partnership with LendingTree, an online loan marketplace and comparison site for financial services. The rankings were based on a subjective assessment of checking and savings accounts as well as digital banking tools from more than 2,500 FDIC-insured institutions.

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get known is there will be no more double parking on the bus/bike lane. That has been a problem for years, and Kyes said he will be glad to get rid of that habit.

“We have to eliminate the double parking, which

to me has been a significant problem for years and years,” he said. “Residents and stakeholders have been great. It will take some time to adjust, but we’ll bring it out.”

The Chief said he has been a strong proponent

of a different configuration of Broadway for a long time. He supported two-way Broadway a few years ago, and while that didn’t survive public discourse, he feels this is another good option to organize Broadway better.

As part of the new bus/bike lane downtown, Train said Northeastern University will be studying the air quality on the lane. They have already gathered readings for some time before the lane began operations. Now, they will continue to do so after operations have been in place for a while.

Funding for the bus/bike lane project came from the MBTA and the MassDOT Shared Spaces grant program.

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THERE WAS ONLY ONE “BOND....JAMES BOND”

The passing last weekend of Sean Connery, who became known to everyone throughout the world for his role as James Bond in the 1960s films, was a sad event for all of us who grew up mesmerized by his performances.

Although many other actors have played the role over the years in the subsequent Bond movies, none came even close to epitomizing the charm, strength, and sense of humor that Connery brought to the role. (We have enjoyed the most recent Bond films starring Daniel Craig, though his Bond is of an entirely different sort than Connery’s.)

Sean Connery’s performances in those iconic films have stood the test of time. They are every bit as much fun and enjoyable to watch, no matter how many times we see them, principally because of Sean Connery.

Beyond his Bond roles, Connery starred in countless other outstanding films over the next 40 years and earned an Academy Award. Off-camera he also was a larger-than-life figure. He was well-respected and beloved among his peers and was an outstanding professional actor in every sense of the word.

He overcame his hard-scrabble background as a youth growing up in Scotland through hard work and determination and never forgot where he came from.

Although he was named People Magazine’s Sexiest Man Alive -- at the age of 59 -- his off-screen persona was hardly the raconteur he portrayed as Bond. Sean Connery was married to the same woman (his second wife) for 45 years, quite a feat in the movie business.

We came across a quote from his wife, Micheline Roquebrune, which in our view epitomizes the ideal that all men -- real men -- should strive for:

“He was a model of a man,” she said.

Her words bring to mind the lines of Marc Antony from Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar when Antony eulogizes Caesar:

His life was gentle, and the elements

So mixed in him that Nature might stand up

And say to all the world, “This was a man.”

Sean Connery brought fun and joy to hundreds of millions of people for generations.

May he rest in peace.

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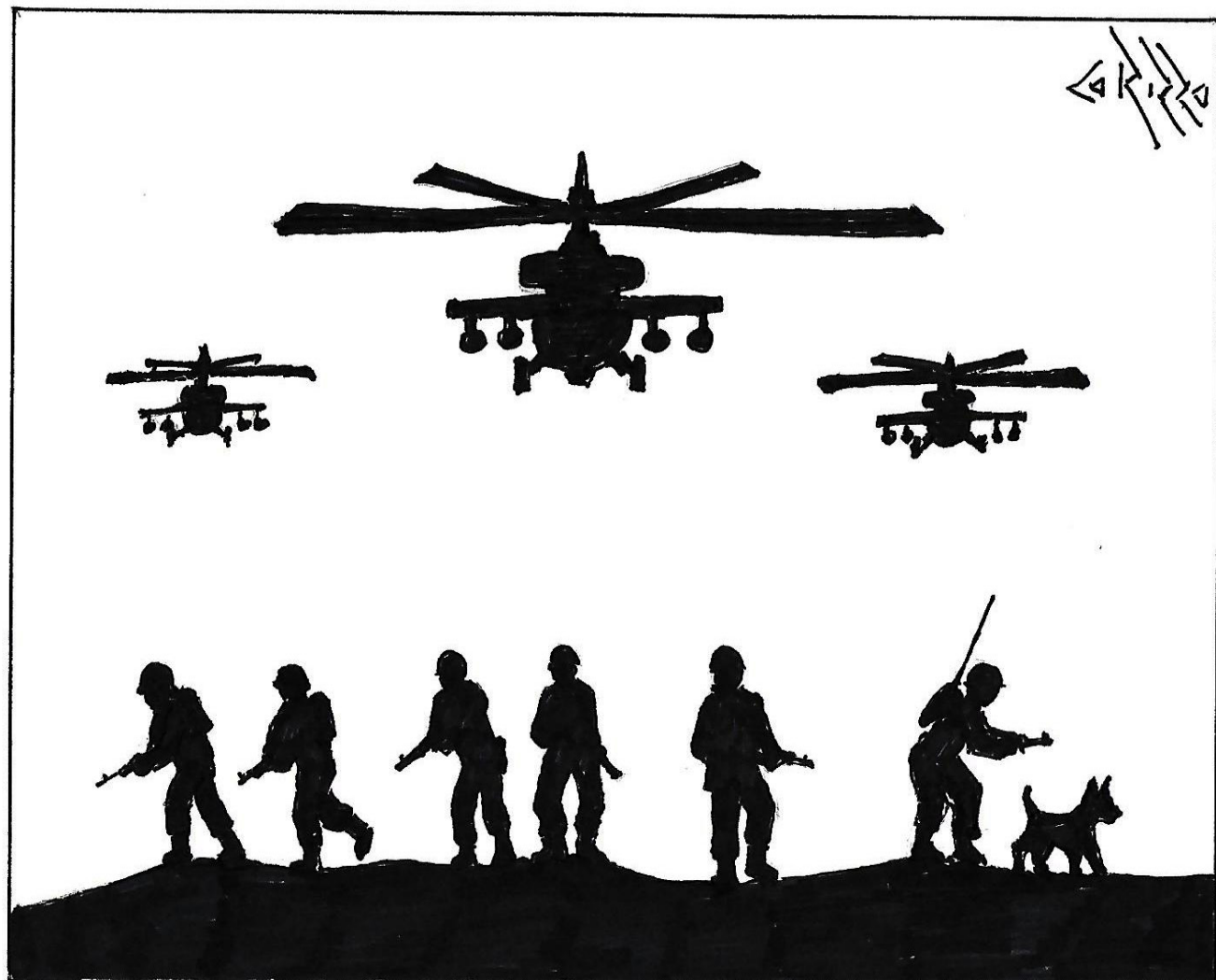
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The sun is shining

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Sun is shining today and will rise tomorrow. For more years than we know the Sun has followed this same pattern.

The rising Sun is a good pattern for all of us. We know each day we can count on the Sun. Some days the Sun is hidden by clouds but it’s there. Too often we forget to notice the Sun. Often it feels too hot or we wish it would warm up. We are never completely satisfied with the job the Sun does. Too hot, not hot enough. Too bright. Through all of our life’s discontents with the Sun’s performance, the Sun keeps performing. Throughout my lifetime I don’t know of a day that the Sun has let me down. It just keeps on glowing regardless of the day or world events.

I remember the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. His death was one of the darkest days I can remember as a child but the Sun never ceased to shine.

When Americans came home from Vietnam in boxes and thousands of funerals were held around the country, we mourned but the Sun kept shining.

I’ve buried a wife and a baby and it seems like looking back that for a period of time I doubt that I even noticed the Sun was shining. Often life’s traumas block the Sun from our eyes even if we are staring right into its rays.

Millions of Americans are unhappy with the election, and some aspects of American life. We don’t like Covid-19, unemployment nor the unrest that is all over our country. We

sadly have become alienated from good people who have different opinions than we do and this is tragic.

Today we need to look for the Sun. The Sun is not political. The Sun shines on the Democrats and the Republicans. The Sun shines on sinners and the righteous. The Sun takes care of the planet providing our warmth, growth and our very lives. We take the Sun for granted. So often we don’t even pay attention to all the Sun does and provides. However, we need the Sun. We do hear about the importance of clean water and air but are you grateful for the good air and water that you do have?

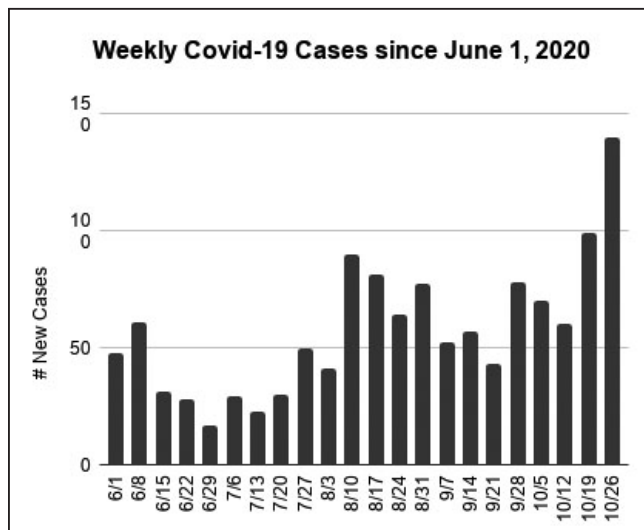
Take time to notice the Sun today. A clear day or a cloudy day will find the Sun shining. Another day

of life means another day to enjoy all that God has created and made. I’ve never known a day of life without the Sun. I’ve never known a day that I couldn’t find good people with whom to talk. I’ve never experienced a day that I didn’t feel there were people to love and people who cared about me.

God has provided the Sun and as long as our creator wants it to shine it’s going to shine. Today, let the Sun shine on you.

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NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL



COVID CASE UPDATE

There has been a surge in cases between Oct. 20 and 26, building on a series of increases over the past several weeks. There were 140 confirmed cases in that 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.

This past Monday there were only nine cases reported, but Tuesdays saw 23 new cases reported. Numbers are getting alarmingly high, officials said.

VETERANS DAY

The City of Chelsea will have an online Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. on Facebook Live. It will be rebroadcast at 7 p.m. on Chelsea Cable channel 3.

ARTS AND CULTURE MEETING

The City of Chelsea is planning for the future of arts and culture. The City is asking for input and want to hear from residents. Please join in on an online Community Meeting on November 18, 7-8 p.m. Sign up: bit.ly/nov-18meeting

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

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 for initial inquiries and to schedule an appointment. The call center pandemic hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-noon

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

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Chelsea Dunkin Goes High Tech

Newly remodeled store a sight to behold

By Cary Shuman

Renee Caso-Griffin and William Caso II have a treat in store for all customers who enter their Dunkin store at 83 Everett Avenue.

No, it's not the world's greatest coffee that has made Dunkin a New England institution, not the delicious doughnuts or the innumerable other pastries.

It's the entire store itself. Renee Caso-Griffin, franchisee, and her brother, William Caso II, general manager, have opened a brand-new Next-Gen Dunkin store.

"This is the first Next-Gen Dunkin store in the City of Chelsea," proudly stated Renee, a well-known community leader and member of the Kiwanis and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

The Caso family invested \$500,000 to completely remodel its popular store that has been a magnet for all on their way to work in the area.

"The interior, exterior, parking lot – everything is new," said Renee. "We have a brand-new digital menu board, a new Tap System and Nitro Brew."

What is Nitro Brew? "It is cold brew coffee with carbonation," explained Renee.

They were here before the rebuilding of Everett Avenue

The Caso family, including Renee and William's parents, William Caso and Dianne Caso, have owned and operated a Dunkin store on Everett Avenue since 1986. The store was originally a Mr. Donut

shop before becoming part of the legendary Dunkin family in 1991. Bill Caso had previously owned a Dunkin store in Medford before looking toward Chelsea.

"Our family saw Chelsea's resurgence and wanted to be a part of it," said Renee. "We were here when there was a Mystic Mall, before Market Basket opened."

The business has grown steadily and become a landmark on Everett Avenue. Teachers at nearby Chelsea High and the Williams School and employees at the MITC building are regular visitors to the Dunkin store and its drive-thru service lane.

But in the midst of a pandemic, the store is not as busy as it usually was. "We're feeling the effects," said Renee.

Renee has stepped up her marketing efforts to promote her beautiful, new

store, trying to push business to return.

"We had a soft opening on Oct. 27 and this is our first full week," said Renee. "We'll be having a ribbon-cutting on Nov. 24."

"I look forward to attending the ceremony and personally congratulating Renee and William and their family on their spectacular new store," said Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, who spent his childhood years in the former Ward 2 area.

Close to 40 employees work at the store in various capacities.

Patricia Oliveira has been the store manager since 2008.

"There have been some

challenges lately, but it's very nice to be a manager and work for the Caso family," said Patricia. "I still can't believe how great the new store looks. It's so beautiful and amazing. In the morning when I walk into the store, it feels so good to be here now at the store. I know our customers will love the new Nitro Brew and our new hot coffee flavor, Colombian."

Helping out Chelsea

Renee Caso-Griffin has been involved in the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army, North Suffolk Mental Health, Chelsea Kiwanis Club, and the Taste of Chelsea, an annual event that has raised tens of thousands of dollars for HarborCOV.

Right now she's focused on her position as franchisee of the new Dunkin store.

"We're just looking forward to the pandemic being over and everything returning to normal," said Renee.

After all, Chelsea runs on Dunkin.



Dunkin Franchisee Renee Caso-Griffin and store manager Patricia Oliveira.



Carlos Osorio, Melissa Arenas, and Connie Watus standing in front of the Tap Station.



Dunkin Franchisee Renee Caso-Griffin and general manager William Caso II inside their newly remodeled store at 83 Everett Ave.



Joan Morabito, Sully Rios, Kulwont Kaur, Patricia Oliveira, Paula Gonzalez, Gina Maccioli, and Victoria Shaw.



Sully Rios and Johnny Alvarez.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chelsea Curves construction look-ahead through Nov. 14

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

•**ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND:** Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the right lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.) After the 4th Street off ramp, the Northbound lanes are split with a work zone in the middle. Traffic can travel in either side of the work zone.

•**ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND:** Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone begins in the right lane at the Carter Street off-ramp and continues through to the Tobin. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open

during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)

GRANT BENNETT PARKING LOT CLOSURE

•On Saturday, 11/7 through Sunday, 11/8, the Grant Bennett Memorial Parking Lot will be closed to allow work on the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves rehabilitation to continue.

•Those looking for parking can use the La Escuela Williams (John A. Browne Middle School) parking lot during the days and time listed above.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•**FIFTH STREET** will experience a temporary overnight closure on Thursday, 11/5 and Friday

11/6 (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.).

•**ARLINGTON STREET** will be temporarily closed on Friday 11/6 during the day (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.). Arlington Street will also experience a temporary day closure on Thursday 11/5 (7 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). There will also be an overnight closure for Arlington Street on Thursday 11/05 (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.)

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m. – 1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF

SCHEDULED WORK

•**ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND:** Bridge deck and gutter repairs continue in the left lane over the Tobin Bridge. We will continue to remove bridge deck and install new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.

•**ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND:** Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

•**UNDERNEATH ROUTE 1:** Repairing and painting of steel, milling, waterproofing, and repairing deck, installation and bolting of diaphragm, installation of seal joints, curb, guardrail, grid deck panels, curb, driveway, wheelchair, traffic islands, protection fence, ramps and new bearings.

For more information about the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project, please visit the project website.

TRAVEL TIPS

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

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A Vision Came True

Johnson, DeFillipo honored for Chelsea Reads program

By Cary Shuman

Who better to tell the story about “Chelsea Reads” than the co-founder of the event herself, Margo Johnson?

“Back in the year 2005, a colleague and I had a vision to create a safe haven at the Chelsea Library for our neighbors moving into the City of Chelsea and decided to start a program called ‘Chelsea Reads,’” said Johnson.

So Johnson, part of the MGH Reach and Read Program, and Donna DeFillippo of Raising A Reader, began “our journey, collaborating and creating a happy and safe environment for children and parents to learn what the Library can do, have fun while doing it, and to educate and introduce all of our wonderful staff and City Management.”

Each year “Chelsea Reads” is scheduled during the month of November in conjunction with National Family Literacy Month.

This year’s celebration of reading has begun and CPL Library Director Sarah Gay Jackson has announced that “Chelsea Reads” will honor the dedication and com-

mitment to the event by co-founders Johnson and DeFillipo.

While the event is held every year inside the library, due to COVID-19, this year’s event has gone virtual and will be held throughout the entire the month of November. The Library is hosting online events, virtual activities, at home crafts, and no-contact programs like a StoryWalk and scavenger hunt.

Growing from 100 To 1,000 guests

The dynamic duo of Johnson and DeFillippo were hoping to have small-scale celebration of reading when they started “Chelsea Reads” 15 years ago. It grew quickly to become one of Chelsea schoolchildren’s most anticipated events of the school year.

Each year Chelsea Reads has welcomed “Celebrity Readers” such as former Supt. of Schools Dr. Mary Bourque, former City Manager Jay Ash, Police Chief Brian Kyes, Sgt. David Flibotte, Officer Sammy Mojica, former State Rep. Eugene O’Flaherty, Councilors-at-Large Leo Robinson and Roy Avellaneda,

and current City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

Another highlight at Chelsea Reads has been the appearances of cartoon characters in costume and interactive educational games at various stations throughout the library. The Museum of Science table was always an exciting attraction.

But the piece de resistance of Chelsea Reads may be the free bags of books and the souvenir bookbags themselves that are given to each and every child who participates in the event.

Little wonder that the event grew quickly from 100 visitors in the first couple of years to a turnout of close to 1,000, spread out over two floors of the library.

Johnson said at the outset she approached Chelsea business owners for their support and they agreed about the importance of the event’s mission.

“I’m so proud to be a part of this event,” said Johnson, who is one of Chelsea and Revere’s most unsung community organizers.

This year’s theme

Amanda Arsenault is a



Looking forward to the “Chelsea Reads” celebration and National Family Literacy Month are (front row) CPL Children’s Librarian Katherine Palencia and event co-founder Donna DeFillipo; and back row, event co-founder Margo Johnson, Library Assistant Amanda Arsenault, and Library Director Sarah Gay Jackson.

graduate of Chelsea High School where she took four years of Latin. After graduating from UMass Boston where she wrote for the college newspaper, The Beacon, and graduating with a degree in English, Arsenault now works as a library assistant at the CPL.

Arsenault said “Chelsea Reads” will have four themes over the course of four weeks: storytelling and the importance of reading; multilingual and multicultural events such as hieroglyphics program; dance and movement that encourage children to get

up and move, also featuring a performance by Off Broadway Dance Studio; and health, cooking, and togetherness.

Praise from Director Jackson

Sarah Gay Jackson became part of the Chelsea Reads organizing committee about a decade ago. Jackson has been instrumental in the resurgence in popularity of the CPL, joining her predecessors, former CPL directors Nicholas Minidakis and Robert Collins, as revered leaders of the historic library located diagonally across the street from

Chelsea City Hall.

Jackson, who became Library Director in 2015, made a decision to honor Margo Johnson and Donna DeFillippo for not only founding the event but their continuing commitment to the children of Chelsea.

“We’re very grateful to them and we’re pleased to recognize these outstanding members of our community,” said Jackson.

(Information and the title from Margo Johnson’s personal essay and “Chelsea Reads” promotional materials were used in the compilation of this story).

6 FEET TRICK-OR-TREAT

By Marianne Salza

Chelsea’s Recreational & Cultural Affairs Division presented its Sixteenth Annual Halloween Celebration, 6 Feet Trick-or-Treat, on October 31, on the outdoor grounds of the Williams School Building. Volunteers from Boston University, the

Chelsea Cultural Council, Chelsea Public Library, and City Hall staff provided a free, socially distant alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating. Some 80 families, with children between the ages of three-10, safely picked up goodie bags filled with can



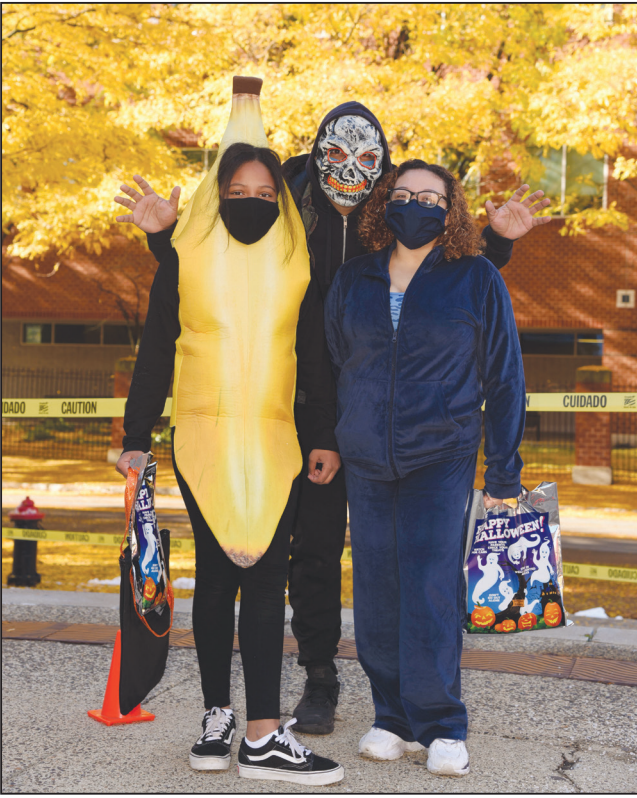
Kellsie Rinaldi, as cosplay character, Ibuki Mioda



Yariel Romero, as Black Panther



Dead cheerleader, Jayanna Newson, eight-years-old, jumping in front of the inflatable haunted house



Alyvia and Pedro Fontes, and Sasha Lugo



Max Alvarez, as a LEGO ninja



Sisters, Daniella, Isela, and Leslie



Skeleton, Christian Gutierrez, and his mother, Ana.

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Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Announces STEM Grants for Chelsea School District

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) announced two separate STEM equipment and teacher professional development grants for Chelsea and Randolph public schools.

The more than \$330,000 in funding, which will serve 3,500-plus students, supports the purchase of necessary lab equipment and supplies, as well as state-of-the-art tools and technology to better train and prepare students for life sciences careers, while also enabling teachers from multiple schools to participate in professional development opportunities. Chelsea Public Schools is receiving \$194,237 (\$100,537 for equipment and supplies and \$93,700 for professional development).

“Our Administration is committed to strengthening and expanding pathways for students to experience STEM in schools across Massachu-

setts,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “With a focus on educational equity in life sciences instruction and training, this funding will unlock new opportunities for Massachusetts students to see themselves in a STEM-focused career.”

Both school districts will use the grant funding to implement new curriculum provided by the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education (MassBioEd) Foundation. MassBioEd’s Aligned Curricular and Career Experiences in Secondary Science (ACCESS) program seeks to create a strong foundation of scientific learning and thinking that improves MCAS performance, engages students in critical thinking, develops problem-solving skills, and provides career awareness.

The Chelsea Public Schools grant will support four schools, Chelsea High School and all three

Chelsea middle schools, with equipment, utilized by approximately 2,271 students annually, and professional development for 27 teachers. Grant funds will also fund augmented reality equipment for students to engage in more complex or invisible phenomena through partially or fully immersive experiences. The expected outcome from receiving the grant will be more robust curriculum units that incorporate hands-on, authentic learning experiences that will support students to understand phenomena in the natural world.

“We are very excited to be able to offer our students a deeper learning experience in the life sciences,” said Chelsea Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta. “With the grant from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center we will be able to provide students with meaningful hands-

on and augmented reality labs which will help to set the foundation for many of them to enter the life sciences workforce in the years to come.”

“The Mass Life Sciences Center’s grant to the Chelsea Public Schools is great news for the district, and will avail our middle and high school students to a wider, more hands-on, and up-to-date STEM curriculum,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “The continued partnership our school districts have with the Life Sciences Center helps to inspire interest and passion for STEM among our students and further supports the professional development of our STEM faculty.”

“Thank you to the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center for awarding Chelsea Public Schools these grants totaling nearly \$200,000 for equipment and professional development in STEM,” said Representative RoseLee

Vincent (D-Revere). “Providing these expanded educational opportunities to students in middle school will help to spark and foster an interest in STEM in our students and could place them onto the path for a bright and successful future in the STEM field.”

“I want to thank the Mass Life Sciences Center for their investment in the young people of Chelsea,” said State Representative Dan Ryan. “These grants will go a long way in advancing STEM learning and student opportunities in Chelsea so our students will have the tools and skills to compete in a leading Massachusetts industry if they choose to do so.”

“We are grateful to the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center for providing this grant to Chelsea’s schools,” said Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino. “Investments in equipment and teachers’ professional development

for our STEM programming will help ensure our schools better serve students as they prepare for careers in life sciences and beyond.”

The MLSC has now invested more than \$17.8 million in equipment and professional development funding in nearly 200 high schools, middle schools, and organizations throughout Massachusetts, and has leveraged more than \$1 million in cash and in-kind matching funds from industry partners. MLSC funding has served schools in 13 of the 14 Massachusetts counties and 25 of the 26 Gateway Cities. Moreover, more than half of students attending eligible schools have gained access to new equipment and nearly 30 percent of all Massachusetts public school students attend a school that has received an MLSC grant.

Comprehensive measures to further promote diversity in state contracting announced

The Baker-Polito Administration announced a series of measures to continue ongoing efforts to ensure equal opportunity and increase access for diverse companies in state contracting. As part of today’s announcement, the Administration is filing legislation entitled, “An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting.” The bill would establish the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) as a separate state agency with tools and resources to ensure accountability and compliance with diversity goals, oversee agency diversity spending, and audit and review spending data.

The Administration also announced it will implement several other improvements in the supplier diversity space. These include a more active role for the SDO in engaging diverse and small businesses in public procurements, expanded reporting for spending between state contractors and their diverse business partners, the publication of minority-business-enterprise spending by race and ethnicity, the expansion of the Small Business Purchasing Program, increased bid evaluation percentages for certain procurements in order to promote more diversity (a component of the “Massport Model”), and the translation of SDO materials into multiple languages.

“Our administration is committed to continuing to promote growth and opportunity and ensure the Commonwealth takes every opportunity to support and benefit from its diverse business community,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “In launching these new initiatives, we have worked closely with leaders in the minority business community, Black and Latino Caucus, and Black Advisory Commission and Latino Advisory Commission. We look forward to continuing our work with these partners to strengthen the state contracting process with greater diversity, transparency and accountability.”

“We are committed to collaborating with diverse companies throughout Massachusetts and ensure equity within the public marketplace,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “Increasing economic development – for all businesses and communities – is a critical priority given the COVID-19 pandemic and its related impacts, and we are pleased to continue pursuing improvements that optimize our supplier diversity program.”

Since taking office in 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has focused on expanding opportunities for diverse business enterprises to work with state government and has increased direct spending on minority-business-enterprises by the Executive

Branch by nearly \$8 million. The Administration has consistently met and raised annual benchmarks, grown the supplier diversity program, and filed legislation in February 2020 to promote participation by minority and women-owned businesses in state construction projects. The Administration also included \$50.8 million in grants in its recently-launched economic recovery plan to support small minority-owned businesses in Massachusetts, which have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Legislation Filed Today:

“An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting” would establish the SDO as a separate state agency under the authority of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. The SDO would oversee monitoring and reporting of agency diverse spending and the development of annual comprehensive diversity spending plans for agencies. The legislation would also create a Supplier Diversity Compliance Unit within the SDO, which will systematically audit and review direct and indirect spending data to ensure compliance and accuracy.

Additional Supplier Diversity Improvements:

Going forward, the

SDO annual report will separate indirect spending between state contractors and their diverse business partners by subcontracting and ancillary products and services and itemize minority-business-enterprise spending by race and ethnicity. The Administration will also raise the threshold for the Small Business Purchasing Program from \$150,000 for the total value of the contract to \$250,000 per year, which will help increase preference and access for minority businesses, as many are small businesses.

The SDO will align its supplier diversity program with a component of the “Massport Model” by expanding the percentage of bid evaluation scores dedicated to the supplier diversity plan from 10 percent to 25 percent, for procurements above a certain threshold. Additionally, the SDO will work with state and private sector partners to translate existing materials into foreign languages to further accommodate diverse businesses seeking to do business with the Commonwealth.

“The Baker-Polito Administration continues to implement creative reforms that empower di-

verse businesses across the Commonwealth,” said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. “We look forward to continuing to work closely with the minority business community, our colleagues in the Legislature, and other key stakeholders to enact and implement these critical measures to support and promote any businesses seeking to work with the Commonwealth.”

“Expanding opportunities for minority-owned businesses working with state government is a crucial way that we can expand economic opportunity for people of color, and I am glad to see the Baker-Polito Administration take further steps to advance that goal,” said Deborah Enos, Chair of the Black Advisory Commission. “The legislation elevating the Supplier Diversity Office and additional steps to strengthen the program will support our shared efforts to enable more diverse businesses to access state contracting opportunities.”

“The Commonwealth benefits from ensuring equal opportunity for diverse companies to participate in state contracting, and the Baker-Polito Ad-

ministration has done important work to strengthen the Supplier Diversity program in support of that goal,” said Josie Martinez, Chair of the Latino Advisory Commission. “The new initiatives announced today build upon the Administration’s efforts to promote opportunities for minority-owned businesses, and I thank the Governor and Lt. Governor for their focus on these important issues.”

These new measures build upon the Administration’s previous efforts to optimize the supplier diversity program such as expanding the categories of diverse businesses that participate in the supplier diversity program, streamlining and simplifying the certification process, upgrading systems to allow for electronic applications and to better manage records, entering into multi-year agreements with third party certification organizations to provide free certifications for Massachusetts businesses, increasing compliance with program guidelines, implementing new training, and hiring additional personnel to further improve the program.

POLICE Briefs

BY SETH DANIEL

Boston Man Charged with Illegal Possession of Loaded Firearm

A Boston man was charged yesterday in federal court in Boston with illegally possessing a firearm and ammunition. The defendant led police on a car chase before he was apprehended in Chelsea.

Raughn Williams, 22, was charged by criminal complaint with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Williams was arrested on state charges on Aug. 10, 2020, and has been in custody since. He will make an initial appearance in federal court in Boston at a later date.

According to charging documents, on Aug. 10, 2020, a Massachusetts State Police trooper attempted to pull over a vehicle driven by Williams on Storrow Drive in Boston for a tinted windows violation. Williams refused to pull over, and instead led police on a chase down

Storrow Drive and onto the Tobin Bridge. Williams exited the Tobin Bridge into Chelsea, where he crashed the vehicle into two other cars and then he and his passenger fled on foot. Williams was apprehended and a Smith & Wesson .40 caliber handgun loaded with 14 rounds of ammunition was recovered. Federal law prohibits Williams from possessing a firearm or ammunition due to a prior felony conviction.

The charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Kelly Brady, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Field Division; Colonel

Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; and Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes made the announcement. Lelling’s Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. PSN is part of the Department’s renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney’s Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Baker nominates Justice Kimberly Budd to become SJC Chief Justice

Gov. Charlie Baker nominated Associate Justice Kimberly Budd to serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. The nominee and her family joined Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito for a formal announcement today at the State House. If confirmed, Justice Budd will be the second Black Chief; second female Chief and first Black female Chief. She will replace Chief Justice Ralph Gants who tragically passed away earlier this fall.

“Justice Kimberly Budd is a distinguished and well respected jurist who will bring years of calm, steady and collaborative leadership experience to the Commonwealth’s highest court serving as Chief Justice,” said Gov. Baker. “I have the utmost confidence that her unique perspective and understanding of the law will aid her as she transitions into the role of Chief and that under her leadership, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court will continue its tradition of excellence in promoting the rule of law and fostering public trust.”

“Throughout her career, Justice Budd has served as a role model for women and people of color and she has given a voice and a seat at the table to those who have not always been heard,” said Lt. Gov. Polito. “Her qualifications and character make her well suited to continue to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth with justice and integrity and I look forward to the consideration of the Governor’s Council in her appointment.”

“This was a wonderful appointment by the Governor,” said former Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland. “Justice Budd will do

a fantastic job because she has all the tools necessary for the role. She is brilliant, hardworking, analytical, collegial and astute. She is a great writer and a tremendous human being. I have watched her career over the years and am certain that Justice Budd will do an outstanding job as Chief Justice.”

The Supreme Judicial Court is the Commonwealth’s highest appellate court, consisting of the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices. The seven Justices hear appeals on a broad range of criminal and civil cases from September through May and issue written opinions that are posted online.

About Justice Kimberly Budd:

Kimberly S. Budd, Associate Justice, was appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court by Governor Charlie Baker in 2016. Since her appointment, she has authored over 85 decisions. She also serves on the Hearing List Committee. Justice Budd is President and Dean of the Flaschner Judicial Institute, designing continuing education programs for judges. She also serves as the Court’s liaison to the Committee on Judicial Performance Evaluation, the Trial Court Leadership Group, the SJC Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services and the Judicial Youth Corps.

Justice Budd earned her Bachelor’s degree in English from Georgetown University, and a law degree from Harvard Law School. She began her legal career as a law clerk to Chief Justice Joseph P. Warner of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Justice Budd was a litigation associate at Mintz Levin,

before serving as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Massachusetts in the Major Crimes and Drug Units. After that, she was a University Attorney for Harvard University in the General Counsel’s Office. Justice Budd later served as Director of the Community Values program at Harvard Business School. Justice Budd was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court by then-Gov. Deval

The 10th annual Ultimate Tailgate Party to benefit Lovin’ Spoonfuls goes virtual on November 18

Boston-based food rescue Lovin’ Spoonfuls will host their 10th annual Ultimate Tailgate Party online this year on Wednesday, Nov. 18. The virtual program will begin at 7 p.m., and features a timely keynote on the intersection of food justice and racial equity from Wes Moore, CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation.

For the first time in the event’s history, tickets to Tailgate are free, however registration is required and can be done here or by visiting LovinSpoonfulsInc.org. TV personality, chef, social justice advocate and Lovin’ Spoonfuls Culinary Panel member Andrew Zimmern returns as this year’s master of ceremonies. In addition to a musical performance from Lake Street Dive, Spoonfuls will also debut its new video highlighting the efforts of frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Since 2010, our Ultimate Tailgate Party has attracted thousands of guests and dozens of the area’s best restaurants, all in the name of raising money and awareness for Spoonfuls,” says Ashley Stanley, founder and executive director of Lovin’ Spoonfuls. “For the safety of all our guests, employees and vendors, this year’s Ultimate Tailgate will take the same lively

spirit of our largest annual event online, and I’m confident we’ll replicate the same energy and enthusiasm it creates every year. We know that this year has taken a financial and emotional toll on everyone and are grateful to Wes Moore and Lake Street Dive for joining our 2020 program. Though not physically together with our friends in hospitality this year, we remain grateful for them and are committed to supporting them anyway we can, and making sure they stay healthy and focused on their businesses.”

Leading one of the largest anti-poverty forces in the nation, Wes Moore is also a New York Times bestselling author, combat veteran, and social entrepreneur. Wes’ first book, The Other Wes Moore, captured the nation’s attention on the fine line between success and failure in communities and in ourselves. Wes’ latest book, Five Days, explores the uprisings in Baltimore in 2015 after the death of Freddie Gray in police custody, through a kaleidoscope of perspectives and examines critical questions about the deeper course of violence and poverty.

Various donation opportunities will also be available during the Virtual Ultimate Tailgate Party.

Patrick in 2009. In 2016 she served as the Regional Administrative Justice for Middlesex Criminal Business. Justice Budd teaches in MCLE and Bar Association programs, is a former adjunct instructor at New England Law Boston, and

Proceeds raised during the event will enable Spoonfuls’ ongoing efforts to rescue an average of 75,000-80,000 pounds of fresh, healthy food per week and distribute it to organizations across the Commonwealth that serve people facing food insecurity. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Senior Director of Development, Erin Keohane.

“By making admission to Tailgate complimentary this year, it allows Spoonfuls to engage with both our larger community as well as with new supporters - people from all over who have never had the chance to attend this event in person - to discuss the importance of food rescue and food insecurity, while also highlighting all of the organization’s accomplishments during a turbulent year,” says Erin Keohane, Lovin’ Spoonfuls Senior Director of Development. “It is our hope that this year’s Tailgate program will bring some light to everyone’s week and inspire attendees to support Spoonfuls’ continued work throughout the Commonwealth.”

Since 2010, Lovin’ Spoonfuls has rescued and distributed over 18 million pounds of fresh, healthy food - the equivalent of more than 15 million meals. Driven by a

has taught trial advocacy at Harvard Law School. She is married with two sons.

For more information about the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, visit: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/sjc/>.

passion for change, Ashley Stanley established Spoonfuls after realizing hunger isn’t a problem of supply, it’s a problem of distribution. Since the start of the COVID pandemic, Spoonfuls has rescued nearly 3 million pounds of food, as well as onboarded 20 new beneficiary partners and launched a new permanent eighth route in response to the rising need. About 14 percent of partners rely on Lovin’ Spoonfuls’ deliveries for all of the food they serve their clients.

To learn more about Lovin’ Spoonfuls and the 10th Annual Ultimate Tailgate, or to donate to the organization, please visit lovin-spoonfulsinc.org. For the latest updates and events, join Lovin’s mailing list or follow on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook.

Each week day, Spoonfuls’ 12 Food Rescue Coordinators work with over 200 vendor partners across eight truck routes to pick up wholesome, perishable food from grocery stores, produce wholesalers, farms and farmers markets, and distribute it to more than 160 community nonprofits that address food insecurity in Greater Boston, MetroWest and Western Massachusetts. Communities served include: Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Revere and others.

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CITY PAWS

Enriching life for urban dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A few years after we moved to Boston, we had to convince a longtime Westie breeder and rescuer to let us have one of her puppies. She was totally against allowing a dog to go to a home in the city. We had references from two Westie people she knew well and sent her dozens of articles we had published about living in the city with dogs.

She finally relented and allowed Maggie Mae to join our family. We quickly became her city ambassadors. Before long, Maggie had a couple of half brothers, Edgar and Wallace in the neighborhood. A lovely 12-year-old Westie named Lily found a home in our community. This woman taught us about Westie rescue. The volunteering we've done over the years has been in her honor.

Better Monitoring of Health and Safety

Some people may not see the positive aspects of

living with a dog in close quarters. However, we know city dogs can have a great life if their guardians give them the care and training needed.

Dr. Stephanie Liff, a veterinarian at Brooklyn Cares Veterinary Clinic, spoke to the website PolicyGenius about the positive aspects of city life for dogs. She pointed out that people who live with a dog in a small space and take that dog for walks on a leash are more aware of important aspects of their animal's health, saying, "They know every bowel movement, every morsel of food that goes into their mouths."

We would add that city dogs are safer from wildlife since they spend less time alone outside than dogs that are either left outside for long periods or let out alone to relieve themselves.

Most city dogs are better socialized with people and other animals since they have more positive contact with both. These

canines may be easier for veterinary professionals, groomers, and others to handle because they have experience with dog walkers, doggie daycare attendants, and other people who take them for walks without their guardians.

Training Makes It Better

Some aspects of city life require a bit of training for a dog to become comfortable day-to-day. There is a specific Urban Canine Good Citizenship certificate you and your dog can earn that includes the particular skills required to be a well-behaved dog in a city.

Some of the requirements for passing this test include using and sharing stairs, elevators, common hallways, lobbies, and doors to the street with behavior and housetraining under control.

Your dog must also be able to walk on a busy sidewalk and cross streets politely without inappropriate response to distractions



A surprising number of city dogs love to spend time watching the world go by from a comfortable park bench. This lovely Bernese Mountain Dog is one of them.

like sirens, horns, bikes, delivery trucks, etc. The test for using urban transportation like buses, subways, and cars requires training for a dog. The most challenging test for our dog, Poppy, would be ignoring food on the sidewalk. She's food-obsessed.

Fun Times Are the Best!

The best aspect of an enriched life for an urban dog is fun with his or her people. That might be playing fetch with a favorite toy or having a playdate with a favorite friend. You can teach your dog to initiate playtime by responding when they approach you with a toy.

Yes, there will be times when you have to give

out a treat and an IOU, but take a few moments to play whenever you can. It will be good for both of you and will enrich that particular day for your canine companion.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Pressley urges Treasury to make emergency lending facilities more equitable

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) and Congressional Oversight Commissioner Bharat Ramamurti last week wrote to Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin urging the agencies to take immediate action to address the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our most vulnerable communities.

The letter offers several suggestions for improving the Municipal Lending Facility (MLF) and Main Street Lending Program (MSLP) to better serve people of color and women.

"You have both acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic has had an outsized impact on Black and Brown communities and women, and the Federal Reserve recently proclaimed that its full employment mandate—which applies

to the CARES Act programs—is a 'broad-based and inclusive goal,'" Pressley and Ramamurti wrote in their letter. "And yet, your design of these programs appears to be widening racial and gender gaps rather than closing them."

State and local governments have been hit hard by the economic downturn resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, with governments laying off more than one million workers due to severe budget shortfalls. These targeted layoffs disproportionately affect Black and female workers, with workers laid off in the public sector 20 percent more likely to be Black and 32 percent more likely to be a woman than those laid off in the private sector. The solvency of our nation's states and cities is therefore a matter of racial justice.

Despite the many tools given to the Fed and Treasury by Congress to address this crisis, the agencies have designed a narrow, punitive lending program that has delivered aid to almost none of the state and local governments struggling during the pandemic. In contrast, the agencies' corporate credit facilities and other interventions have boosted the stock market—prosperity, which has not been felt equally.

In their letter, Congresswoman Pressley and Commissioner Ramamurti recommended several changes to the MLF's terms and conditions to make it a more generous and viable option for state and local governments—all of which were endorsed by nearly every witness at a recent hearing of the Oversight Commission, as well as a broad, bipartisan

group representing tens of thousands of state and local officials. The changes include: (1) extending the MLF's duration into 2021; (2) lowering the MLF's interest rate; (3) lengthening the repayment term; (4) expanding the permitted uses for loan proceeds; (5) expanding eligibility to more municipalities, territories and tribes; and (6) the creation of a secondary-market facility.

Congresswoman Pressley and Commissioner Ramamurti also expressed concern about the disparate racial and gender impact of the MSLP, and urged the Fed and Treasury to heed the lessons learned from the administration of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which saw rampant disparities in access, little transparency about which businesses were receiving funds, and a notable ab-

sence of explicit fair lending protections. To address these concerns and increase access to the MSLP, Pressley and Ramamurti recommended (1) reducing the minimum loan amount; (2) establishing and enforcing strict anti-discrimination rules; (3) allowing Community Development Financial Institutions and Minority Depository Institutions to issue loans; and (4) collecting demographic data and conduct other analyses of program impact.

"[T]here are monetary policy tools at your immediate disposal to quickly and directly address the outsized impact of the pandemic on communities of color and women, as well as the large gap between White and Black and Brown unemployment," Pressley and Ramamurti continued. "We hope you will take these steps with the speed

and urgency this moment demands."

In April, Congresswoman Pressley, along with Congressman Gregory Meeks (NY-05) and Sens. Kamala D. Harris (D-CA) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH), led more than 80 of their Congressional colleagues in calling for the Small Business Administration and Treasury Department to ensure that minority-owned businesses are not shut out of the PPP.

In May, Congresswoman Pressley, along with Sen. Harris introduced the Saving our Street (SOS) Act, legislation that provides federal support to small minority-owned micro-businesses—largely left out of federal relief efforts-- during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

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State Administration Announces Targeted Measures To Curb Rising COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations

The Baker-Polito Administration announced a series of targeted measures to disrupt the increasing trend of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Governor Charlie Baker announced these changes at a time where public health data has indicated that cases are rising, with cases up by 278% and hospitalizations up by 145% since Labor Day. These measures are meant to disrupt rising trends now, so the Commonwealth can keep the economy and schools open for residents and to prevent the need to roll back to Phase I or Phase II of the reopening plan.

All orders and advisories will be effective Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:01 a.m.

New Orders & Advisories:

- Stay At Home Advisory: The Administration issued a revised Stay At Home Advisory to ensure residents avoid unnecessary activities that can lead to increased COVID-19 transmission. The revised Stay At Home Advisory instructs residents to stay home between 10 PM and 5 AM. The Advisory allows for activities such as going to work, running critical errands to get groceries and address health needs, and taking a walk.
- Early Closure of Businesses and Activities: Governor Baker issued a new executive order that requires the early closure of certain businesses and activities each night at 9:30 PM. The 9:30 PM closure requirement is aligned with the Stay At Home Advisory and together the two new initiatives are designed to further limit activities that could lead to COVID-19 transmission.
- Effective Nov. 6, the following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- *Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 PM, although takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages, but not alcohol)
- *Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 PM (but may continue to sell other products)
- *Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 PM (not including medical marijuana)
- *Indoor & outdoor events
- *Theaters/movie theaters (including drive-in movie theaters), and performance venues (indoor

and outdoor)

- *Youth and adult amateur sports activities
- *Golf facilities
- *Recreational boating and boating businesses
- *Outdoor recreational experiences
- *Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities
- *Driving and flight schools
- *Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers
- *Close contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)
- *Gyms, Fitness Centers and Health Clubs
- *Indoor and outdoor pools
- *Museums/cultural & historical facilities/guided tours
- Face Covering Order: Governor Baker also signed an updated order related to face-coverings. The revised order requires all persons to wear face-coverings in all public places, even where they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others. The revised order still allows for an exception for residents who cannot wear a face-covering due to a medical or disabling condition, but it allows employers to require employees to provide proof of such a condition. It also allows schools to require

that students participating in in-person learning provide proof of such a medical or disabling condition.

Gatherings Order: Governor Baker also signed an updated order restricting gatherings. The new gatherings order reduces the gathering size limit for gatherings at private residences: indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people. The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues (e.g. wedding venues) remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 PM.

The new gatherings order also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

Chelsea Housing Authority Awarded Self Sufficiency Program Funds

The Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA) in a joint application with the Everett Housing Authority (EHA) was recently awarded \$70,000 in funding to run the state-aided Self Sufficiency Program (SSP) for one (1) year. The grant has an opportunity to extend for up to five (5) years.

This innovative program will enroll a minimum of 38 participants se-

lected from the combined state-aided public housing and Mass Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) managed by both agencies. It provides funds to hire a coach who will offer support for employment, education and asset building.

CHA and EHA will build and leverage current partnerships with local service providers to offer employment, financial literacy and education

practices from the management of that program to hit the ground running with SSP.

The Chelsea Housing Authority and Everett Housing Authority look forward to this partnership which will assist participants by providing the tools needed to achieve self-sufficiency

MVES receives \$10K grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) announced that it has received a \$10,000 grant from Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation (EBCF). The grant is part of a commitment from the EBCF to provide financial support to local organizations focused on COVID-19 relief.

MVES is receiving this grant for its work in helping older adults in its communities of Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, as they cope and adjust to new circumstances in food insecurity, financial challenges, and isolation brought on by the virus.

“We are so grateful for the support of the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation,” said Daniel O’Leary, Chief Executive Officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services. “Our agency relies on the generosity of business partners like the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation so we can continue to provide services and programs to older adults who have been affected by COVID-19.”

“Evidence of the impact of this virus outbreak on our neighbors, families, and small businesses is everywhere,” said Nancy Huntington Stager, President and CEO of Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. “And, we also see the resiliency, sheer will, and hope of people across our region as they band together to help one another. The need for assistance continues to grow, and we will do what we can to give back and support the most vulnerable populations in our communities as well as encourage those who are able to do so to join us.”

EBCF is providing a total of \$8 million in COVID-19 philanthropic support in the communities it serves.

Celebrating 45 Years of helping older adults keep their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency located in Malden, Mass., that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, regardless of their income level. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

OBITUARIES

Michael David Cohen

Lifelong Chelsea Resident

Michael David Cohen, a lifelong resident of Chelsea, died suddenly on Sunday, November 1.

The beloved husband of Laura M. (Mann) Cohen, he was the devoted father of Holly Cohen of Salem and Sarah Cohen of Austin, TX, loving son of the late Theodore Cohen and Sylvia (Shapiro) Cohen and the dear brother of the late Neil Cohen.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, burial will be private. Arrangements under the care of Torff Funeral Service, Chelsea.


LEGAL NOTICES

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CITY OF CHELSEA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
EMERGENCY RENTAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MANAGEMENT SERVICES
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “Emergency Rental Assistance Program Management Services”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after November 4, 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 “Emergency Rental Assistance Program Management Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 AM on November 19, 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
11/5/20

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



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
11/5/20, 11/12/20

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number:
20 SM 001623
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Rose Ann Tilton
And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Premium Mortgage Acquisition Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 58 Chestnut Street, given by Rose Ann Tilton and Theresa V. McDonald to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., dated December 8, 2003, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 33465, Page 117, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 7, 2020 or you may lose the

opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on October 21, 2020.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
11/5/20

LEGAL NOTICE


NOTICE
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 October 19, 2020, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council hereby approves Chapter 34, Article II Zoning Districts, Section 34-29 and the accompanying Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning district of the following parcels on Washington Avenue to Retail Business 2 (BR2). A copy of the order is available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.

Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
11/5/20

LEGAL NOTICE


NOTICE OF HEARING
ANNUAL CDBG MID-YEAR
UPDATE
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law that a meeting of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held by way of Webex Video conference on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., for the annual mid-year update for the Community Development Block Grant for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020. All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the video conference meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Monday, November 16, 2020 by 4:00 PM.
10/29/20, 11/5/20

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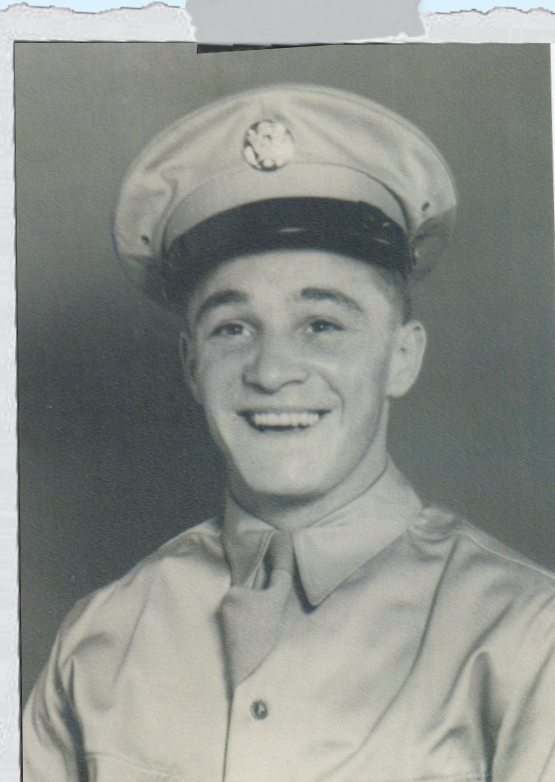
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