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Councillor, City Manager say they will take vaccine, encourage residents also

By Seth Daniel

Councillor Leo Robinson and Council President Roy Avellaneda said they would take the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available, and they are encouraging others in Chelsea to do the same so the community is protected.

On Monday, City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he would also take the vaccine and encouraged residents to do so as well.

At the Dec. 21 Council meeting, Robinson announced that he would be taking the vaccine and encouraged residents to educate themselves and, hopefully, take it as well. That came amidst some skepticism announced by Councillor Damali Vidot the two weeks ago where she said she needed much more information before she took it, and that she remains skeptical.

"I am going to take the shot," said Robinson. "I understand the history of vaccinations and the medical profession with African Americans, but one of the lead scientists on this vaccine is an African American woman. I trust the vaccine and I will get it when it becomes available to me. I am also encouraging every Chelsea resident to get it as well. It is important we all get vaccinated so this program works correctly."

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he will get the vaccine and encourages others to do so as well. However, he said to erase some of the skepticism, there needed to be more leaders in the communities of color to reassure folks the vaccine is safe and necessary.

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HELPING THE NEEDY



PHOTO BY DARLENE DEVITA

Volunteer Edith Sabala helped organize toys and gifts for families at the Chelsea Salvation Army Center on Chestnut Street last Tuesday, Dec. 22. The Center had a huge toy drive this year and was able to help 2,600 children and families have a merrier Christmas. See page 10 for more photos

Garden Cemetery renovations continue progress to Phase 3

By Seth Daniel

The historic renovation program for the Garden Cemetery in Chelsea continues on this winter with restoration crews now working on restoring and setting the old tombstones in the cemetery – a key part of Phase 3.

The Garden Cemetery is an historic property, designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, but has fallen on tough times over the last decade or more. About one year ago, the City's Planning Department unveiled a multi-phase project to fully restore the cemetery, and now Phase 3 is underway. The current phase includes restoring some of the older stones, and also building a retaining wall.

"We're planning to fully fund this and we have at least three more years of work there to do," said City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

The project has been



Above and below, several of the older, historic monuments and headstones in the Garden Cemetery are now being restored as part of Phase 3 in the restoration project. The project still has at least three years of work to do, but the project is expected to be fully funded next year.

headed up by Planner Karl Allen.

Recently, preservationists restored the stone of Capt. Olsen, who was lost at sea in 1862.

Meanwhile, the hard work in this part of the project is finding all of the broken pieces for many of the stones, and then getting them re-assembled. Most are broken, and many of the pieces are

scattered about the cemetery. The contractor uses a previously completed inventory of the monuments and grave markers to locate, sort, and assess each one, before beginning the careful restoration of each feature.

Right now, the contractor is seeking to continue monument restoration throughout the winter.

Council, City Hall make final efforts for 2020

By Seth Daniel

The City Council approved a \$600,000 grant on Dec. 21 at its last regular meeting of the year that will help establish a regional North Suffolk Resilience and Sustainability Office at Chelsea City Hall.

The program provides \$600,000 to the City over three years, and would be in collaboration with Winthrop and Revere – overseeing environmental sustainability, climate resiliency and energy policy within the three communities.

The Council voted 8-0 to approve the grant, and to also commit to funding the office beyond the three-year grant.

"I hope to hire the first two employees for the office in the spring," said

City Manager Tom Ambrosino. "That will be in conjunction with Revere and Winthrop, but the office will be in Chelsea City Hall."

The office will be governed by a board made up of members from all three communities and it will be funded fully by the grant in the first three years.

An extensive presentation on the new collaboration was given by Ambrosino to the Council in November.

•STREET LIGHT UPGRADES

It was some years ago that Councillor Giovanni Recupero asked that the streetlights be turned up to the brightest setting, as he believed they were too dim. As it turned out,

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Small business program getting off the ground with \$1 million in award

By Seth Daniel

The City is busy pushing out \$1 million in small business grants to restaurants and small businesses in Chelsea this week, just as the federal government has approved much-needed funding for the state's \$668 million small business assistance program as well.

The City began working on the Small Business Assistance Program last summer at the behest of Councillor Todd Taylor,

and a Committee was immediately formed and led by Councillor Judith Garcia to identify funds and priorities for the program. City Manager Tom Ambrosino and the City Planning Department carried out the application process last month, and is now busy getting the money into the hands of COVID-19 affected businesses – both restaurants and general retail businesses.

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TOY DRIVE



PHOTOS BY DARLENE DEVITA

Volunteer Tom put his gift-wrapping skills together on Dec. 23 to wrap gifts and get them ready to distribute as part of La Collaborativa and the Vega Family's Christmas toy drive and distribution. Hundreds of toys were distributed as part of the effort, alongside a special distribution of holiday groceries. See Page 3 for more photos.

Wishing you & your families a safe and healthy New Year

The office will be closed Thursday Dec. 31 and Friday, Jan. 1, 2021

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LA COLLABORATIVA GETS CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO CHILDREN

Phoros by Darlene DeVita

In the absence of the Three Kings celebration at La Collaborativa this year, a new effort was coordinated by Melinda Vega-Maldonado and Kelly Garcia – as well as other family members – to make sure every child in Chelsea had a gift for Christmas. Donations were taken for several weeks, then coordinated a wrapped last week. The distribution came alongside a special distribution of groceries from La Collaborativa last week.



Alejandro, a long-time volunteer, helps organize donations from Harvard Pilgrim. The health care company donated lots of food and sent volunteers for the effort on Dec. 23.



Gifts of toys ready to go to boys, ages 6-8.



Volunteer Patty Ebanks prepares another gift for wrapping at the Dec. 23 event.



Yessenia Alfaro plays the role of Santa during the gift wrapping session.



Volunteer Anna pauses from gift wrapping for a photo.



Volunteers, including Dinanyili Paulino, take a break for some fun.



A volunteer at the food pantry on Sixth Street wraps gifts last week.



Norieliz DeJesus wraps one of the gifts for the toy drive last week.

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HAVE A HAPPY -- AND SAFE -- NEW YEAR

The arrival of a new year marks a time for reflection, as to both the year that has passed and the year that lies ahead.

In the words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson:

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

To put it another way, we might ask ourselves, "Where have we been -- and where are we going?" The latter question asks us to foresee the future, which by definition is an impossible task. Though we may make our best guess to predict what may lie ahead -- and to plan accordingly -- none of us has a crystal ball. The vicissitudes of life more often than not throw us curve balls that lay to waste even the best-laid of our plans for the year to come.

Who among us imagined on December 31, 2019, that 2020 would bring a world-wide pandemic that already has killed more than 330,000 of our fellow Americans, devastated our economy, and directly impacted the lives of each and every one of us?

As bad as 2020 has been, we dread to contemplate what 2021 might have in store for us. There is no certainty that 2021 will be any better.

However, the former question is equally as tricky. Answering it requires both introspection and self-awareness, two qualities that typically are in short supply, even during a pandemic when most of us are house-bound for more hours of every day than we ever have experienced.

But trying to figure out the, "Why?" of what we have done with our lives is essential if we are to meet the challenges of the future.

As the philosopher said, if we do not learn from our mistakes, we are condemned to repeat them.

We do not pretend to have all (or any) of the answers, but we do know that in the difficult days ahead one thing is true: Each of us must step up to do our part to ensure the safety of ourselves, our loved ones, and everyone around us.

We all have a role to play in combating COVID-19 (by wearing masks, not gathering in large groups, and maintaining a physical distance from others wherever we may be) AND in helping those who desperately are in need of assistance because of the devastating economic effects of the pandemic.

Although a New Year is here, our problems are not magically going away.

We wish all of our readers a happy, safe, and healthy New Year.

K.C. JONES ALWAYS WAS FIRST-CLASS

For those of us who are old enough to remember the great Boston Celtics teams of the 1960s, the passing this week of K.C. Jones, an integral member of that championship dynasty, is bittersweet.

K.C. Jones led an incredible life, rising from his dirt-poor childhood to the very heights of athletic accomplishment, becoming one of only a handful of athletes to be a member of NCAA, Olympic, and professional basketball championship teams.

One of the most amazing facts about K.C. Jones is that after graduating from the University of San Francisco (where he was a teammate with Bill Russell) in 1956, he entered the U.S. Army for a two-year hitch before embarking on his career with the Celtics (who had made him their second draft pick in 1956) in 1958.

K.C. Jones epitomized the concept of a team player -- he was a leader in assists and always drew the toughest defensive assignment from the opposing team. His willingness to do whatever it took for the good of the team was a character trait that he later imbued in the great Celtics teams that he coached in the 1980s.

K.C. Jones exuded a quiet confidence. He let his actions on the court, both as a player and as a coach, speak for themselves with no need for the sort of self-aggrandizement and hyperbole that is typical among athletes today.

We found it hard to believe that K.C. Jones was 88 years old at his passing -- it makes us realize the truth of the axiom, "Time flies."

K.C. Jones will be remembered as a wonderful athlete, coach, and role-model. He was a first-class person in everything he did, both on and off the court.

May he rest in peace.

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~ HAPPY NEW YEAR ~

GUEST OP-ED

Decisions for 2021

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

2021 is here, and will it be just another year? If it's just another year then that won't be bad at all because too many will not have another year. The opportunity and privilege to have another year is the gift of life. Being alive and living your life is about as good as it gets. Aim for being alive this time next year.

Make some decisions about 2021. Where do you want to be this time in 12 months? Would you like to be ten pounds heavier? Maybe you would like to be ten or twenty pounds lighter? If you cut back on your portions and get off the couch you can lose a pound a week on average. This is daunting but just think about where you can be the first of March if you start today? Don't start tomorrow. Start right now. Today. This minute. Throw all that junk cake and pie in the trash. This is a tough decision because

we hate to say goodbye to all those holiday cookies and candies. Your body will thank you and you will feel so much better very soon.

Decide about financial habits. Millions of Americans carry credit card debt. Minimum payments on \$3,000 of credit card debt is like swimming up river. If you have missed a few payments your credit card company may be anxious to hear from you. Ask them if they will consider a settlement payoff. A friend of mine owed \$5,000 and his credit card company settled for a \$2800 payoff. Your company might or might not but it never hurts to negotiate. You might be able to sell some things in order to erase that back breaking high interest debt.

Make some money in 2021 - if you want to. Most Americans need to make money in 2021. Work on job applications. Peruse the newspaper. Search on-

line. Consider places you have heard about and call them, go see them. Knock on doors of opportunity. You get nowhere if you do not try. You might complete 20 or 30 applications to get one job interview. Complete the application thoroughly. Give them a reason to consider you. Put together a good biographical sketch, resume. Have a friend or two to review and edit because two heads are better than one. Have some good trusted references. Wherever you work do a good job because you want them to say a good word about you. A good word may seal the deal on your next job opportunity.

Jobs sometimes are scarce. Consider your personal knowledge and abilities and what might you do to make a dollar or two? What do you know that others need to know? What can you offer that others need or might want? Can you make something?

Can you fix things? How can you help others? Creating your own life and business might be the financial and mental sanity answer for you. If you create your own work and are good at what you do, you will not run out of something to do.

Our decisions determine our destiny. Whatever decision we make we have to put into action. Faith without works is dead. May your life be good, healthy and filled with wonderful love, family and friends in 2021. Let's work together for a good year.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist -- American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

December 31, 2020 - 9am -12pm
January 1, 2021 - Closed

FREE COVID-19 TESTING OVER HOLIDAY

A new test site will be used for COVID-19 testing over the upcoming holiday, that new site being at 35 Fourth St. It will be used from Dec. 28 to Jan. 3.

The hours are as follows:

- Monday and Tuesday: 1-6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

HOLIDAY PARKING ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

Please note that there will be no parking enforcement on the following dates and times:

- December 31, 2020 - No Evening Enforcement
- January 1, 2021 - No Day/overnight Enforcement (12am - 6pm) (Please Note: Enforce-

ment Will Resume at 8am on Saturday, January 2, 2021)

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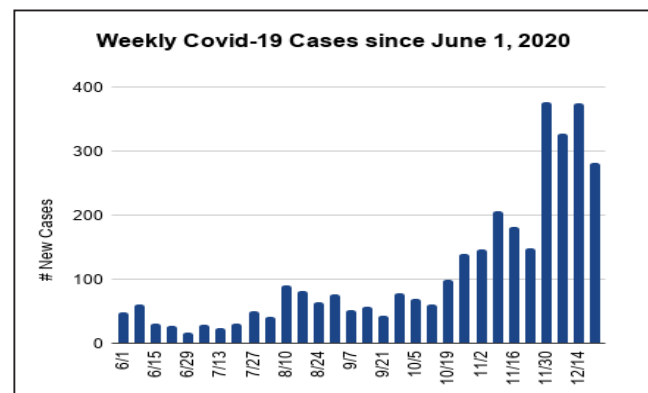
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ARTS AND CULTURE MEETING

The City of Chelsea is planning for the future of arts and culture. We want to hear from you! Please join us for a Community Meeting on January 13, 7-8 p.m.

La Ciudad de Chelsea está planificando el futuro de las artes y la cultural. ¡Queremos saber tu opinión! Por favor únete a nosotras para una Reunión Comunitaria 13 de Enero, 7-8pm.

<https://www.chelseamagov/home/events/112596>.



COVID CASE UPDATE: Positive cases in Chelsea have eased up after the surge post-Thanksgiving. However, cases are still very high compared to only four weeks ago. From Dec. 21-27, there were 281 cases reported. That was down substantially from the previous week, but still very high. There were 328 cases last week, which marked a high not seen since June.

On Monday, there were 27 cases reported.

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Eileen Kolodny, MSN RN-BC, administers the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to Cardinal Seán O'Malley.

Cardinal O'Malley receives his COVID-19 vaccine shot

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley received the first of the two-dose protocol of the Moderna vaccine approved for COVID-19 last week.

The Cardinal received the dose on December 24, 2020 at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton. The second dose is scheduled to be administered in late January 2021 at St. Elizabeth's. Cardinal Seán, who is 76 years old, hopes to demonstrate that the vaccine is safe and wishes to encourage people to be vaccinated when possible.

The vaccine is approved for Catholics to receive.

"I am very grateful to Dr. Joseph Weinstein, Chief Physician Executive of the Steward Health Care Network who, noting that I qualified for the COVID vaccine, very kindly offered to facilitate my inoculation at St. Elizabeth's," he said. "With recognition of the impor-

tance that all persons be vaccinated when possible I was very happy to receive this invitation. Mr. James Terwilliger, President of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, one of the Steward Health Care hospitals in the Archdiocese and Chaplain Elizabeth Goeke, Director of Spiritual Care, welcomed me to St. Elizabeth's, where highly skilled nurses and medical personnel are directing and overseeing the vaccination process. I am grateful to have been in line for the vaccine and encourage all people to be vaccinated as the opportunity is presented, as an important action of care and concern for our loved ones, our communities and our nation. With the help of God and the excellent medical care provided at St. Elizabeth's and many other hospitals, we will make our way through and beyond the pandemic."

Avellaneda to remain Council President, Garcia re-elected as vice presidency

By Seth Daniel

Council President Roy Avellaneda received a unanimous, 6-0, vote to likely serve a second term as Council President, that coming during an organizational meeting of the Council on Dec. 21.

Councilor Damali Vidot voted 'present,' as did Avellaneda – which is customary in Chelsea for the candidate not to vote for themselves. Absent were Councilors Giovanni Recupero, Melinda Vega-Maldonado and Enio Lopez. Still, Avellaneda received the required six votes, which propelled him to a likely second term. The official vote will take place on Jan. 4 at the first Council meeting of the year.

"I know all of us when we pulled papers last year back in May 2019, and we had what we thought was an agenda and a platform and were elected in Nov. 2019 – none of us expected to experience what this community, this country and this world went through," he said. "Of course, all of those plans, ideas and agenda got shifted aside and COVID-19 response was front and center. All of that, this City had to adapt and struggle with the community that, more than many, got hit hard."

He also praised the City Manager, public safety officials, Council staffers and many other City employees for keeping things together and serving in

one of the most difficult times in the City's modern history. He also praised the City's IT Department and Chelsea Cable for being able to pivot and, nearly seamlessly, hold hybrid online meetings that allowed the City Council to move forward in a normal fashion.

"At the City Council we had to adopt to meeting in a much different way," he said. "The ability to Facetime has been available for a while but until this year I never used it. I never warmed up to it, but I used it this year and I know many of my other colleagues have done it...I read with satisfaction how other cities have struggled to accommodate their colleagues so they could safely meet from their homes. They didn't have the infrastructure and technology. I know it wasn't easy and I remember that beginning where we had to figure it out. You MacGyver-ed it with Ricky of Chelsea Cable and it was to our benefit and our constituents' benefit..."

Councillor Calvin Brown said Avellaneda stood up when the chips were down last year, and he is glad that he will be president again.

"I want to thank the president of this City Council for really standing up in 2020," said Brown. "I'm sure when he was elected president, he didn't realize we were going to get hit with a pandemic that would last his entire term. Roy Avella-



Councillor Judith Garcia selects the seating order from Council President Roy Avellaneda during the Council's Organizational Meeting on Dec. 21. At the meeting, Avellaneda was chosen as president-elect to serve again as president in 2021.

neda has dedicated himself to being on the front lines...He helped us and supported us and at times he was the only one here. I know it took a lot of his personal time. I'm glad we re-elected him as Council President in 2021 as well."

Councillor Vidot, who did not vote for Avellaneda, still gave him accolades for keeping the meetings going and keeping everyone in the loop.

"As the immediate past president...I feel spoiled to have had Paul Casino by my side and we were able to meet in person," she said. "It was just a lot smoother and I recognize how much work it took for you to be able to chair these meetings remotely, reading your orders when Paul couldn't come in. I think it's absolutely commendable. I have an autoimmune disorder and cannot come in because I am vulnerable. I want to thank everyone for making sure I could still attend these

meetings and kept me in the loop as much as possible...It has not been an easy year."

In other election news, Councillor Judith Garcia was elected to a second vice president term as well, getting a unanimous 7-0 vote.

The School Committee representative was not voted, but it will be taken up on Jan. 4 and filled at that time.

The new voting order drawn – as tradition dictates – for 2021 will be:

Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega-Maldonado, Leo Robinson, Yamir Rodriguez, Todd Taylor, Lopez, Brown and Naomi Zabot.

The new order of seating for 2021 – chosen as tradition dictates on Dec. 21 – is the following:

(Left side) Vega-Maldonado, Rodriguez, Robinson, Zabot and Garcia.

(Right side) Recupero, Vidot, Brown, Lopez and Taylor.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jesus Barahona to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated August 25, 2005 and recorded in Suffolk

County Registry of Deeds in Book 37927, Page 74 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated June 18, 2010, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 46609, Page 92 of which mortgage HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-D is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-D dated June 29, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 50193, Page 240, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 109 Library Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on January 8, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land in said Chelsea with the buildings thereon now numbered 109 Library Street, formerly called Matthews Street, being shown as lot B on plan drawn by Joseph R. Carr & Sons, C.E., dated March 10, 1910, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 3435, Page 141, bounded and described as follows: NORTHEASTERLY by Library Street, fifty and 33/100 (50.33) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by lot 48 Matthews Street indicated on said plan sixty-seven

and 5/10 (67.5) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by lot A fifty and 35/100 (50.35) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by lot 44 Matthews Street indicated on said plan sixty-seven and 5/10 (67.5) feet. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 35480, Page 043. The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien(s) recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 61778, Page 8. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by

mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-D Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Barahona, Jesus, 15-023450 12/17/20, 12/24/20, 12/30/20 C

LEGAL NOTICE



(LEGAL NOTICE) CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "Citizenship & Immigration Services". Request for Proposals will be available on or after December 23, 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 "Citizenship & Immigration Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on January 14, 2021. The City of Chelsea re-

serves 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. The project will receive funding from the City's federal FY2020 Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, pursuant to Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, and it will be subject to all requirements of the grant. Submissions are encouraged from Section 3, small, women-or minority-owned and/or disadvantaged persons or firms. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 12/30/20 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300 ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU20D1410DR Zinnia Damaris Castillo

Fernandez Vs. Gelsin Ivan Castillo Figueroa Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant, to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R. Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom. Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant top Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal services on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, for otherwise move with respect tot he complaint herein on or before 01/08/2021 If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. It is further Ordered that the accompanying summons be published once in the Chelsea Record, a newspaper published in 385 Broadway: Suite 105: Revere, MA. 02151: Tel: 617"884"2416 the publication to be 20 days at least before said return day. It is further Ordered that a copy of the summons be mailed to the defendant at his/her last known address by registered or certified mail. Date 12/14/2020 Megan H. Christopher Justice of Probate and Family Court. 12/29/20 C

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



City Councilor Leo Robinson and Rich Settippane of Settippane Insurance in Revere exchange Christmas Greetings.

Health Council starting to get word out on COVID-19 vaccine

The Massachusetts Health Council (MHC) is launching a public awareness campaign to encourage trust in vaccines and immunizations, especially in communities of color. As part of the campaign, MHC will run radio spots featuring Reverend Liz Walker, a trusted news anchor at WBZ-TV for many years, and Reverend Gloria White-Hammond, MD, a pediatrician, talking about the importance of routine immunizations, especially the flu vaccine, during the COVID-19 pandemic. MHC has purchased radio airtime through the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association’s Public Education Program with a value of almost \$100,000.

In the radio spots, Rev. Walker, who is a member of Governor Baker’s COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group, introduces Rev. Gloria White-Hammond, MD, who describes the great success vaccines have achieved in eradicating once-common diseases. Rev. Hammond tells listeners, “Vaccines are among the greatest advancements in modern medicine and are both safe and effective.”

David Martin, CEO of the Massachusetts Health Council, said that the primary goal of the campaign is to increase understanding of the benefits of vaccines so that people have access to accurate, evidence-based information before they need to make a decision about getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

MHC runs a website—www.protectedtogether.org—to address vaccine misinformation and answer the most frequently asked questions.

“An important focus of the campaign is on building trust and communication within communities of color so that people can get answers to any questions they may have,” he said. “People of color are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 because of longstanding health disparities. They are less likely to be able to protect themselves from exposure, so we owe it to them to prioritize their safety.”

In addition to the radio campaign, MHC has secured in-kind support from Google, which will promote vaccine safety information on its site with search ads valued at tens of thousands of dollars. MHC is also recruiting and supporting “vaccine champions” across the state to help answer questions about vaccines and serve as a local source of trusted information.

ABOUT THE MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH COUNCIL

The Massachusetts Health Council leads a broad group of stakeholders to foster a strong culture of health in Massachusetts. We promote policies and programs that enable healthier lifestyles, wellness, and preventative care so all people and their communities can thrive. For more information, visit <https://mahealthcouncil.org/>.

OBITUARIES

Michael Etters

Massport retiree

Michael J. Etters, 72, passed away unexpectedly in his Chelsea home on Wednesday, December 23.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the beloved son of the late Anderson “Chief” Etters and Mary M. (Eretzian) Etters, Michael attended local schools and was a lifelong resident here. He worked for Massport Authority at Logan International Airport as a ground control and maintenance worker.

He was the loving brother of Carol Etters of Florida and is also survived by several extended family members and friends.

Funeral services were private.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit: www.WelshFH.com.

Cynthia Ciampoli

Retired insurance underwriter

Cynthia (Forbes) Ciampoli, 72, passed away on Saturday, December 19 at Vero HealthCare in Revere where she had been receiving supportive care. Born and raised in Everett, she was a beloved daughter of the late John and Laura (Tiso) Forbes.

Cynthia attended Everett schools and was a graduate of Everett High School. She resided in Everett for most of her life and briefly in Medford. Cynthia worked as an Insurance Underwriter in the commercial and residential insurance fields.

In 1982, she married Peter T. Aceto and returned to Everett to live in the same home she had previously grown-up in. In her lifetime she enjoyed traveling, outdoor family barbecues and spending quiet time at home watching television. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by a sister Beverly Cleland. She was the beloved wife of 38 years to Peter T. Aceto of Everett, devoted mother and step-mother of Gail Ciampoli of South Carolina, Sharon Mack of Pennsylvania, Peter R. Aceto of Danvers, Stacey Mc-



Connico of Everett, and Heidi Aceto of Chelsea and the dear sister of Joy Pasquariello of Wilmington. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea and interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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

Should friends desire, contributions in her memory should be directed to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, T 38105 <https://www.stjude.org/donate>

Emily Diaz

Past Captain of Chelsea Golden Girls

Graveside services were held at St. Michael Cemetery in Roslindale for Emily Diaz, 33, formerly of Chelsea who passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 18 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

Born in Boston, she was raised in Chelsea and was the beloved daughter of Julia E. Molina of Denton, Texas and Horacio Diaz of Florida. Emily attended Chelsea Middle School and went on to attend Boston Art Academy.

A past captain of the Chelsea Golden Girls, she was a resident of Chelsea for most of her early life and had been living and working in Worcester for the last 10 years. She enjoyed cooking for her family and was a cherished and devoted aunt to her many nieces and nephews.



She is survived by her parents and her adoring daughter, Jasely Costa of Spartanburg, SC and her many brothers and sisters.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit: www.WelshFH.com

Etta Margaret Clee

Dec. 1, 1919 – Dec. 18, 2020.

Etta Margaret (Curran) Clee passed away early Friday morning, December 18 at the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea. She was 101 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea and a near lifelong resident here, she was a devoted homemaker and mother and The widow of the late Walter R. Clee.

In her lifetime, Etta was a great sports enthusiast following the Red Sox, Patriots and Bruins. She could memorize all of the players stats and recite them all while watching the games. She also enjoyed playing board games and was a

talented seamstress fashioning clothing and many useful household articles.

She relocated to Winthrop 20 years ago to live with her only son and caretaker Alan Cree. She is survived by her son, Alan and his friend, Maria of Winthrop.

Private services and arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home in Chelsea. We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit: www.WelshFH.com

Frances DeSantis

She will be truly missed by all who knew her

Frances (DePaolo) DeSantis of Revere passed away surrounded by her loving family on December 15 at the age of 89.

Born in Chelsea on April 19, 1931 to the late Anthony and Lena (Belmonte), she was the beloved wife of 67 years of Joseph DeSantis, devoted mother of Joseph DeSantis of Revere, Janice DeSantis and her longtime companion, Rob McPherson of Chelsea and James DeSantis of Revere; cherished grandmother of Joseph DeSantis Jr. and his wife, Erin, John, Jenae and Rachael DeSantis; adored great grandmother of Lola Bartlett and she is also lovingly survived by many cousins. Frances graduated Revere High School with the Class of 1949 and went on to graduate Fisher Junior College. Frances was a homemaker who took great pride in raising her three children and later on her grandchildren. She enjoyed bowling and loved to travel. She will be truly



missed by all who knew her.

Due to the current spike in COVID-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and local officials, Funeral Services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of Paul Buonfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or at alz.org. For guestbook please visit www.buonfiglio.com

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— New Year’s Remembrance —

Dorothy Gould William Gould

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Another leaf has fallen,
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in every robin’s song.
For They are in His heaven,
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They always leave to mortals,
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OBITUARIES

Linda Secatore-Gerry

Longtime parishioner of St. Anthony's Church

Linda Secatore-Gerry of Revere died on December 22.

Linda loved her dog Lucky. She was a devout Catholic and longtime parishioner of St Anthony's Church. Linda enjoyed ballroom dancing at Hillview Country Club in North Reading where she met the love of her life, Richard. She enjoyed gardening, dining out and spending time in Maine.

The beloved wife of the late Richard Gerry, she was the devoted daughter of the late Amleto and Enes (Avalone) Secatore, loving cousin of Marilyn and Dave Ellis of Randolph and Lorna Grande of the Berkshires and is also survived by dear friends Diane Colella, Julia Malvarosa, Camille Cristello,



Noelle Smith and Barbara Peterson.

Her Funeral was held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere on Tuesday, December 29th followed by a Funeral Mass in St Anthony's Church and interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St, Revere MA 02151. For guestbook, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com

Carol Ann Borum

January 26, 1946 – December. 13, 2020

Carol Ann Borum passed away on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the age of 74.

Born, raised and a life-long resident of Chelsea, she was a beloved daughter of the late Rocco J. and Josephine M. (Incherrica) Spinelli.

Carol attended local schools, was a graduate of Chelsea High School and later earned her Associate's Degree from Bunker Hill College. She raised two daughters and one son.

She began working in her father's store "Uncle Rocco's Superette" located on the corner of Broadway and Webster Avenue and then started her career at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, Treasurer's Office. Beginning as a clerk, she worked her way up to the Treasurer's position and held that office for several years before retiring in 2008.

She endured many hardships in her lifetime, but her loving caring nature would persevere and endure.

During her lifetime, she enjoyed social gatherings at the Cary Square Club, traveling around the Caribbean, staying at Turks and Caicos, Jamaica, traveling to Italy and enjoying a night out dining with friends.

In addition to her parents, Carol was sadly predeceased by a daughter, Elisa Borum, formerly of Saugus.

She is survived by her dear friend and companion, Al Zani of Chelsea and is the forever loved mother of Christopher J. Borum and his wife,



Lauren of Lynn and Carla Borum of Chelsea, the dear sister of Richard Spinelli of Florida, Jozy Spinelli of Cape Cod and Robert Spinelli of Saugus.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial gathering at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Wednesday, December 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice physical distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter.

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

Should friends desire, contributions in Carol's memory may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Ste. B-102, Danvers, MA 01923, or visit;

<https://giving.caredimensions.org/site/Donation>

Or Alzheimer's Assoc. 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452, or visit; www.Alz.org

Harvey J. Paclat and Augusta E. (Currey) Paclat passed away to their next lives on December 19, 2020. They died within hours of one another from complications due to Covid-19 at the ages of 86 and 90 respectively after 56 devoted years of marriage.

Long time residents of Chelsea, they lived at 491 Washington Avenue in Augusta's ancestral home for over 50 years.

Harvey was born and raised in Lynn, the son of Lucille and William Paclat, He was a graduate of Lynn Classical High School and served in the US Army during the Korean War.

He worked at Forbes Lithograph in Revere where he met and eventually married Augusta.

He was later the Inspector of Weights and Measures in Chelsea and then for the State of Massachusetts until his retirement.

He was a life-long lover of the outdoors and spent much of his time in retirement devoted to birding. He was very devoted to Mass Audu-



Harvey and Augusta Paclat

Died of Covid complications within hours of one another



bon and particularly the Joppa Flats Education Center in Newburyport.

Augusta was a graduate of Chelsea High School and worked at Shrafft's Paper and then Forbes Lithograph where she met and married Harvey. Augusta was a dedicated mother and worked with her close cousin, Dorothy for many years at the Sunnyside Daycare at the County Road Church. She later worked as an administrator and much more, for the Sisters of Don Guanella and their home devoted to those with intellectual disabilities.

Harvey was a member

of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Everett where he was a lector, Eucharistic minister, choir member, and overall committed member of the parish. Augusta was a life-long member of the First Congregational Church of Chelsea where she too was a very valued and involved member of the church community.

They were deeply devoted to their family and are survived by their only son, Charles Paclat, his wife, Susan and their granddaughters, Sara and Caroline. Their very close extended family includes: Kyle and Rob O'Hannon of

New Hampshire, The Robinsons of Kimball Road; Bruce and Ellen Robinson, Robin and Jay Steinberg, Kim Gerace, and Kris and Christine Robinson as well as Merrilee and John Veerhoeven of Australia and their loving daughters.

The family cannot express enough gratitude for the amazing care provided by the staff at the ER, ICU and Palliative Care Unit of Mass General Hospital that allowed them to pass with great dignity and in comfort despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic.

A Memorial Service for Harvey and Augusta Paclat will be held at a later date. We encourage family and friends to visit www.carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Donations in memory of Harvey and Gussie may be made to Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats Education Center, 1 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Agnes Getz

July 6, 1936 – December 26, 2020

Agnes S. Getz passed away on Saturday, December 26 at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers. She was 82 years of age and was living courageously with kidney disease for the last five years.

Born in Woburn, she grew up in Chelsea, one of eleven children of the late Anthony and Sara (Polizzie) Scuturio. She married James Getz in 1957 and together they raised their own family of two sons and two daughters.

Agnes also worked for over 15 years at the now defunct Standard Box in Chelsea, retiring when the factory closed down. A resident of Chelsea for most of her life she has been residing in Peabody for the past 25 years.

The door to her home and heart was always open to visits from her grandchildren. She was widowed in 2000 after 43 years of love and devotion with her beloved husband, James Getz, Sr. In addition to her parents and husband she was also predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Muzarol, a son, James Getz, Jr., four sisters: Anna Maine, Nancy Griswold, "Dolly" Florence Roche and Lena Iodice;



five brothers: Samuel, Anthony, Thomas, Joseph and Richard Scuturio. She was the beloved mother of William Getz of Peabody, Debra Getz Baseman and her husband, Joseph Baseman of Reading and loving mother-in-law of Edward Muzarol of Peabody, the dear sister of Robert Scuturio of Chelsea, cherished grandmother of Cheryl Greene, Alicia Muzarol, Jessica Muzarol, Gina Muzarol, Joshua Baseman, Derek Baseman and Taylah Baseman and adored great grandmother of five.

Her funeral will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Wednesday, December 30 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn.

John Aulino

Well known in the parking and transportation industry

John "Jackie" Aulino, 71, a lifelong resident of Revere, died suddenly at home on December 25.

Jackie was well known in the parking and transportation industry. He was a member of Revere High School, Class of 1967 and a graduate of UMass Boston.

The devoted son of the late Alphonse and Rose (Belmonte) Aulino, he was the loving father of Jacquelyn Aulino, Erica Aulino and Alexandra Aulino, beloved companion of Marianita Gonzalez, loving nephew of Joseph and Rose Belmonte, dearest cousin of Debra Belmonte, (who was more like a sister to him), Joseph Belmonte Jr. and Michael Belmonte. He is also survived by his former wife and mother of his daughters, Celeste Ianniciello and by many loving cousins and friends.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of MA, capacity limits are in effect and



masks and social distancing are mandatory while attending services. His Funeral will be from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, Dec. 31 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St Anthony's Church at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting hours will be today, Wednesday, from 5 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St, Revere, MA 02151. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. For guestbook, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHANGES TO CHARTER APPROVED

EVERETT - Ending more than a year of discussion, the City Council voted 9-2 to make a Charter Change that would change how Ward councilors and School Committee Ward representatives are voted into office – making their seats be a vote of the ward only and not of the entire city.

Councilors John Hanlon and Fred Capone voted against the matter. The matter now advances to the State House as a Home Rule Petition for further review and potential approval.

Right now, in one of the few communities to have such a system, Everett ward councilors and Committee members are elected by a citywide vote instead of a ward-only vote. That means a candidate can actually win the vote of the ward, but lose the election. The Council and the City has been moving to make that change since receiving notice from the Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston that the system is likely a violation of the federal Voting Rights Act as it could dilute the vote of communities of color. They have indicated to the newspaper several times they are watching Everett’s moves on the matter, and are prepared to file a lawsuit if necessary to force the change.

They won a similar lawsuit in Lowell some years ago after a long and expensive fight in court.

The proposal in Everett had been voted down at the Dec. 7 meeting, surprisingly, but was called for Reconsideration by former Councilor Peter Napolitano, who has since resigned to pursue a City job. On Monday night, it was finally brought back to the body, where it was approved after about an hour of discussion.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia said her reading is that the Council needed to make the change with a Charter Commission, but she also said that would likely lead to a lawsuit being filed. She said there are other opinions that support the idea of it being a legal change as a Home Rule as well. In the end, she said there’s no easy answer.

“I think you guys are between a rock and a hard place,” she said. “Either way you decide to act, the outcome is going to be the same. Either way would also be a valid way in the eyes of the state.”

Councilor Wayne Matewsky was the lead sponsor on the change, and said it’s long past time to take action on making this change.

“I think it’s the right thing now,” he said. “The truth of the matter is there are many people here that are open to this change. It’s the fair thing to do. If a candidate gets 1,000 votes in the district, and the other candidate gets 100 votes in the district, but wins on the citywide vote, that’s not how it should work.”

Capone said he has no problem with the premise, but feels any Charter Change needs to be in the hands of the voters.

“I understand where everyone is coming from, but for me the Charter is akin to our Constitution,” he said. “If we start chipping away at it, I don’t think we have the author-

ity to change it...When you get to larger things, you have to be careful with it...Different lawyers have different opinions, but the statute reads changing of manner of election is not allowed. My reading is it’s a violation of the law and a violation of the public trust. Major changes to the Charter I will always vote ‘no’ because I believe it belongs in the hands of the people.”

Councilor Gerly Adrien said she understands the desire to let the people vote on the matter, but said the City risks a lawsuit for a violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act. She said there are at least two wards in the City that aren’t properly represented.

“We have wards in our city where there are communities of color, particularly Haitian – which I am proud to be of – and Latinos,” she said. “We do not have the right number of representation in our city to reflect the whole city, which is why this is illegal. For some of my councilors who do not understand, we are violating a federal right. We need to make sure we do this right from the beginning. I understand the Charter Commission formed this, but they were wrong. We need to change this or we will get sued like the other city.”

Councilor Anthony DiPierro said the former Charter Commission was too political, and this was a result of that. He said it’s time to vote.

“I personally think this change makes us more accountable as ward representatives,” he said. “There’s not a whole city to hide it. You need to be accountable in that ward and make sure things are done. It makes us better representatives. It’s simple...This is the right thing to do. We’ve been talking about it over a year and I’m tired of talking about it...You want to talk about a Charter Commission, I don’t even want to go there. The last Charter Commission was as political as it could be.”

Councilor Michael McLaughlin said it’s time to take a tough vote, and noting he had talked to hundreds of people about this and other recent Charter changes.

“If we’re going to get sued, I don’t want to send our City down a foxhole,” he said. “If we vote on this tonight, we’re not harming the City or the people. We’re asking the state to look at it...If they tell us we’re wrong, we go back. It’s time for us to stand up as big men and women and take votes...If we don’t do that tonight, we are doing a disservice to the men and women of Everett and we don’t deserve our paychecks at the end of the month.”

Hanlon said Everett is diverse across the board, and he doesn’t think there are any particular “pockets” of people who are being disenfranchised. He said the change needed to happen with a Charter Commission.

“Maybe they went into Lowell and found whole areas of that city that are Latino, so they had to change it,” he said. “Where do you find that in Everett? Where are these pockets of people? I see Haitians all over the city. I see Italians all over the city. I see Irish people all over the city. I see Latinos

all over the city. So the point is where are these pockets that deserve this representation? I don’t find it bad that we want to change the charter, but we should be looking into electing a Charter Commission.”

The matter will be forwarded to the State House, and it will likely be scheduled for a hearing in the Joint Committee of the House and Senate.

OFFICIAL START ON SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT

East Boston - Last week Mayor Martin Walsh joined virtually with the East Boston Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Affirmative Investments to officially break ground on the Eastie project that will create a 42 unit residential building serving low-income seniors.

Construction began in late October on the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved project. The Grace Apartments located on Sumner Street adjacent to the Maverick MBTA station will be 100 percent affordable for seniors and builds on Walsh’s commitment to creating more affordable housing for older Bostonians.

“We’re excited to mark the start of construction on the Grace Apartments project, which will create new affordable housing opportunities for Boston’s older adults,” said Walsh. “I made a commitment in my housing plan to increase the number of housing units available to older Bostonians so that they can remain in the city that they know and love. I want to thank the East Boston CDC, their development consultant Affirmative Investments, and all those involved in making this opportunity possible. It will make a positive difference in the lives of those who call East Boston home.”

The new senior residences, located at 187 Sumner St., will be built adjacent to the historic Woodbury Apartments. The project will also renovate 17 income-restricted units at the site’s existing building. Once construction is completed current Grace Apartment residents will have the option to move into the new building. As part of a long-term plan, the completion of Grace Apartments will allow for future renovations to the Woodbury Building for workforce housing.

“The need for affordable senior housing is always growing. I am proud to have supported this project and thank the administration and the East Boston CDC for helping to make it a reality,” said City Councilor Lydia Edwards. “I look forward to its completion and will continue fighting to make sure everyone has access to housing.”

The project was approved at the BPDA’s board meeting in January, 2019. BPDA officials said the approval of the 42 income-restricted senior units at 187 Sumner St. makes progress towards Mayor Walsh’s goal of increasing affordable housing to support not only a strong middle-class, but also area seniors. Mayor Walsh has updated the City’s housing targets to support the creation of new affordable housing,



Liam Woodward gets ready to climb his mountain of snow in his front yard.

increase access to homeownership opportunities, and prevent displacement of the neighborhood’s most vulnerable residents.

“MassHousing is excited to be part of a project that is going to create 42 brand-new apartment homes for lower-income elderly residents in the heart of East Boston,” said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay. “We were pleased to collaborate with the East Boston Community Development Corporation, Affirmative Investments, the City of Boston, and our state partners, to provide this new housing for Boston seniors, who will be able to live affordably in the city for many years to come.”

According to plans approved by the BPDA, the CDC project involves the construction of a new 39,067 square foot, 42-unit seven-story building and the renovation of an existing 26,800 square foot building currently on the same site in Maverick Square.

The new building will include all low-income elderly housing. The existing building, which includes 17 elderly/disabled subsidized units as well as approximately 3,000 square feet of ground floor commercial, will be converted to workforce housing units, including two affordable units.

The property consists of a 16,266-square foot parcel of land with 26,800-square foot of mixed use, residential and commercial building.

There will be no changes to the footprint of the existing building and the proposed new building will be situated behind the existing building.

The 3,798 square foot first floor will consist of a community room, kitchen, lobby, mailroom, office, and mechanical space. The lot size will accommodate five parking spaces, one of which will be handicapped accessible.

The second through seventh floors will have seven units per floor, for a total of 42 units.

The CDC has controlled the project site since the late 1970s. The property consists of an irregular shaped 16,266 square foot parcel of land behind the existing 26,800 square foot mixed use, residential and commercial building.

The CDC sought to develop the land back in 1975 and received approvals by the then Boston Redevelopment Authority but those approvals have since expired.

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The CDC held a BPDA-sponsored meeting back in September 2019 as part of the Article 80 review process and there was little to no opposition to the plans.

“We are very grateful to Mayor Walsh, the City of Boston, MassHousing, and our partners at the State for working with us to make this project a reality,” said President of the East Boston CDC Al Caldarelli. “We are proud to have worked creatively with DiMella Shaffer Architects and Affirmative Investments to make use of the land we already owned and turn it into 42 much needed affordable apartments for low-income seniors in our community.”

CUSTOMER LEAVES \$500 TIP

East Boston - With the first round of citizens being vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus this very tough year seems to be ending with a glimmer of hope.

While everyone can’t wait to put this year behind us, there was a bright spot in 2020 for the staff at the Cunard Tavern in Jeffries Point.

On Saturday an anonymous customer spread a little Holiday Cheer and left a \$500 tip on a \$36.38 bill. Cunard’s Executive Chef Anthony Pino posted a photo of the bill on his Instagram account with the caption, “Someone tipped the service staff \$500 on a \$36 tab. Suddenly, the end of 2020 is hell of a lot better for them. Very grateful for the generosity of a lot of the guests here over the last year.”

It’s been a hard year for everyone but the local restaurant industry has been hit particularly hard by the pandemic and the Cunard was no exception.

At the start of the pandemic the popular Jeffries Point destination was forced to close and reevaluate how to move forward. The restaurants reopened in the spring for take out and delivery, allowed indoor dining when it was safe to do so and opened an outdoor sidewalk patio throughout the summer and fall as part of the City’s Public Space program.

However, the restaurant was forced to close briefly in November out of an abundance of caution after a customer tested positive for COVID.

Since the Public Space program expired earlier this month the Cunard has refocused on socially distanced indoor dining as

well as takeout and delivery.

Chef Pino recently introduced the restaurant’s first ever “Holiday Cook-At-Home” meals.

“These prepped meals complete with instructions and easy cleanup are just what your Christmas Eve/Day needs to be stress-free,” said Pino.

Last week, Mayor Martin Walsh addressed both public concerns about indoor dining as well as the concerns of restaurant owners that need to stay afloat. .

“There are concerns about the possibility of viral transmission,” said Walsh. “There are concerns about the ability of restaurants to survive closures and restrictions. I hear both of these concerns and we are responding to both of those concerns. Our approach is to follow the Phase 2 guidance, with additional restrictions. We’re restricting bar seating to special approvals, as I mentioned. And we are increasing enforcement of all the guidelines, for all licensed businesses. We will have an emergency Licensing Board meeting every Monday to address violations.”

The Mayor also appealed to restaurant patrons and small business customers to be part of the solution.

“The City has heard from owners that it can be very difficult to police customers who keep their masks off or ignore distancing guidelines,” said Walsh who asked everyone who dines in a restaurant or visits a store to do their part and follow the guidelines, and whenever possible, use take-out and delivery services.

The Mayor also issued a reminder that The Reopen Boston Fund is still accepting applications to help small businesses with debt-free grant support.

FOUR LYNN GROUPS RECEIVE GRANTS

LYNN - Lynn Museum/Lynn Arts and Creative Collective, Raw Art Works, and artist/collaborators Tara Argaba and Estrella Diaz, and Cinda Danh and Michael Aghahowa have received grants from the The New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA). The grants are awarded to Massachusetts-based artists and collaborators to imagine and create public art that fosters more just, vibrant, and

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welcoming public spaces. Lynn Museum/Lynn Arts and Creative Collective and artists Agaba and Diaz were the recipients of Collective Imagination for Spatial Justice (CISJ) grants that support teams of artists, creatives, culture bearers, cultural organizers, and community-based collaborators to do the important work of imagining public art that fosters and contributes to more just futures for our public spaces and public culture. The grants range from \$2,000-\$5,000.

Raw Art Works, a youth arts organizations based at 37 Central Square (“Love Letters to Lynn” and artists Danh and Aghahowa “Food for Thought”) were the recipients of Public Art for Spatial Justice (PASJ) grants that support artists and artistic collaborations to create public art in Massachusetts that fosters public imagination and contributes to more just futures for our public spaces and public culture. The grants range from \$5,000-\$10,000.

Following are the descriptions of the projects: Grant Recipient Details CINDY DANH AND MICHAEL AGHA-HOWA GRANT AMOUNT \$10,000 Cinda Danh and Michael Aghahowa are artists and activists, born and raised in Lynn, MA. Cinda and Michael are working in collaboration with Ernie’s Harvest Time, a mid-sized grocery in downtown Lynn and youth from The Food Project (www.thefoodproject.org) to create a wraparound mural at Ernie’s that celebrates voices from within the Lynn community who are doing the important work of imagining, dreaming and growing a more resilient food system. In a moment when rapid development and displacement is happening in Lynn, this mural aims to center the stories of the people who have been here, are still here, and hopefully will be here for the future of Lynn.

Grant Recipient Details: RAW ARTS WORKS LOCATION Lynn, MA PROJECT TITLE Love Letters to Lynn FISCAL YEAR AWARDED 2021 GRANT OR PROGRAM Public Art for Spatial Justice GRANT AMOUNT \$10,000

Tapping the Lynn Museum, Faces of Lynn Magazine and Harvard artist/researcher Raquel Jimenez, Raw Art Works’ public arts group for high school womxn, WAMX, led by art therapist Laura Smith, will create Love Letters to Lynn, an interdisciplinary public art testimonial to the voices of womxn in Lynn, Massachusetts. Following the model of participatory action research and seeking to create uplifting art “for the people, by the people,” eight high school WAMX artists will interview their adult counterparts by exchanging letters with them, then convert the knowledge gained into a public display of original art at the Lynn Museum and in Lynn shops that have closed as a result of COVID-19.

Grant Recipient Details: LYNN MUSEUM/ LYNN ARTS AND CRE-

ATIVE COLLECTIVE Location: Lynn, MA PROJECT TITLE N/A FISCAL YEAR AWARDED 2021 GRANT OR PROGRAM Collective Imagination for Spatial Justice GRANT AMOUNT \$5,000 BIPOC artists in Lynn are integral to the social fabric of our city. Currently, barriers to collaboration exist between BIPOC artists and municipal and organizational leaders who are the stewards of funding, visibility and permissions. BIPOC artists, in collaboration with the Lynn Museum/Lynn Arts and Creative Collective, will examine these barriers and reimagine opportunities to foster trust and accountability with municipal and organizational leaders. By centering the voices of BIPOC artists from Lynn, this collective imagination journey aims to envision ways for diverse artistic and cultural expression to not only exist, but to truly thrive in Lynn.

Grant Recipient Details: TARA AGABA AND ESTRELLA DIAZ LOCATION Lynn, MA PROJECT TITLE N/A FISCAL YEAR AWARDED 2021 GRANT OR PROGRAM Collective Imagination for Spatial Justice GRANT AMOUNT \$5,000

Tara and Estrella are exploring concepts of rest as a communal practice of healing. How does rest intersect with public space? How are public spaces designed for rest? Who is allowed to rest in public? Who’s rest is policed in public? How might we question these social norms, and come together, reclaim our time, drink tea, rest, and heal together? Exploring radical and communal self-care could be a path to our liberation. Together we are exploring the use of art and digital media for healing and organizing for rest and world-building.

“In the midst of the global health pandemic, economic downturn, and continued racial injustice that 2020 has made more apparent, we are reminded that public spaces are not neutral and public art made in public spaces is not neutral either. As we reckon with complex histories and continued legacies of racism and white supremacy culture, we refocused our public art grantmaking towards spatial justice.” said Kim Sze-to, NEFA public art program director, “Public art has the ability and responsibility to creatively engage important and timely conversations, bring healing to space and place, and foster public imagination for a more just version of what is possible.”

NEFA’s Spatial Justice grants are made possible with funding from the Barr Foundation. “This moment is crying out for artists who can help us imagine a better world,” said Giles Li, the Barr Foundation’s Senior Program Officer for Arts & Creativity. “We are proud to partner with NEFA to support these important artists and vital communities; their work forces us to confront our own assumptions

about who feels welcomed in public spaces and reaffirms what the Foundation deeply believes: that all people deserve the honor of being heard, seen, and valued.”

SHOWCASE CINEMAS HOLDS MANY MEMORIES

REVERE - The Revere Journal asked Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino – the councilor for the ward in which Showcase Cinemas is located – for his thoughts on the closing of the famed movie theater complex at 565 Squire Road, Revere, and the future plans for a new Amazon distribution center for the site.

Councilor Serino wrote the following comments: “With the closing of Showcase Cinemas, it’s a sad end for a long chapter of Hollywood in Linden Square. From a drive-in to a movie theater where my parents took me to see my very first movie to seeing ‘The Adventures of Pinocchio’ and ‘George of the Jungle,’ with my mom to now the ‘new’ Showcase that was built in 2000 where I saw all the Harry Potter movies and where I would take my younger cousins to see the LEGO movies, I will certainly miss Showcase Cinemas.

Sadly, in the age of COVID and streaming services, the reality is that the movie theater industry is going away. Just this month, Warner Brothers announced all its 2021 movies will be going to stream on HBO Max instead of to movie theater chains. With Netflix, Amazon Prime, HBO Max, Disney Plus, Hulu and Peacock, it is just easier to get a movie straight on your TV from the comfort of your own home. It’s unfortunate, but that is the reality.

Even myself, I think the last time I physically went to the movies was probably four years ago to see Disney’s ‘Beauty and the Beast.’

With regard to the future of the site, I am thrilled that it will remain a commercial property, and one that will bring jobs and revenue to the City of Revere. Further, I am relieved that it will not be more residential apartments. One of the main concerns I have heard so far about the prospect of Amazon coming to Ward Six is increased traffic. However, preliminary traffic studies are showing that the Amazon site will actually have less of an impact on traffic than even the current movie theater. Think about it - when a popular movie would let out on a Saturday afternoon, you would get approximately 100 cars exiting at once. Amazon staggers the exit and entrance times of their delivery vans to the site, as well as conducts its deliveries outside commuter peaks.

Nonetheless, I have already begun advocating that Amazon be upfront in addressing concerns about traffic impacts, particularly to Copeland Circle and Squire Road. I made clear that Amazon must minimize effects felt on surrounding neighborhoods from tractor trailers entering/departing the site during overnight hours. I have made them aware that traffic sounds from Route 60/Route 1 tend to carry/reverberate in the neighborhoods off of Squire Road and Washington Avenue, and that we have to make sure the traffic patterns for their deliveries are such that there will not be a strain on our quality of life.

Further, I have explained

DeLeo resignation could open up possibilities for Chelsea

By Seth Daniel

It was the worst kept secret in the universe, but on Monday afternoon, it finally became official – that of long-time House Speaker Bob DeLeo resigning his post as state representative and speaker.

Discussion of the matter began a few weeks ago, and hints along the way pointed in that definitive direction since then. DeLeo has represented Winthrop and Revere – living in Winthrop – and has been a great neighboring rep to Chelsea. That has been particularly evident in the friendly help Chelsea has garnered over the years from its state delegation in the Legislature, but more precisely, with DeLeo’s help at the Soldiers’ Home.

It has been a tremendous run for the Speaker, and for Chelsea, it has never hurt to have a powerful friend next door.

“This House has consistently led the way and provided solutions to some of the most complex and challenging public policy problems of our time,” his resignation letter read. “It is a comfort for me to know that, through our joint efforts, when I leave I do so with the knowledge that the House is well positioned for continued success.”

With DeLeo’s resignation, it brings up an interesting future for Chelsea, which has long called for having its own state representative seat – rather than one shared by a powerful voting block like Charlestown. Chelsea has been chopped up into sections for many years, having two state reps for the City that are virtually unwinnable at this point by anyone from Chelsea. In the past, the voters were able to elect the likes of Gene O’Flaherty and Richie Voke, but the electoral power in Chelsea has diminished in recent years.

Prattville will never beat out West Revere, nor

will mainland Chelsea ever beat out Charlestown.

Redistricting efforts that will come following the results of the 2020 Census were a hopeful spot on the map. If Chelsea were to get a good count of residents, as well as the municipalities around it, that could lead to enough people on the books (there are already enough in reality) to call for an all-Chelsea seat – similar to the setup in Everett.

But the Census 2020 was a flop due to the pandemic, and Chelsea is likely to come out of it with fewer people than the severely low figures from 2010. With such low numbers, no case can be made for an all-Chelsea seat.

Many have, since November, been trying to mold the population of Chelsea and surrounding cities to see if there was some configuration that made sense. However, all scenarios always ran into the roadblock of Winthrop and Revere and Speaker DeLeo’s district. When one is Speaker, one’s district doesn’t get carved up in redistricting. However, without the Speaker in Winthrop, many in Chelsea believe a new page has been turned on that process.

Winthrop has legitimately lost population, and so it will need to gain more area to add to the current Revere/Winthrop tally. Some are now suggesting that Prattville leave the Revere district, and make Chelsea one large seat – while Revere gains most of DeLeo’s portion aside from Beachmont. That would create a Beachmont, Winthrop and half of East Boston seat. Then it opens up Chelsea to join the western half of East Boston – which is more heavily Hispanic and resembles the demographics of Chelsea very closely. In fact, those on either side of the McArdle Bridge have commonly said over the last five

are teaming up with, are looking to add greenery to the site. From an aesthetics perspective, this should be a significant improvement from what you currently see on the highway. I understand that this project is being met with mixed emotions, and there is a

years that side of Eastie has more in common with Chelsea than it does Boston. And that is true.

The issues are very similar for a state official.

However, what would be good for Chelsea might not be in the best interest of sitting State Rep. Dan Ryan and East Boston Rep. Adrian Madaro. They will have to weigh in, but it wasn’t so long ago that Beachmont was in the East Boston district, and historically the eastern side of Eastie has a lot of cross migration with Winthrop. Even Speaker DeLeo went from East Boston to Winthrop in his early days.

For Rep. Ryan, he loves Chelsea, but he’s a Boston guy and understands the politics and processes there thoroughly – so would he be interested in taking on more of Boston, maybe downtown Boston and Beacon Hill for his district? That’s up to him, and only time will tell.

Were that to become a reality, there are no shortage of Chelsea applicants for the post.

Certainly, Rep. Ryan’s last two opponents would have some interest in a newly configured, all-Chelsea seat – that being Council President Roy Avellaneda and Councilor Damali Vidot. Former State Rep. Candidate Todd Taylor would likely be an entry on the Republican side of the ticket – having been a rising star in the local Republican party.

Councillor Leo Robinson cannot be taken out of the equation, nor should Council Vice President Judith Garcia. There are many young business leaders that could be interested, and a number of others that could likely surface if the opportunity were available.

All of it is speculation, and the departure of Speaker DeLeo is too bad for the region, but it does open up possibilities for the long-dreamed-of all-Chelsea seat.

certain nostalgia to the fact that there has always been an entertainment venue in this location. However, the more we learn about the planned upgrades for the site, I think this is going to be a positive and become an asset to our neighborhood and community.”

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SALVATION ARMY IN CHELSEA DISTRIBUTED TOYS DEC. 22

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As families struggle to make ends meet, the Salvation Army on Chestnut Street stepped up this holiday season – though going through their own financial troubles – to provide gifts for needy families in the area.

Capt. Isael Gonzalez said between the five towns they serve, including their headquarters in Chelsea, they helped 2,600 kids with gifts and toys this Christmas – as

well as groceries for the family.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, the Chelsea headquarters had a huge distribution effort to get the toys out to families that needed them.



Aracely Gamboa helped a client select toys from the donations.



A new baby doll was on the Christmas list of this young lady from Chelsea.



Edith Sabala, a volunteer at the Salvation Army Center in Chelsea, sorted toys and helped coordinate the distribution on Dec. 22.



Volunteer Oscar Castillo waves as he organizes food supplies for families on Dec. 22 at the Salvation Army.



There were no Grinch on Dec. 22 at the Salvation Army, but volunteer Nancy dressed up like one for the families to enjoy.



This youngster was ready to help on Christmas.

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