



DiDomenico announces sweeping economic development law

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, Senator Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature passed \$627 million in funding for a sweeping economic recovery and development bill, providing critical support to businesses, investments in infrastructure, and creation of new jobs in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill was signed into law on January 14, 2021.

An Act Enabling Partnerships for Growth is a COVID-19 relief and recovery package that provides support to the restaurant and tourism sectors, small businesses, and those who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The bill also creates a Future of Work Commission, establishes protections for student loan borrowers, and ushers in zoning reforms to encourage affordable housing development in our communities.

“I am very pleased that this legislation is now law so that we can provide much-needed relief to our small business community and the parts of our economy that have been hardest hit by this pandemic,” said Senator DiDomenico. “While the capital investments in this bill will reach every part of our Commonwealth, this legislation will have a profound impact on our district in particular. I was proud to vote for this COVID relief package, and I look forward to continue working with my colleagues in the Legislature to ensure that our communities receive the support and resources that we need and deserve during these trying times.” Included in this economic development law is critical language

limiting the fees charged by third-party delivery services, like Uber Eats, DoorDash, and GrubHub. From the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator DiDomenico began advocating for a cap on delivery fees to protect local restaurants during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

“I heard from many restaurant owners on this specific issue, especially as the industry has transitioned to take-out and delivery service during the COVID emergency,” said DiDomenico. “My district is a hub for independently owned restaurants and these small businesses are in large part what make our community so vibrant. The restaurant industry throughout the Commonwealth has taken a terrible hit during this crisis, and it is the very least we can do to protect them from predatory practices.”

The new law limits fees charged by third-party delivery services for restaurants to 15% during the COVID-19 state of emergency and prohibits third-party delivery service companies from reducing rates for delivery drivers or garnishing gratuities as result of the limitation.

An Act Enabling Partnerships for Growth also includes the following bonding authorizations and policy changes:

COVID-19 pandemic relief and recovery

BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

- \$30 million for the state’s COVID-19 Payroll Protection Program

- \$20 million for restaurant COVID-19 recovery grants

POLICY CHANGES

- Creates a commission to examine and make

recommendations on addressing the recovery of the cultural and creative sector, including the arts, humanities and sciences, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

Housing BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

- \$40 million for a program to redevelop blighted buildings

- \$50 million for transit-oriented housing developments

- \$10 million for climate-resilient affordable housing developments

- \$5 million for a Gateway Cities housing program

POLICY CHANGES

- Implements zoning reform to help cities and towns approve smart growth zoning and affordable housing by lowering the required vote threshold for a range of housing-related zoning changes and special permits at the local level from a two-thirds supermajority to a simple majority.

- Requires designated MBTA communities to be zoned for at least one district of reasonable size, in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right and requires such housing to be suitable for families with children.

- Increases the state low-income housing tax credit program cap from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000

Employee protections, business growth, and equity

BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

- \$35 million for a Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation matching grant program to community development financial institutions for small business loans and grants.

- \$27.7 million for a new Employment Social Enterprise Capital Grant Program

- \$20 million for a Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation small business grant program.

- \$14M million for travel and tourism grants

- \$10 million for regional and community assistance planning grants

POLICY CHANGES

- Enables, via local option, the creation of tourism destination marketing districts (“TDMDs”), made up of hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts, for the purpose of generating local revenue dedicated solely for the promotion and marketing of specific regions of the Commonwealth.

- Amends the statutory definition of wait staff employee to include a person in a quick service restaurant who prepares or serves food or beverages as part of a team of counter staff.

Provides that the taking of family or medical leave shall not affect an employee’s right to accrue vacation time, sick leave, bonuses, advancement, seniority, length-of-service credit or other employment benefits, plans or programs.

- Exempts natural hair braiding from the definition of hairdressing, and exempts natural hair braiding from rules and regulations pertaining to aesthetics, barbering, cosmetology, electrolysis, hairdressing and manicuring.

- Encourages the PRIM Board to use minority investment managers to manage PRIT Fund assets, where appropriate, and to increase the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of

Fund investments.

- Establishes a commission of experts, industry members, academics, and elected officials to research and propose policy solutions that ensure the future and sustainability of local journalism in Massachusetts

STUDENT PROTECTIONS

- Establishes a Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights regulating the licensing and operation of student loan servicers by the Commissioner of Banks.

- Creates a Student Loan Ombudsman within the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of receiving, reviewing and assisting in the resolution of complaints from student loan borrowers; authorizes the Ombudsman to assist with repayment options, applying for federal loan forgiveness programs, ending wage and tax refund garnishments, resolving billing disputes, and obtaining loan details.

Agriculture and rural support

BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

- \$20 million for rural community development and infrastructure grants.

- \$2 million for an urban agriculture grant program.

POLICY CHANGES

- Expands the Food Policy Council to include an expert in healthy soil practices; codifies the definition of ‘healthy soils;’ gives the Commission for Conservation of Soil and Water the ability to establish a Massachusetts Healthy Soils Program and Fund

Technology and innovation

BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

- \$52 million for the Technology Research and

Development and Innovation Fund.

- \$15 million for lottery IT infrastructure.

- \$10 million for the expansion of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (M2I2).

- \$5 million for the Massachusetts Broadband Incentive Fund

POLICY CHANGES

- Creates a special commission on the future of work to conduct a comprehensive study relative to the impact of automation, artificial intelligence, global trade, access to new forms of data and the internet of things on the workforce, businesses and economy.

- Clarifies that carsharing platforms may obtain insurance coverage from non-admitted carrier and that carsharing platforms do not need their own insurance-producer or broker licenses to offer or maintain insurance policies for carsharing vehicles or drivers.

Other bonding authorizations include:

- \$102,304,000 for local economic development projects;

- \$12.5 million for the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation;

- \$15 million for trial court virtual mediation services;

- \$6 million for Massachusetts Cultural Council grants;

- \$5 million for Mass Cultural Council public school grants;

- \$20 million for Mass Cultural Council cultural facilities grants;

- \$15 million for vocational technical school expansion grants; and

- \$15 million for higher education workforce grants.

Gov. Baker expands vaccine locations, names Fenway Park as mass vaccination site

The state announced on Tuesday the expansion of more vaccine locations in each region of the Commonwealth at pharmacies, health care providers and a second mass vaccination site at Fenway Park to boost the capacity to administer vaccines per week by the thousands.

The Commonwealth will continue to add more vaccination sites throughout Massachusetts.

First, the Administration announced that Massachusetts will become one of the first states in the nation to launch the COVID-19 CDC Pharmacy Partnership - Phase 1 with CVS Health and Walgreens pharmacies located throughout the Commonwealth. Starting this week, this program will deliver a total of 10,000 doses to at least 15 CVS Health and Walgreens pharmacies a week for eligible residents in the Phase One priority groups.

Second, the Administration announced that Fen-

way Park will become the state’s second mass vaccination site, joining Gillette Stadium. The ballpark will open on February 1 to start administering up to 500 vaccines per day to eligible residents in the Phase One priority groups.

Next, the Administration also announced that UMass Amherst will expand their vaccination site to provide inoculations for eligible residents in Phase One priority groups. UMass Amherst has been providing vaccines to first responders, and plans to now offer vaccines to all eligible residents in Phase One priority groups immediately.

Finally, to increase vaccine access for Phase 1 eligible priority groups, the Baker-Polito Administration is launching the Hospital Depot Initiative. This new program will facilitate access to COVID-19 vaccine for independent physician practices prioritized under Phase 1.

Current eligible groups under Phase 1 include: Clinical and non-clinical health care workers doing direct and COVID-facing care; Long term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities; First responders (EMS, Fire, Police); and Congregate care settings (including corrections and shelters).

CDC Pharmacy Partnership - Phase 1

Massachusetts will be among the first states to activate retail pharma-

cy vaccination at scale through select CVS Health and Walgreens, which will start inoculating eligible residents in Phase One priority groups by appointment.

Starting this week, at least 15 CVS Health and Walgreens, located in areas of the state where there is currently less access to convenient vaccine sites, will receive a total of 10,000 vaccines to administer this week. The first 15 locations are located in Greenfield, Fall River, Salem, South Yarmouth, Pittsfield, Lee, Holden, Gardner, Hyannis, Mashpee, Somerset, Fairhaven, Haverhill, Saugus and Danvers. Eligible residents in Phase One priority groups can view sites and book an appointment starting this week.

Approximately 40 vaccination sites will be added the week of Jan. 25 through current partners and collaboration with additional partners (Wegmans, Big Y, Price Chopper, Stop & Shop, Hannaford). Massachusetts expects to increase vaccine volume through retail pharmacies in the coming weeks. The Command Center will provide more details as pharmacy partners and sites come online.

Fenway Park Named as Second Mass Vaccination Site

Fenway Park will be the state’s second mass vaccination site and will open on February 1. Initially,

the ballpark is scheduled to administer 500 vaccines per day by appointment and will ramp up to providing 1,000 vaccines per day soon to eligible residents in Phase One priority groups. CIC Health will operate the site, with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, part of Beth Israel Lahey Health, as the medical director.

The site is expected to stay open through the beginning of baseball season in early April. The Command Center is also working with the City of Boston to identify and set up a longer-term vaccine site in Boston.

Last week, the Administration announced Gillette Stadium as the first mass vaccination site, which opened for eligible Phase One groups Monday. This week, the site is expected to work up to administering over 1,000 vaccinations per day, and soon after, 5,000 vaccinations per day. Eligible residents in Phase 1 priority groups can book an appointment at Gillette Stadium starting now.

The Command Center is finalizing plans for several other mass vaccination sites.

Hospital Depot Initiative

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will facilitate access to COVID-19 vaccines for independent COVID-facing physician practices prioritized under Phase 1. The Massachusetts COVID-19 Command Center and DPH, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) and Mass General Brigham (MGB), is managing this initiative starting with COVID-facing health care workers.

Under this initiative, hospitals serving each region of the state have been identified as a depot to assist the Commonwealth with its vaccination distribution efforts. For clinical practices that are unable, due to their staff size and storage capacity, to receive larger, direct allocations of vaccine, a depot hospital will receive doses on their behalf and redistribute vaccine and all ancillary materials for office-based vaccination. In some cases, the hospital will provide direct vaccination to health care workers. The Massachusetts Medical Society is managing communications and coordination with physician practices.

Participating hospitals include:

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RAFT applications and our own rental assistance applications and program. We have the Chelsea Legal Aid Clinic and the Eviction Task force that intervene quickly. I’m hopeful all of these things are helping the situation. These statistics seem to be a positive trend.”

At the same time, he said statistics only tell the official story, and he has heard from advocates that many illegal evictions are happening that don’t show up on paper.

“I have no doubt that does occur and that’s why we set up the Chelsea Legal Aid Clinic – a place to call and get advice,” he said. “I agree that is a reality in these communities.”

City Solicitor Cheryl Fisher Watson chairs the effort at the Chelsea Legal Services Housing Clinic – as it is officially known – and said it has helped avoid evictions before they happen in court.

“Chelsea has a unique approach to combating evictions and have armed our residents with different options,” she said. “The Chelsea Legal Services Housing Clinic is not only representing residents of all incomes in evictions, but also it is making sure they are connected with services within our community.

For example, she said tenants are referred to the City and other agencies for rent help through the state RAFT program and also referrals are made to housing agencies. The Clinic members right now are meeting residents twice a week at La Colaborativa to discuss their options. Meanwhile, Greater Boston Legal Services and the Volunteer Lawyers Project are also helping and representing residents that make it to court.

“There is a referral network in place,” she said. “Our Landlords are also doing their part by not pursuing evictions and working with the Clinic and the City.”

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said keeping up the effort will be critical in the next few months, but he is encouraged to see that it appears the current efforts are succeeding in Everett and Chelsea.

“We have to continue working to ensure that we don’t have any evictions,” said Senator DiDomenico. “But, we can see that the work being done in our community through state and local partnerships has had positive outcomes for many residents. There is still much more work to be done and we will keep pushing to get resources to address our housing crisis.”

On the streets of Chelsea though – similar to Everett – there is another story and that’s the one that doesn’t appear on paper, as Ambrosino said.

La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega said the two things that keep her up at night during the pandemic have been food insecurity and housing. Food has an easy answer she said; Getting resources and distributing them. Housing is much different in Chelsea, as there are so many unofficial and complex living situations. They aren’t the kind of situations that would show up on official court statistics.

“The numbers may show something, but the reality is totally different,” she said.

The organization has four staff members dedicated to housing, including Norieliz DeJesus. She said much of the problem is there are tenant subleases, and extended family situations, and other non-traditional living arrangements that disintegrate in the stress of COVID-19.

“There are a lot of people that sublease in the community and who out of fear abandon their homes before they get to court,” she said. “They often leave because they’re getting harassed by the landlord at times...Other tenants may be paying their rent, but they’re doing it because they’re borrowing money or they aren’t paying their bills and letting them skyrocket for heat and electricity. We’ve seen where landlords are using utilities to push tenants out. They control the switches and they turn off the lights or heat until they leave.

“It’s really hard to categorize the situations we see because there are so

Communities/neighborchoods with high eviction filings for non-payment of rent (as of 1/1/21):

- Worcester – 874
- Springfield – 711
- Fall River – 604
- Dorchester – 505
- New Bedford – 496
- Lowell - 414
- Brockton – 315
- Framingham – 305
- Lynn – 286
- Lawrence – 250
- Revere - 154
- Chelsea - 129
- Cambridge – 116
- Everett – 87
- East Boston – 19

By County: (Top 3 counties)

- Middlesex County – 2,039 (803 since November)
- Suffolk County – 1,944 (576 since November)
- Worcester County – 1,735 (959 since November)

many dynamics, and they don’t show up on paper,” she continued.

She retold the story of a teen mother who was kicked out of her home by her mother, an eviction that wouldn’t show up on any statistics, but one that creates an emergency situation, nonetheless.

“Some family tenant situations aren’t showing up on paper because they’re coming from family members evicting other family members,” she said. “I have a young mother who is 18 with a baby and her mother told her to leave because she couldn’t find a job. She was on the street. We had to try to find her housing and a hotel for a few nights. That didn’t show up on court stats because it was within the family – in fact her mother.”

Many expect the numbers of filed evictions to increase in the coming months, but a nationwide rebound in the economy is also predicted for the second half of 2021 – leading many to believe at the City and state level that getting through the last two months and the next four could be enough to avert a housing disaster – at least on paper.

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my parents dreamt.”

That was particularly meaningful as Kelley grew up in a unique environment with two different cultures and parents who worked hard and dreamt their children would succeed – as she has.

Her father grew up in Selma, Alabama, one of nine children growing up in the Jim Crow era south. He picked cotton until he was in his teens and the family followed the Great Migration. He followed his dream north to New York City and worked as a truck driver there on the overnight shift.

Her mother was Japanese, and had married a US Army soldier after World War II and came to the United States. After living in North Carolina with her husband, the marriage didn’t work out and she was divorced.

She moved to New York and worked in supermarkets as a meat packer, where people called her ‘Linda’ instead of her real name of ‘Nieko.’

They lived in New York in a two-bedroom apartment, her and three brothers, above an Irish bar. Her father worked nights and watched the kids in the day. Her mother worked days and watched the kids at night.

They worked hard, she said, to open up a dream for their children.

However, at the age of 38, her father died suddenly. Her mother was left to raise four children on her own, working as a meat packer.

Judge Kelley said her brothers went to the military, but she had a talent for school. Her mother lived until 2013 and was able to see her graduate college, graduate law school and get her Master’s in law. She was able to see her daughter become a lawyer and a public defender, a federal prosecutor and eventually a judge.

“She was still with us when I became a judge,” she said. “I would not be



Judge Angel Kelley was the keynote speaker on Monday morning for the 14th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Chelsea.

where I am today were it not for my parent’s sacrifice and dreams for me. I accept I am their dream and the result of their pursuit of the American Dream...My story is an unlikely story but it embodies the American Dream. The daughter of a truck driver and a meat wrapper becomes a judge.”

Judge Kelley has been the chief justice of the Plymouth District Court, and earned her degree from Colgate University and Georgetown University Law School.

Prior to her appointment to the Superior Court bench in 2013, Judge Kelley served on the District Court for three and a half years. Before her judicial career, Judge Kelley spent 17 years as a trial attorney and teacher. She was an Assistant United States Attorney in Boston and a clinical instructor at Harvard Law School. Previously, she spent much of her legal career in New York as a trial attorney engaged in public interest work in the practice areas of civil and criminal defense. She was Assistant

Chief of the New York Litigation division and senior trial attorney for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. She also served as trial attorney for the Legal Aid Society in Brooklyn, New York.

Judge Kelley has taught part-time at institutions including Columbia University, New York University, the Port Authority Police Academy, the New York Civil Rights Coalition, Boston University School of Law, and Suffolk University Law School. She regularly serves as guest faculty at Harvard Law School’s Trial Advocacy Workshop, Emory Law’s Trial Techniques Program, and the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA).

Judge Kelley has participated in the China Judicial Exchange teaching the American Jury System, offered an American perspective in Turkey at an international symposium on judicial ethics, and taught police officers, attorneys and judges in Liberia and Tanzania on human trafficking, trial advocacy skills and judicial ethics.



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DPD reports first confirmed case of COVID-19 variant

Officials from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on January 17 announced that the first case of the COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7 has been detected in Massachusetts, coming from a Boston woman who had travelled to the United Kingdom.

This is the same variant initially discovered in the United Kingdom.

The individual developed symptoms in early January and tested positive for COVID-19. A genetic sample was sent to an out-of-state laboratory as part of the US Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) established surveillance process to identify COVID-19 variants. The State Public Health Laboratory was notified last evening of the results.

The individual is a Boston resident, a female in her 20s. She had traveled to the United Kingdom and became ill the day after she returned. She had tested negative prior to leaving the UK. The individual was interviewed by contact tracers at the time the initial positive result was received, and close contacts

were identified. She is being re-interviewed by public health officials now that the variant has been identified as the cause of illness.

Surveillance testing for the B.1.1.7 variant has been ongoing at the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory in collaboration with clinical diagnostic laboratories and academic partners. Surveillance consists of genomic sequencing on portions of COVID-19 positive specimens.

To date, the CDC has reported 88 cases from 14 states in the United States.

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JOE BIDEN NEEDS OUR PRAYERS

With President Joe Biden taking the oath of office this week, America is ready to recover -- both physically and psychologically -- from the four years of "carnage" that has been left behind by the previous presidential administration.

It is fair to say that no incoming President ever has faced more challenges than those that are awaiting Joe Biden:

-- Washington, D.C. looks like a war zone for the inauguration, with 30,000 U.S. troops fortifying the city in the wake of the mob that stormed the Capitol two weeks ago. Similar threats of violence by anarchist, right-wing groups loom all across the country.

-- The COVID-19 pandemic is killing thousands of Americans each and every day, seven days a week, filling our hospitals to overflowing and overwhelming our healthcare system.

-- The nation's economy is in tatters, even more so than during the Great Depression, with record-high unemployment, hunger, and small business failures.

-- America's reputation in the world never has been lower in our entire history. Both friend and foe view us as an unreliable and unstable nation, rather than the moral and powerful leader that we have been since our founding.

-- And last but not least, the Russians have breached our national security with a massive cyberattack, the full scope of which still is to be determined.

The one saving grace for our country is this: No incoming president in the past 50 years has had more experience, and is better prepared for the job, than Joe Biden. The same too, goes for his key Cabinet members. They will be able to hit the ground running to get us back on track.

Still, the task ahead for Joe Biden is daunting -- and he will need all of the prayers we can send his way.

LET'S GO, TAMPA BAY!

It's okay to admit it, Pats' fans -- we were rooting for Tom and Gronk in their playoff game for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this past Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

It has been jarring to see No. 12 playing in a Tampa Bay uniform this season -- it's like seeing your long-time ex- with someone else.

But with the Patriots' dismal season relegating the Pats to the bottom third of the NFL (where they are destined to remain for a while), Tom and Gronk's play-off run with the Bucs has given us something to cheer about.

True, both are only shadows of their former selves. Brady threw a lot of off-target passes and Gronk had trouble getting open. On the other hand, they connected for a key first-down deep in New Orleans territory late in the game that led to the Bucs' clinching score.

Although it was nowhere as dramatic as that amazing catch that Gronk made late in the 2019 AFC championship game in Kansas City that propelled the Pats to another Super Bowl, it still was a vintage Brady-to-Gronk clutch play that brought a smile to the face of every New England fan. (We should note too, that Gronkowski played a huge role in the Tampa Bay running game with his blocking, just as he did with the Pats for a decade.)

Tampa Bay will face a stiff challenge in Green Bay this Sunday. The Bucs smoked the Packers in their regular-season meeting earlier in the year, but Aaron Rodgers and Co. are playing at an unreal level right now.

Let's go Bucs -- we want to see Tom and Gronk in the Super Bowl!



EVERYBODY CAN USE A SHOT IN THE ARM

NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

RESIDENTIAL PARKING STICKER EXTENDED

The residential parking sticker has been extended until February 2022 in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. The current sticker expiring on February 28, 2021 will be valid until February 28, 2022.

All other permits/stickers will expire on February 28, 2021.

FINAL ARTS MEETING

The Chelsea Arts and Culture Planning Visioning Team is holding a final meeting on Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. Recommendations from the consulting team will be presented for Chelsea's 5-year arts and culture plan. Residents are invited to attend the meeting. 8-8:30 p.m. will be open for comments and questions.

COVID-19 FREE TESTING

The Stop the Spread testing site has moved and is now offering free COVID-19 testing at 35 Fourth St. It is available to everyone. There is no longer any testing going on at City Hall or Chelsea Square.

The hours are:
•Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday -- 2-6 p.m.
•Wednesday and Friday -- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
•Saturday and Sunday -- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Pre-register online and save time.

MGH OFFERS FREE COVID TESTING VAN

The MGH COVID-19 testing van will be available to Chelsea residents every Tuesday from 2-6 p.m. in the parking lot at the La Colaborativa warehouse, 25 Sixth St.

Walk-in testing is available for individuals who primarily live, work and go to school in Chelsea.

CHELSEA RECREATION ANNOUNCES FREE SPRING ONLINE CLASSES

Chelsea Recreation which includes Community Schools programming is offering free online spring classes to all residents who register beginning January 12 at 4pm. There are classes in martial arts for ages 3.5-12, ballet, art, music and adult cardio. Learn about safety around water with Longfellow's WHALE Tales, the process of buying a home, take one of our popular Spanish or English language classes or participate in our Valentine's Day Virtual Fitness Challenge. Those interested have three easy ways to register: by email: recreation@chelseama.gov, phone 617 466-5233, 4-8:30pm; or online at register.communitypass.net/Chelsea.

Visit recreation.chelseama.gov for more information.

VACANCIES ON VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

Pursuant to the City of Chelsea Charter, Section 9-5(d), this is a Notice of all Board and Commission upcoming vacancies in the City of Chelsea through June 30, 2021.

During that timeframe, openings will occur in the following Boards and Commissions:

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brosino@chelseama.gov.

Materials should be received by the close of business on Friday, February 5, 2021.

FOOD PANTRY FOR VETERANS

Contactless delivery and car pickup will be between 10 am and noon at 150 Marginal St. The next event dates are:

- February 3, 2021
- March 3, 2021
- April 7, 2021
- May 5, 2021

Contact Veterans' Services if you have a question: Francisco Toro

Email: ftoro@chelseama.gov.

ROUTE 1 HOUSING PROGRAM

In an effort to enhance and preserve the quality of the existing housing supply in the City of Chelsea, the City has premiered the Route 1 Housing Enhancements Program.

The Program provides assistance to homeowners seeking to address sound attenuation, air quality improvements, and exterior repairs. Targeting properties adjacent to Route 1, the Program strives to mitigate the adverse public health effects caused by Route 1, including, but not limited to, noise pollution, degraded air quality, and property damage that occurred during recent state construction.

Learn more about this program and find the application online at www.ChelseaMa.gov/Route-1-Enhancement.

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East Cambridge Savings Bank accepting applications latest Paycheck Protection Program round

East Cambridge Savings Bank today announced its participation in the latest round of the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) – a loan program designed to help small and medium size businesses by providing loans that can be forgiven if certain criteria is met. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, the newly expanded Paycheck Protection Program

provides:

A first draw option (“First Draw PPP”) for first time borrowers who never had a PPP loan.

A second draw option (“Second Draw PPP”) to eligible borrowers that previously received a PPP loan.

The Bank is accepting applications now through March 31, 2021.

During the initial rounds of PPP funding, the Bank helped keep paychecks going to 3,000 local employees. “When the

Paycheck Protection Program was made public last spring, we immediately began working with both existing and new customers to process applications and get this critical funding to small businesses,” stated Tim Bombard, the Bank’s chief lending officer. “We fully intend to do that again and continue to do our part to assist small businesses throughout the communities we serve.”

Another important component of this program is that businesses

can have the loan forgiven if certain criteria is met – which means they would not need to repay the loan. “In addition to helping local businesses, this program enables us to build strong relationships with customers. After a business receives PPP funding, our lending team can help them if they pursue loan forgiveness,” said Bombard.

Participating in the Paycheck Protection Program is one of many ways the Bank is helping customers

and the community navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and business interruptions. “As a local bank, we are committed to doing our part to help small businesses and community members get through this crisis,” said the Bank’s president and chief executive officer Gilda Nogueira. “While help is on the way in the form a vaccine, there are more difficult months ahead for the small business community. The Bank is committed to doing everything

we can to help these businesses continue to operate and emerge stronger when this is over.”

PPP loan applications are now being accepted online. To begin the application process with East Cambridge Savings Bank, please visit <https://forms.onlineaccountaccess.com/secure1/eastcambridge> or contact the Bank at SBA-PPP@ecsb.com.

Northeast Metro Tech reminds prospective students to register for Q & A session

Superintendent David DiBarri is encouraging prospective students to sign up for a Zoom question and answer session to learn more about Northeast Metro Tech before the priority deadline for applications.

The priority deadline for admissions is March 1. To begin an online application, click here. Those who do not currently have students enrolled at Northeast Metro Tech will need to create an account in order to submit an application. For instructions on this process, click here.

Northeast Metro Tech serves students from the the communities of Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester, Winthrop and Woburn. Prospective students from those communities are encouraged to apply.

Northeast Metro Tech offers career and technical education programs

in numerous subject areas including: auto body, automotive technology, business technology, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, dental assisting, design and visual communications, drafting and design, early childhood education, electrical, health assisting, HVAC and refrigeration, metal fabrication and joining technologies, plumbing and pipefitting, and robotics and automation.

To sign up for a live question and answer question via Zoom about Northeast Metro Tech and its programs, click here.

Zoom sessions are being offered on the following days:

- Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

- 6 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

Sessions will be available in English, Spanish and Portuguese and those who speak other languages can request translation assistance when they sign up for a zoom session online.

Rolling admissions applications will be accepted after March 1, and additional question and answer sessions will be held over Zoom this spring as well. Dates for those sessions will be announced as soon as they become available.

Prospective students are also encouraged to view an informational video about Northeast Metro Tech here and to visit district’s website here for more information.

For more information about admissions, contact the Admissions Office at 781-246-0810 ext. 1302.

Northeast Metro Tech receives \$500 donation

Superintendent David DiBarri and Principal Carla Scuzzarella are pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech has received a \$500 donation from ExxonMobil and Global Partners LP.

The donation will support Northeast Metro Tech’s STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program, and was received by the district yesterday.

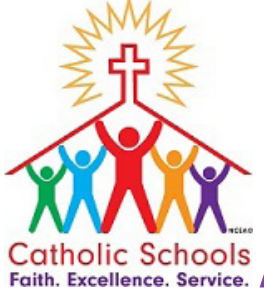
“This is such a kind gesture to support our STEM programming and we really appreciate our local ExxonMobil station for this donation,” Principal Scuzzarella said.

“This funding will directly benefit students in our STEM program by supporting the robust, hands-on education we provide to help create skilled future employees in these high demand careers.”

Global Partners LP has awarded grants to schools throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland for the past decade in partnership with ExxonMobil’s Educational Alliance Program. The initiative awarded \$182,500 to 365 schools in 2020 in an effort to support STEM education.

“It really comes down to our local Territory

Managers (TM’s) working closely with their local Exxon- and Mobil-branded station owners to choose the schools they feel would benefit the most from these innovative grants,” said Louis Parison, Global’s Brand Programs Manager. “A lot of our grants each year go to the same schools which helps them to truly develop a consistent STEM program. And our TM’s are vested in their local communities, and the local Exxon- and Mobil-branded stations in town also want to support these educational efforts.”



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FROM THE GOVERNOR’S DESK

BAKER SIGNS SAFE PATIENT ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CARE ACT

On Friday, Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito participated in a ceremonial signing of S.2931, An Act to ensure safe patient access to emergency care.

Named in memory of Laura Levis, Baker and Polito were also joined by Laura’s husband, Pete DeMarco, members of her family, and Sen. Pat Jehlen.

“I signed ‘Laura’s Law’ to safeguard against future tragedies occurring just steps away from hospital emergency departments,” said Baker. “In the wake of her tragic passing, Laura’s husband, Pete, undertook an exhaustive effort to honor her legacy and protect others from similar fates. After months of collaboration and hard work with legislators, including Senator Jehlen and Representative Barber, I am proud to sign Laura’s Law and celebrate her memory in a meaningful way.”

The new law would implement minimum criteria and standards that ensure safe, timely and accessible patient access to the entrances of Massachusetts hospital emergency departments. These regulations will require that entries must be clearly marked, easily accessible and properly monitored by security when appropriate. Additionally, the Department of Public Health will convene a working group on patient access to hospital emergency rooms or departments to report on and make recommendations to inform these policies. In 2016, Laura Levis died of an asthma attack outside of an area hospital when she was unable to locate an accessible entrance to the emergency room.

STATE AWARDS ANOTHER \$78.5 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO BUSINESSES

The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$78.5 million in awards last week to 1,595 additional small businesses in the third round of grants through the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation.

To date, the Adminis-

tration has awarded close to \$195 million in direct financial support to 4,119 small businesses out of a \$668 million fund set up to support small businesses across the Commonwealth.

Additional grants will be announced in the coming weeks for thousands of additional businesses.

“Understanding how significant the need for financial assistance is, we’ve taken important steps to ensure these resources are directed toward the businesses that have historically been at a disadvantage even before the pandemic, or are located in communities, especially Gateway Cities, that have suffered disproportionately because of this virus,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “I’m grateful for the partnership with MGCC to provide this important assistance, and I look forward to the coming weeks when we can award even more support for the economic sectors that are most in need.”

Representing key industries that have been especially impacted during the pandemic, restaurants and bars, personal care, retail, and health care businesses received the highest number of individual grants this round. These industries have been particularly hard hit during the pandemic. Other grant recipients include women owned businesses, businesses in Gateway Cities, businesses in underserved markets and businesses that have previously received no other forms of financial assistance.

The new Grant Program Application Deadline was Friday night, Jan. 15.

BAKER-POLITO ADMINISTRATION RE-FILES UNEMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

The Baker-Polito Administration re-filed unemployment insurance legislation initially filed last month. The Governor’s legislation aims to sustain unemployment benefits and provide an estimated \$1.3 billion in unemployment insurance relief to the Commonwealth’s employers over two years. In addition to a two-year unemployment insurance tax schedule freeze, the legislation also proposes financing measures designed to ensure the solvency of the Unemployment Insurance Trust

Fund and that federal borrowing that has occurred is repaid in a responsible and affordable manner.

The main provisions of this legislation include:

1. Short Term Employer Tax Relief through a two-year tax schedule freeze. Current Massachusetts unemployment legislative statute requires the employer tax schedule to increase from schedule E to schedule G. This would cause an average per employee tax increase from \$539 to \$866 – a nearly 60-percent increase over the previous year. Remaining on schedule E for 2021 and 2022 slows annual employer contribution growth from \$539 average per employee costs in 2020 to \$635 in 2021 and \$665 in 2022.

2. Authorization for the issuance of special obligation bonds for the purposes of repaying federal advances. In order to fund the unprecedented increases in demand on the unemployment system in Massachusetts as a result of COVID-19, the Commonwealth has received federal cash advances. Through the issuance of bonds, the Commonwealth will be able to ensure positive trust fund solvency to enable the continued payment of benefits. The utilization of capital markets also allows Massachusetts to avoid paying punitive federal tax increases on employers regardless of their experience rating if federal advances are not repaid by November of 2022. Bonds issued will be supported by an unemployment obligation assessment and will not be general obligations of the Commonwealth.

3. Establishes an employer surcharge on contributory employers. In 2020 all federal advances taken to pay benefits are interest free. However, interest on federal advances will begin to be charged beginning in January of 2021. The first interest payment is due in the Fall of 2021 and it cannot be paid from the state unemployment trust fund, per federal law. To fund interest payments on repayable advances, the legislation also establishes a separate fund to house surcharge proceeds. The passage of this provision authorizes the Department of Unemployment Assistance to make this assessment but does not require the surcharge if interest is waived through future federal legislation.

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he said he feels it's up to the first wave of people to get vaccinated – like police – to set the example and do the research.

“There’s a lot of mis-information and false information,” he said. “They came out with it really quickly and a lot of people are saying they cut corners...I go with the science and the science says that so far, it’s good.”



Chelsea Firefighter Jose Torres was ready for the vaccination and was one of the first from Chelsea Fire to get it on Friday.



Firefighter Jose Torres gives the thumbs up after getting the COVID-19 vaccine last Friday.



Chelsea High School Nurse Kim Sammons was called in to help administer the vaccines at the three-community collaborative vaccine clinic on Friday.



Board of Health Consultant Marie Butt Washington, with her cousin, Chelsea firefighter John Coyne, as he prepares to receive his vaccination shot at the regional clinic Jan. 15 in Revere.



Here we go! Police Sgt. Jose Otero looks to the sky as he receives his COVID-19 vaccine last Friday.



Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes answers some health questions prior to getting his vaccine.



Chelsea Chief Brian Kyes receives his COVID-19 vaccination record after receiving the shot.



First Responders from Revere, Chelsea and Winthrop were warmly welcomed to the Rumney Marsh Academy middle school in Revere on Friday for the first vaccination clinic to inoculate police and fire personnel from all three communities.



The First Responder vaccine clinic at Rumney March Academy was a collaboration between Revere, Chelsea and Winthrop. Many communities combined efforts in order to get the minimum number of 200 doses from the state. Here, Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, Revere Fire Chief Chris Bright, Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, Revere Police Chief David Callahan and Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty.

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Public Health Nurse Paula McHatton, Police Chief Brian Kyes, Board of Health Consultant Marie Butt Washington, and School Nurse Case Manager for the Chelsea Public Schools Kim Rosario, pictured at the COVID-19 regional vaccination clinic Jan. 15 at the Rumney Marsh Academy, Revere.

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CHELSEA SCHOOL UPDATE



GETTING READY... Last week the Mary C. Burke Complex Custodians and Parent Liaisons unloaded a large number of lap-desks to get ready for another round of student supplies distribution.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER UPDATES

•Ms. Bova’s First Grade Class sharing what they learned about Dr. Martin Luther King.

•Mrs. Faiella’s class is learning about shapes. Students used different tools to make shapes, and they used sticks, marshmallows, tooth picks, playdough and pom poms.

•Miss Maddie’s class talked about peace and equality and their hopes for the world. One student wrote and talked about his hope being the end of COVID and that the vaccine will allow us to go back to in person learning.

•Ms. Jackie’s class at the ELC had 2 mystery readers from parents this week. They came onto the Zoom and read a story in both English and Spanish.

•Last Friday, in Ms. Jessica’s kindergarten class, we talked about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The children came up with their own dreams to make the world a better place.

KELLY SCHOOL UPDATES

•Many classes have had 6th grade guest readers from Mrs. Drafts and Mrs. Ramos’ classes read “Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King” and talk about how Martin Luther King Jr. was one person who made a big difference by persuading many people to work for racial justice.

Then, the 6th graders helped the first graders make word clouds. Ms. Cusick’s class made a connection with Peter Reynolds’s book “The Word Collector” and then used words inspired by the messages of Martin Luther King Jr.

•During the read aloud, 3rd graders in Mrs. Donovan’s class jotted down questions and the 6th graders answered those questions after the reading. It was not only an informative visit, but a fun one too. The students were excited to see the faces of other Kelly School students.

•It was a busy day last week for Ms. Cusick’s 1st graders, who also had a visit from Kelly the Dolphin, who had heard about the class’s hard work living out the “Rainbow Rules” and particularly showing kindness. The class asked Kelly some thoughtful questions, like “Do dolphins like to eat bananas?” (Yes, but Kelly prefers plátanos because flippers make bananas hard to peel.) and “How

do dolphins show kindness?” (Dolphins stick together and often work together to protect and help other dolphins and friendly humans.)

•3rd graders in Ms. Johnson’s class had worked with her and Ms. Gold to strengthen their persuasive writing with opinions, reasons, examples, and evidence. They were so persuasive that Principal Lineweaver is now convinced why a hamster might be a better pet than a guinea pig, which role in Among Us is the best one to play, and why recess is an essential part of in-school daily schedule.

HOOKS SCHOOL UPDATES

•During Physical Education Miss Drake had her students say goodbye to 2020 and hello to 2021. Students created vision boards with words and pictures that inspire them to be better people and to achieve their goals.

•Students in Ms. Johnson’s first grade class have been learning about discrimination and American civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. Last Friday, students presented their own “I have a dream” speech. The first graders are excited to be the change we wish to see in the world.

SOKOLOWSKI SCHOOL UPDATES

•During Friday’s school meeting, students not only celebrated the amazing Red Triangle Earners, but also talked about the importance of social justice, reflecting upon the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Students and teachers enjoyed Ms. Wivchar’s performance of the song “Martin Luther King”, reflected on poems and essays shared by students, and watched a read aloud of the digital book “Strong Love”, written and designed by Sokolowski art teacher, Mr. Demetrius Fuller.

•This morning, students in Ms. Yi and Ms. Rossi’s classes had their first Learning Buddy session. The third graders prepped questions for “conversation starters” and were in charge of keeping the conversation going with their first grade buddies. They also listened to Clark the Shark and got back into breakout rooms for a book talk. One 1st grader shared that she was “nervous and didn’t want to do this.” By the end, she was smiling

from ear to ear and even wrote a poem about things she loves with her 3rd grade buddy.

•Congratulations to third grader Isabel Irahta for winning the Elementary Poem portion of the 2021 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Chelsea Public Schools Contest. Shout out to Mr. Fagerberg for creating space and leading students in meaningful discussions about civil rights.

MORRIS H. SEIGAL CLARK AVE. MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES (CAMS)

•Supporting CAMS students in reading is important to the Clark. Principal Talbot has enjoyed conferring with one student who attends our Online Learning Center. Literacy coach Ms. Kaczmarek was outside Friday helping students choose books.

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

•CHS Senior Son-yangelie appeared on Fox 25 News promoting the Boston Children’s Choir’s annual MLK Jr. Tribute Concert.

•Inversant’s enrollment season just kicked off. Visit the website to learn more about the new virtual learning experience (English / Spanish) or if ready to register, sign up. Chelsea High School and the Chelsea Opportunity Academy families are welcome to learn about the new virtual programs and to register. Please share with Chelsea families, teachers and staff. Feel free to reach out by email or phone anytime for more information: ysa-sisy@chelseaschools.com or 857-335-8221.

CHELSEA OPPORTUNITY ACADEMY UPDATES

•COA staff led by Alvin Rivera, Christian Kelley and Chabeli Nadal will be hosting a live inauguration event for our school community next week. They have prepared a presentation to explain the process right down to moving in and out of the White House. Students have guiding questions to consider as they listen to speeches and observe the ceremony with a discussion to follow. Thanks to Kim Huffer and Chabeli, the COA students are prepared to handle any challenges should they occur.

New survey shows many don’t see racism as a barrier to good health

Despite the uneven effects of a global pandemic on communities of color and those with lower incomes, many people do not recognize the fact that racism and health are connected, according to new survey results released last week from the nonprofit RAND Corporation with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

And perceptions have not changed during this pandemic despite the toll it’s taken on so many lives.

The ongoing poll, which is surveying people with lower and middle incomes with a focus on communities of color, is looking at how COVID-19 is affecting health, optimism for the future, and the views, values, and experiences of those who are most affected by this crisis.

“It really struck us that—despite the virus’s spread across the country to all types of communities—there’s not a consensus view on the effects of systemic racism. Respondents see the impact of low incomes and living in a rural community on a person’s health, but race isn’t viewed with the same gravity,” said Katherine Grace Carman, senior economist at RAND Corporation and the lead author of the report. “Our leaders need to understand that we have a lot more work to do to educate people about the root causes of inequities and then enact policies to ensure better health for all.”

But more than two-thirds of respondents be-

lieve the pandemic presents a moment for positive change. Respondents who see this as an opportunity think society should prioritize expanding access to health care and reducing income inequality.

“We share the respondents’ demand for better access to health care and also advocate for policies that can help from an economic point of view, such as safe and affordable housing, access to healthy food, and access to jobs that pay a living wage,” said Brian Quinn, associate vice president of the Research-Evaluation-Learning unit at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. “Research like this is so important because we need to hear firsthand from the people and places most impacted so we can advance policy solutions that increase opportunities for everyone to live the healthiest life possible.”

This is the second of four waves of findings. The next set of results is due out in spring 2021.

Key Findings include:

•Many people—even those who may have been hit hardest by the pandemic and long-standing inequities—still do not see systemic racism as a barrier to good health. Less than half (42.2%) of respondents believe that systemic racism is one of the main reasons people of color have poorer health outcomes, about one-third (32.9%) disagree with this notion, and nearly 1 in 4 (24.5%) are neutral. Black respondents are much more

likely (69.4%) than white respondents (33.2%) to believe that systemic racism affects the health of people of color.

•Respondents’ willingness to risk their own health to return to “normal” has actually gone up slightly over time. But Black and Hispanic respondents are more likely (68.5%) to have more cautious views around taking health risks to move about freely compared to white respondents (53.4%).

•More than 70 percent of respondents see the pandemic as a moment for positive change. Black and Hispanic respondents are slightly more likely (72.5%) than white respondents (69.3%) to believe that the pandemic is a moment for positive change.

•Respondents who see an opportunity for positive change believe society should prioritize expanding access to health care and reducing income inequality.

•Nearly two-thirds of respondents believe the government should ensure health care as a fundamental right. White respondents are less likely (60.4%) than all other races/ethnicities (74.1%) to endorse this statement.

•One place where Black and Hispanic respondents diverge is trust in government. Black respondents report lower trust in government (68% report little or no trust) than white (52.4%) and Hispanic (53.6%) respondents.

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Betty Argenzio

Retired Revere Public School Nurse

Betty (Wert) Argenzio of Revere died on January 18.

The beloved wife of the late Vincent P., she was the devoted mother of Superintendent of Public Works, Paul Argenzio and his wife, Colleen of Revere and the late Mark and Ronald Argenzio; cherished grandmother of Vincent, Kathryn and Laura; great-grandmother of Mark, Alexa, Brennan, David, Anthony and Emma; dear sister of the late Marilyn Harwin and loving aunt of Debra Doene and Steven Harwin.

Betty and Vincent met in Colorado while on a double date. Vincent was in the Air force and Bet-

ty was in nursing school. Later they were married and raised their family in Revere. Betty was head nurse at Malden Hospital for a few years before becoming a school nurse in the Revere Public Schools. In her free time Betty enjoyed gardening, crocheting, coin collecting and was an avid Red Sox fan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Habitat for Humanity, 240 Commercial St, FL4 Boston, MA 02109 or habitat.org. Due to the ongoing covid 19 pandemic, all services were held privately. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. For guestbook please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Michael Etters

July 6, 1948 – December 23, 2020

On December 23, Michael J. Etters, 72, lost his valiant battle with cancer. He was predeceased by his beloved mother, Mary (Eretzian), father Anderson (the Chief), beloved cousin, Brenda Pifel (Cheffalo) and his dear nephew, Timothy Browne. He is survived by his sister, Carol and nephew. Christopher Browne and family of Long Island, New York, the Eretzians of Maine and the Pifel family of South Carolina, Virginia and Washington, DC. Special acknowledgement to the Merino family, aka "Michael's Angels" and dear family friends who provided love, care and most importantly, laughter to Michael before and during his illness.

Michael was born in Chelsea on July 6, 1948, grew up on Grove Street with his extended family and graduated from Chelsea High School in June of 1966. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Boston College in June of 1970 and in 1977, he joined Massport Authority at Logan International Airport until retiring on July 31, 2002.

Michael pursued several passions, among them his love and appreciation for music, jazz specifically, attending Newport Jazz Festivals and many headliner concerts. "Chasing the snow" with his friends resulted in many trips and winters to the best sights in the United States and Canada as they bit off one challenge after another.

And for all who knew him, his unending love for the beach. Once retired, he could be found at Revere taking his daily walk, meeting and greeting old friends and making new ones.

Michael endeared himself to many throughout his life; he was warm of spirit, big of heart, and could always find a way to amuse. He is well-known for his generosity and good will toward his family, friends and even total strangers.

In response to his request, as weather and well-being allow, his remains will be interred with his beloved Mother Mary. As soon as possible after that, his family is looking forward to a celebration of his life where we may share stories, pictures and memories of the life of a loving brother, uncle, relative and friend. Rest in peace, dearest Michael.

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 to visit the funeral home website at: www.welshfh.com

Jenna Markevich, 94, passed away Sunday, January 10 at Care One at Newton where she had been receiving care for the past several months.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the daughter of the late Michael and Alexandria (Slosar) Markevich, Jenna attended local schools and worked for many years at the now defunct Standard Box Company in Chelsea.

She was a lifelong devoted member of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church in Chelsea and was a member of the Church Women's Guild. An extremely quiet, unassuming lady, Jenna loved to walk, going to church on Sundays, shopping or to her hairdresser and for other various personal errands.

In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by all of her sisters and brothers: Catherine Haley, Anna Roketenetz, Nella Matrinko, Walter Markevich, Gregory "Harry" Markevich and Nicholas vanDerMark.

She was the cherished and loved aunt of Michael and Cheryl Matrinko, Nicholas and Don-



na Matrinko and Paula Matrinko, she is also survived by many additional nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Due to present restrictions, funeral services were private. Funeral Matins were sung in the former Nativity of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church. Services concluded with Jenna being placed to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery together with her late parents. Dear family friend and former rector of the church, the Very Reverend Archpriest, John T. Bacon presided.

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 to visit the funeral home website at: www.welshfh.com

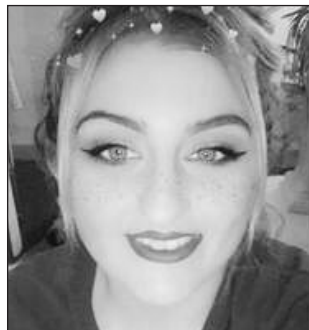
Cheryl Christine Chesbrough

January 3, 1991 – January 7, 2021

Cheryl Christine Chesbrough (Bella) Beautiful Soul died suddenly on Thursday January 7.

The beloved and cherished daughter of Stephen Chesbrough and Christina (Chesbrough) Galleguillos of East Boston/Lynn and step daughter of Neil Galeguillos of Lynn, she is survived by her loving brothers and best friends: Matthew and Thomas Chesbrough, Mark Mulaney and her sister, Jessica DeMars; her Nana and Papa Nicholas and Cheryl Zenga, uncle and Godfather, Steven Merrill, aunt and uncle, Joyce and Mark Bouche, adored nieces: Madison, Elise and Aria, second mothers, Michele Goodwin Torres and Sirlene Leite, best friend, Amanda Lundrigan, numerous cousins and friends, who she treasured individually and the loves of her life: Keith Marshall of Lynn and her fur babies, Brax and BooBoo.

Cheryl was incredibly beautiful in every way, her love and talents were unsurpassed as a licensed Cosmetologist, Certified Machinist and Amateur Chef. As a stylist, she put love and gave her all, as a machinist, she showed women have no limits or bounds, as a chef, she was honing talents that had no symmetry but it all tied in where she could make you look and feel beautiful,



build you a plane and feed you gourmet, all at the same time.

She was brave, never intimidated, fiercely determined and independent. She was contagiously funny, sweet, caring, loving, generous and very active in advocating self love, self help, mental illness and addiction, She loved everyone with all she had.

She was Ride or Die! She was Everyone's best friend! She had her issues and ways but she was on the right path and that got suddenly and tragically detoured. Every Loss is painful, this one is Epic!

Memorial Services were held on Saturday January 16, 2021 at the Bethany Congregational Church, 410 Eastern Ave. Lynn.

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, to visit the funeral home website at: www.welshfh.com.

Robert "Bob"

Keith Fothergill

Retired Lynn Trial Court Officer

Robert "Bob" Keith Fothergill, a late resident of Everett, passed away peacefully at home on Monday evening, January 11 surrounded by his loving family. He fought a courageous battle with cancer all the way to the end. He was 64 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Bob was predeceased by his parents, former Chelsea Fire Chief Herbert C. Fothergill, Sr. and Leona W. (Holland) Fothergill. Bob attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1975. After high school Bob enlisted in the USMC Reserves. He fulfilled his obligation to the Reserves on July 14, 1982 when he was discharged. Bob was a retired court officer for the Lynn Trial Courts. He dedicated 23 years of service to the MA Trial Courts before retiring in 2019.

Bob was actively involved in Everett youth sports for 10 years. He was proud to help coach his son's little league team. His greatest passion was spending time with his kids, his family, his granddaughter and his great nieces and nephews.

Bob had a heart larger than life. He always placed his family and friends ahead of himself. Bob made so many friends along his journey in life from his early days coaching to colleagues at Lynn District Court. He will be forever missed by his family and friends who loved him dearly.



The husband of the late Patricia M. (McLellan) Tholen Fothergill with whom he shared 26 years of marriage before her passing in 2017, he was the devoted father of USMC Steven J. Tholen and his wife, Andrea of California, Erin M. Merrill and her husband, Matthew of North Andover, beloved brother of Retired Chelsea Fire Chief, Chuck Fothergill and his wife, Patricia of Tewksbury and the late Arlene J. Fothergill and brother-in-law of Bert Garrity of Woburn. He is also lovingly survived by one granddaughter, Hailey Merrill of North Andover, soon to be born granddaughter, Emma Tholen of California and by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Bob's Memorial Mass was celebrated on Monday, January 18 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Chelsea. Committal is private. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea.

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.

Annie L. Adams

1-20-2000 - 1-20-2001



Death changes everything. Time changes nothing. We still miss you.

We miss stories, advice, voice telling them. Time changes nothing.

We still miss you Ma. Love you, Mae, Annie, Karen, Eddie, Alyanna

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

NOWICKI EARNS PLACEMENT ON ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY'S DEAN'S LIST

Assumption University has announced that Mia Nowicki, of Chelsea, Class of 2021, has been named to the University's Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Due to the pandemic, this fall semester was divided into two accelerated seven-week terms.

"This semester, our students faced unprecedented challenges due to the global pandemic," said Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., president of Assumption College. "Following a rapid transition to remote learning, students adapted to the new form of education delivery amid difficult circumstances. The Assumption community is proud of these students who, despite the distractions of the COVID-19 situation, were able to remain focused and maintain a commitment to their academic programs."

An Assumption education prepares students to succeed in a continuously changing world and for jobs that do not yet exist. Steeped in the liberal

arts tradition, students studying at Assumption are exposed to a broad range of disciplines in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences as they explore fundamental questions characteristic of the liberal arts, while also learning best practices and developing valuable communication and critical-thinking skills, traits sought after by employers in nearly every industry. A combination of classroom theory and hands-on learning through internships, participation in community service, or one of the more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations help students develop into leaders who will make a difference in the communities in which they live and work.

For more information, visit assumption.edu.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University

offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit www.assumption.edu.

ESCALANTE NAMED TO THE FALL 2020 HONORS LIST AT POMFRET SCHOOL

Laisha Escalante of Chelsea from the Class of 2023, was named to the Fall 2020 Honors List at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Laisha earned a grade point average of at least 3.330 and received no grade lower than a B.

Founded in 1894, Pomfret School is an independent college preparatory school for boarding and day students in grades 9 through 12. We also offer a postgraduate year. Set on 500 acres in the celebrated Last Green Valley of Northeastern Connecticut, our mission is to cultivate a healthy interdependence of mind, body, and spirit in our students. We offer 8 academic disciplines, more than 100 elective courses, 25 athletic options, and numerous opportunities to participate in community outreach and service programs.

Mystic Valley Elder Services' 2021 Bellyful of Laughs Un-Event



Joan Lepore, co-owner of ABC Home Healthcare Professionals, the event's Presenting Sponsor, gets a good laugh from the comedians at last year's presentation of Bellyful of Laughs with her husband Greg.

For the eleventh year in row, ABC Home Healthcare Professionals, a Wakefield-based private home care agency, is the Lead Sponsor for the January 2021 "Un-Event" of Mystic Valley Elder Services' Bellyful of Laughs. Typically this event sells out each year and raises tens of thousands of dollars for older adults and those living with disabilities but due to COVID-19 protocols, there will be no show. But despite the pandemic, ABC Home Healthcare Professionals feel that it is still important, if not more important during these trying times, to support our neighbors in need.

Jeannette Sheehan and Joan Lepore, her daughter, founders and owners of ABC Home Healthcare Professionals, see the ability to live independently as critical to many older adults' wellbeing. And with seniors being most vulnerable to COVID-19, they want to make sure they are being taken care of.

"Everyone should have the opportunity to live in their communities for as long as possible in a safe and supportive environment. That's just one of the many reasons we're so proud to continue to be connected with Bellyful of Laughs and with Mystic Valley Elder Services, even during the COVID-19 pandemic."

ABC Home Healthcare Professionals is a full-service home healthcare organization, family owned and operated by Nurse Practitioners and Certified

Geriatric Care Managers. Their home health aides, homemakers, companions, caregivers, nurses, and hospice professionals are dedicated to providing the highest quality and most comprehensive private home care services in northeastern Massachusetts. In collaboration with Mystic Valley Elder Services and other community organizations, ABC assists older adults in maintaining their independence within the comfort of their own homes.

"Sadly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot gather as usual for our January Bellyful of Laughs comedy night fundraiser, which typically attracts more than 400 donors and friends of Mystic Valley Elder Services who gather for a night of comedy, raffles, buffet dinner and good times in support of critical programs and services for people in need who live in our 11 community region," says Mystic Valley Elder Services CEO Daniel O'Leary. "But it is wonderful to see ABC

Home Healthcare Professionals join together this year with us to support such an important cause. Mystic Valley is lucky to have fantastic, supportive friends."

Special thanks to ABC Home Healthcare Professionals for their lead sponsorship of this Un-Event, as well as our supporting sponsors including BrooklineBank, TRIO Community Meals, Melrose Coop Foundation and Natale Company & SafetyCare.

While we will miss gathering together this coming January to laugh for a good cause, there are still opportunities to help older adults and adults living with disabilities to stay independent!

To support Bellyful of Laughs Un-Event, please visit www.mves.org and click on Donate Now to make an online donation. You may also contact MVES Development Office to make a donation or if you have any questions: development@mves.org or 781-324-7705.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: DeMoulas Market Basket
170 Everett Avenue,
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing
Commission, February 4, 2021
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of an Amusement and Entertainment License for DeMoulas Market Basket, 170 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA. 02150
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
1/21/21, 1/27/21

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-01
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on:
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of:
Ephrem Debele Girma
For Special Permit and Variance to construct a driveway and curb cut which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for open space and front yard or property line setbacks at the premises known as:
16-18 Cheever Street
All interested parties wishing to provide a

public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: 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.
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at:
<https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2021>
1/21/21, 1/28/21

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-02
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on:
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of:
Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Boston, LLC
For Special Permit to establish a vehicle parking lot for storage of vehicles for hire at the premises known as:
250 Marginal Street
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: 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.
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at:
<https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2021>

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P2100EA
Estate of: Alan B. Orloff
Date of Death 09/16/2020
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Steven Orloff of East Sandwich, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Steven Orloff of East Sandwich, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/23/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and

objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 12, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
1/21/21

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Sonoran Boston Logan, LLC d/b/a DoubleTree by Hilton 201 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, February 4, 2021
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Change of Manager application of an All Kinds of Alcohol License (on Premise) for Sonoran Boston Logan, LLC d/b/a DoubleTree by Hilton at 201 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA. 02150.

CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
1/21/21, 2/27/21

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Manotas Corp. d/b/a Wings El Corral, 408-414 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider revoking, suspending or modifying the All Alcoholic Beverages on Premises Consumption License of Manotas Corp. d/b/a Wings El Corral at 408-414 Broadway for violating "204 CMR 2.05(2) Permitting an Illegality on the Licensed Premises, to wit: Massachusetts Executive COVID-19 Orders No. 37 (June 6, 2020), 40 (June 19, 2020), and 52 (September 29, 2020) including Violations of sector specific workplace safety standards for restaurants to address COVID-19", specifically over occupancy limits, no masks, no social distancing.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
1/21/21, 1/27/21

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(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
Renovations to Fire-fighter's Quarters at

the Sagamore Ave Fire Station
The City of Chelsea is seeking sealed bids to provide all labor, tools, equipment, transportation and supervision necessary for office renovations to City Clerk offices in City Hall. Specifications and contract documents will be available on or after Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts. Bid documents can be downloaded at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Renovations to Fire-fighter's Quarters at the Sagamore Ave Fire Station" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM Thursday, February 11, 2021, for general contractor bids. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Renovations to Fire-fighter's Quarters at the Sagamore Ave Fire Station-HVAC" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM Thursday, January 28, 2021, for filed sub-bids. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Renovations to Fire-fighter's Quarters at the Sagamore Ave Fire Station-ELECTRICAL" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00AM Thursday, January 28, 2021, for filed sub-bids. A pre-bid conference will be held for all interested parties on-site at the Fire Station, 38 Sagamore Ave., Chelsea, MA on January 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM, E.D.T. Attendance at

this pre-bid conference is highly recommended for parties submitting a bid. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.
To be given consideration, all general bids must be accompanied by a copy of the Bidder's Certificate of Eligibility (DCAM&M Form) and an Update Statement (DCAM&M Form). The certification category of work is: General Contractor certification, filed sub-bids include HVAC and Electrical.
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149.
Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
1/21/21

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 January 11, 2021, the City Council voted after a second

reading to adopt the following orders:
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the sum of \$126,082.63 representing the unexpected portion of the \$175,000.00 borrowed under the Fiscal Year, 2014 Capital Improvement Plan for water infrastructure improvements - Admirals Hill Pump Station Project - MWRA Water Bond - Account 55451415-584502, such balance remaining after the completion of the project for which the loan was authorized which is no longer needed to complete that project, is hereby transferred in the amount \$126,082.63 for water utility improvements to the Innes Neighborhood Utility Improvement Project - MWRA Water Bond - Account 554521 series.
Ordered, that the City Council hereby accepts and approves the Boston Foundation grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of funding the Chelsea Eats Food Debit Card Program.
Ordered, that the City hereby accepts the provisions of M.G.L. c59, §5, Clause 22G for the purpose of providing a statutory tax exemption to real property owned by a fiduciary for the benefit of veterans.
Ordered, that the City hereby accepts the provisions of M.G.L. c59, §5, Clause 22H for the purpose of providing a statutory tax exemption to real property owned by parents or guardians of veterans who either died as proximate result of injury or disease suffered during active duty or are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death.
Ordered, that pursuant to Chelsea Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2.3, the City of Chelsea hereby approves the designation of area of Willow Street between

Maverick and Congress Avenue as "Josh Kraft Way" and authorizes the installation of appropriate signage to reflect such destination. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
1/21/21

LEGAL NOTICE



CHELSEA CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON A PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40R and 760 CMR 59.00 and Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts Zoning Act and Chapter 34 (Zoning) of the Chelsea Code of Ordinances, that the Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Chelsea City Hall - City Council Chambers - 500 Broadway - Chelsea, MA 02150
The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present and hear testimony and comment from interested persons relative to proposed amendments.
A copy of the ordinance, maps, and other materials may be reviewed at the Chelsea City Council Office, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 306, Chelsea, MA 02150 during City Hall business hours. Or email fmelara@chelseama.gov to request materials.
Roy Avellaneda, City Council President
Chelsea City Council
1/21/21, 2/27/21

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

PROMOTIONS AT ZUMIX
EAST BOSTON. - Zumix's Jenny Shulman's decision to leave Zumix in December after eight years as the popular East Boston youth music nonprofit's Director of Programs has led to the promotions of three longtime Zumix alumni and staffers.
"We are so excited to finally get to share three announcements," said Zumix in a statement. "After eight years of service, Jenny Shulman will be passing the baton to Corey DePina, an alumnus of Zumix and a staff member since 2002."

Shulman announced in September that she would leave Zumix. She finished her tenure at the end of December and DePina will now assume the role of Director of Programs.
DePina started with Zumix as a student in the program's second year of existence back in 1992. DePina came back as a staff member in 2002.
"Corey is a musician, community advocate, and award winning teaching artist," said Zumix. "In 2019, Corey received the Black Excellence on the Hill award from the State of Massachusetts Black and Latino Caucus for both his role at ZUMIX, and as the founder of the Fogo Project, which is working to build a music school and recording studio on the island of Fogo in Cabo Verde where his family is from."
Zumix's Kadahj Bennett will be stepping into DePina's former role of Songwriting and Performance Manager.
Bennett joined the staff in 2019 as the Instrumental Music Manager, and studied under DePina to craft his teaching artistry. "Kadahj is an alumnus

of Zumix and Boston Arts Academy, graduating in 2008," said Zumix. "Kadahj went on to receive a Posse scholarship to Hamilton College, where he graduated from in 2012. Kadahj received the Elliot Norton Award for Best Actor in 2020, and has performed with the New Repertory Theatre, Huntington Theatre Company, and Company One. Kadahj continues to be an Artist in Residence at Harvard University, and Neighborhood Salon Luminary at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum."
Finally, Omar Sosa, another Zumix alumnus, will be stepping into Bennett's role of Instrumental Music Manager. Sosa has served as Zumix's Administrative Assistant and Teaching Artist since 2016.
"We are also excited to announce that Kadahj will be passing the baton of Instrumental Music Manager to Omar Sosa," said Zumix. "Omar is an alumnus of Zumix, starting at the age of 6, and has been working as an Administrative Assistant and Teaching Artist for Zumix since 2016. He is a gifted teaching artist, musician, and leader of Boston based band Pangea."
Sosa graduated from Berklee College of Music with a degree in Jazz Composition after receiving a full-tuition scholarship.
RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE IS UP
EAST BOSTON - The residential tax rate in Boston rose slightly from last year with the tax rate set at \$10.67 per \$1,000.
However, it is not the tax rate that has East Boston residents fuming over their property taxes but

the assessed values of their properties.
The Boston Assessing Department warned at the end of last year that in Fiscal Year 2021, property values would, "Reflect real estate sales activity that occurred prior to the January 1, 2020 assessment date. During this period, assessments continued to increase due to an active real estate market in most neighborhoods over the prior year."
While the assessing department tried to cushion the blow for many property owners in Eastie ahead of the recently released assessments for FY2021 the upcoming tax bill was still a shock to many.
For example a single family home in Orient Heights saw its assessed value increase from \$570,400 in FY2020 to \$739,500 for FY2021--a nearly 30 percent increase.
Another home nearby went from an assessed value of \$490,000 in FY2020 to \$676,000 for FY2021--a nearly 40 percent increase in one year.
"A million dollar property was built across the street from my house on Bennington and I know that has increased the property value of the neighborhood," said one frustrated resident. "It's great if you want to sell but unfair if you have no intentions to."
A quick look through some other properties in Eastie and it is evident that many tax bills will increase around 30 percent on average for FY2021.
However, there is some relief for lowering your tax bill. The city's Residential & Personal Exemptions may provide some tax relief. Taxpayers who owned and occupied their property as their principal residence

on or before January 1, 2020 may be eligible for the residential exemption. In certain circumstances, taxpayers may also be eligible if they obtained their principal residence between January 1 and July 1, 2020.
Last year's residential exemption saved qualified homeowners up to \$2,879.79 off their tax bill and the City Council and Mayor Martin Walsh continue to choose the maximum exemption allowed by law consistent with the City's commitment to keeping taxes affordable for homeowners.
Homeowners may also reduce their tax bill by qualifying for a personal exemption for taxpayers who are Elderly, Blind, Surviving Spouses or Minor Children of Deceased Parents, Veterans, or certain members of the National Guard. Each exemption has eligibility requirements such as age and income limits. While you may not receive more than one personal exemption, you will receive the exemption that most reduces your tax bill should you qualify for more than one personal exemption.
At the end of 2019 the Boston Municipal Research Bureau (BMRB) reported that Eastie outpaced the rest of the city and the total taxable property value hit 5.052 billion in FY19. This was a growth of 2.48 billion since FY13 or 96.7 percent in the neighborhood.
Eastie was third only to Mission Hill and the Seaport, which reported a 110 and 181 percent increase in the total taxable property since FY13 respectively. Boston's more affluent zip codes like Back Bay and Beacon Hill only saw a 72 percent increase between FY13 and FY19.

FIGHTING COVID ONE VACCINE AT A TIME



Michelle Cataldo Favaloro, PMHNP Director of Nursing at NSMHA, receives her COVID-19 vaccine.

LIFE-LONG EVERETT RESIDENT CELEBRATES 90 YEARS
EVERETT - For 90 years, Grace Harris has been representing her City with the utmost faith and...well, grace.
Living in her childhood home on upper Broadway since she was 5, Harris celebrated her 90th birthday at the Glendale Methodist Church on Sunday, and then with a small ceremony at her long-time home on Broadway Monday.
She turned 90 on Monday, Jan. 11.
"On Sunday they had a party for me at church and we all stayed six feet away from each other," said Harris. "We had some cake, and I am so grateful that I got many cards from all my friends and family. My cousin came up from Rhode Island on Monday with his wife, and my nephew was here too."
Harris grew up in Everett, living on Reed Avenue until she was 5. At that time, the family moved to a home in the 900th block of Broadway that her grandfather had owned.
She attended the old Lafayette School, the Parlin

and graduated from Everett High School. For most of her working life, she was a professional underwriter for John Hancock in the insurance industry. Her father was a US Postal Service worker in Boston for his entire life, and her aunt worked at the State House.
"Everett has always been a good city to live in," she said. "Living on Broadway, it was always easy to get the bus out of here and get to work in Boston."
The joy of her life, she said, has been music.
Since a very young age, Harris has sang in the Glendale Methodist Church choir, and still continues to do that to this day. She always has enjoyed going to Symphony Hall in Boston and taking in the many concerts performed there as well.
"I just sang a solo of 'Silent Night' for Christmas at another church," she said. "I started into music just on my own. I started out in the choir when I was very young. I still love music a lot and I like classical and jazz."
Harris said she also has traveled extensively to England, Spain and Italy.

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One place she never got to go, though, was France. She hopes that maybe she can make it there in the next few years.

“I always wanted to go to France, but never made it there,” she said. “In Italy, I remember riding the gondola and they played guitar and sang. In England, I went up the Thames to Windsor Castle.”

Her caregiver, Linda Gaffney, said she is a “saint” and loved by many in Everett at her church and within her circle of friends.

City Councilor Gerly Adrien also said she has been blessed to know Harris, and wished her a Happy Birthday this week as well.

“Happy Birthday, Grace, who has been blessed to be on this earth,” she said. “May God continue to bless her and give her great strength. I know she is loved by so many, including Everett resident Linda Gaffney. Thank you everyone for making her feel very special for her birthday.”

LEGISLATURE APPROVES CHARTER CHANGE

EVERETT - The Charter Change Home Rule Petition that would make the mayor a voting member of the School Committee passed both the state House and Senate on Jan. 5, and as of Tuesday was still waiting for Gov. Charlie Baker’s signature – though it was seen as something he would not object to.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he was happy to see that the matter had passed the Legislature and he awaited action from the governor.

“After carefully reviewing the petition, the Massachusetts Legislature passed the home rule petition and found that the City did not make any errors in the process used to submit the petition for consideration,” he said. “The Legislature also found that the proposal did not set any new precedent in the Commonwealth. I’m awaiting the Governor’s action on the bill that is now on his desk for signature.”

The matter was quite controversial in Everett with many on the School Committee opposing the change, and Supt. Priya Tahiliani ardently opposing the change. The mayor had been a member of the Committee already, but without a vote.

Tahiliani this week said she looks forward to collaborating with City Hall

on getting the schools reopened and getting the COVID-19 vaccine available to teachers and educators in Everett. She said it was a new year and she looks forward to working anew, but did not want to comment on the Charter Change.

School Committee Chair Frank Parker didn’t wish to comment either.

The matter was filed by State Rep. Joe McGonagle on Dec. 14 and spent much of the month in the House. On Jan. 4, a substitute bill was filed and some housekeeping amendments were made to the language. It passed and was enacted in the House and Senate on Jan. 5 – which was the last day of the session and the last day to act on it.

The governor has until Thursday night to sign the Home Rule.

LeBLANC TAKES OVER FUDDRUCKERS

LYNN - It is a classic hometown success story.

A high school student begins working at a nationally known and highly regarded restaurant in her backyard.

The industrious, young lady continues her employment there and becomes the popular general manager of that restaurant. During her successful career in the industry, the opportunity arises where she can purchase the restaurant - and she does just that.

Congratulations, Saugus resident Adrienne LeBlanc, on becoming the owner and operator of Fuddruckers, home of the world’s greatest hamburgers.

LeBlanc took over ownership of Fuddruckers on Route 1, Saugus, on November 30. She had been the manager of the restaurant for 20 years.

“My boss [Jim Boland] just threw it around that he was retiring, so it was definitely a thought, and then it became an offer, and then it became real,” said LeBlanc.

What’s it like to own such a well-known restaurant that has become a Route 1 landmark?

“It feels absolutely amazing, a great accomplishment,” said LeBlanc. “I’m very excited. It’s a new chapter in my life.”

LeBlanc, 38, attended Saugus High School, Class of 2000. She graduated from computer technology school while maintaining her association with Fuddruckers.

She is the daughter of lifelong Saugus residents Dave and Carol LeBlanc. She has an older brother,

David LeBlanc, a Saugus High graduate who works for a medical technology corporation.

Adrienne said her 3-year-old son, Axton, was an inspiration in her determination to succeed in her field. “He’s the real reason why I did this – I’m trying to build a future for him,” she said proudly. “This is just an amazing opportunity. A woman-owned business in the restaurant industry is not common, especially before the age of 40. So it’s an amazing opportunity that I have.”

Adrienne praised Jim Boland, the former owner of Fuddruckers. “Mr. [Jim] Boland is an amazing man. He taught me everything that I know,” said Adrienne. “I couldn’t have asked to work for somebody better in my life. He was definitely a godsend to me. I wouldn’t have this opportunity without him.”

Adrienne is a true model for young women in the restaurant industry. She is excited to welcome and serve customers to her own restaurant.

“And I will always have the world’s greatest hamburgers,” reported Adrienne.

CAGGIANO TAKES OATH OF OFFICE FOR NORTHEAST VOCATIONAL

REVERE - Anthony Caggiano received his oath of office as Revere’s representative on the Northeast Regional Vocational School Committee at a ceremony last week at City Hall.

City Clerk Ashley Melnik administered the oath

to Caggiano in the socially distanced ceremony held inside the Council Chambers.

Caggiano was elected to the position in November. Revere is one of 12 area communities that has students attending Northeast, which is located in Wakefield.

“I’m very happy and looking forward to serving on the Committee,” said Caggiano. “There are a lot of challenges ahead.”

Caggiano has had an association to the school for many years. His mother, Marie Sardella, was an administrative assistant at Northeast while his stepfather, Louis Sardella, was the director of the special needs. Caggiano’s triplets – sons Anthony, Andrew, and Alexander – are graduates of Northeast.

Caggiano attended Revere High School (Class of 1976) and is a graduate of North Shore Community College and Suffolk University.

Long-time friend and Taft Street neighbor Gerry D’Ambrosio attended Caggiano’s inauguration ceremony.

“I’ve known Anthony for 45 years,” said D’Ambrosio, a prominent attorney. “He’s been committed to the city and the youth of the city. He’ll make for a great Vocational School Committee member.”

Caggiano is one of six new members of the Northeast Regional School Committee. He will participate in the first meeting of the new year Thursday. The Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month.

CONCERNED OVER RATS

REVERE - Councilors George Rotondo and Arthur Guinasso both expressed their concerns about rodents making their way from the former site of the Sozio’s appliance store on Squire Road on to other nearby properties.

The landmark Sozio’s store was destroyed in a five-alarm fire in February, 2018. The store was demolished and the property sits vacant.

“The motion [to contact Inspectional Services and investigate the matter] speaks for itself,” said Rotondo.

Guinasso indicated that “there’s a lot of burrows

in and about the Verizon and the old Sozio site and area residents are reporting that they’re [rodents] there and inundating the neighborhood.”

“The least the property owners can do is to close these burrows and put the necessary ingredients inside to rid the area of these rodents,” said Guinasso. “I want to make sure that the safety and health of the residents who live there are taken care of.”

Last week, the Council unanimously approved the motions to request Revere Inspectional Services to investigate the rodent situation at the former Sozio site.

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Chelsea goes online for 14th annual MLK Celebration and Awards

By Seth Daniel

The 14th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. community celebration took an online route this year, as expected, and enjoyed more than two hours of meditation, thoughtful words and community awards on Monday, Jan. 18.

In a joint effort of the Peoples AME Church, the Chelsea Black Community (CBC) and the City of Chelsea, the ceremony was moved online some time ago due to COVID-19 restrictions, but it didn't completely take away the fun and thoughtful meditation on the life of MLK and what it means in Chelsea.

"We have seen the national discourse become very chaotic over the last 12 months," said City Manager Tom Ambrosino. "With a change at the top levels of government, we hope things will move from violence and cruelty to decency and civility. Right will triumph in the end. Hope will push out fear. Love will push out hate and right will triumph in the end. I hope we can make Dr. King proud as we enter into 2021."

Councilor Calvin Brown said 2020 saw a tremendous fight against the pandemic and injustice. He said in 2021 it will be a time to continue to work for justice and pray for love to

win out.

Brian and Jenny Le from the Project Opening Doors also returned to the online ceremony, a reminder of how powerful Dr. King's legacy is when one's words move to action. Seven years ago, Jenny Le was one of the annual essay contest winners and she, along with friend Charlie Rustigian, hoped to end student homelessness and hunger in Chelsea. Since that time, the project has grown stronger, and led Brian Le to pursue service and leadership at Suffolk University, where he is a sophomore and a member of student government.

"Dr. King's dream and our ceremony and my sister's dream helped me to pursue my own dream – to be a leader," said Brian Le.

This year the annual essay contest focused not on having a dream, but upon "being the dream" of Dr. King – a challenge that many students rose to the occasion for. The winners included:

•Elementary School Essay Winner, Whitney Andrade Maldonado, Kelly School, Grade 4.

•Elementary Poetry Winner, Isabel Iraheta, Sokolowski School, Grade 3.

•Middle School Essay Winner, Catherine Hernandez, Kelly School, Grade 6.

•Middle School Poetry Winner, Ariana Baires, Wright Middle School, Grade 7.

•High School Essay Winner, Misael Godoy-Nunez.

•High School Essay Winner, Desayna Christmas.

The community awards were also given out to several leaders who honored Dr. King's legacy in serving during the pandemic or calling for the end to systemic racism in City government last summer.

The Young Adult Dream Awards went to:

•Monica Elias Orellana for working in St. Luke's Food Pantry and as the organizer of the Chelsea Hill Community.

•Jayde Umemba was honored for organizing the Black Lives Matter march last summer, and with her brother, Kyle, forming a group with a list of changes

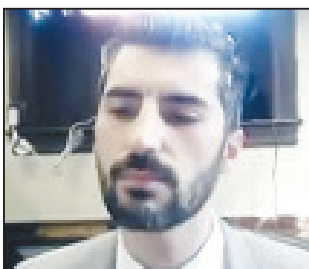
to reform City government from its systemic barriers.

The Community Spirit Awards went to:

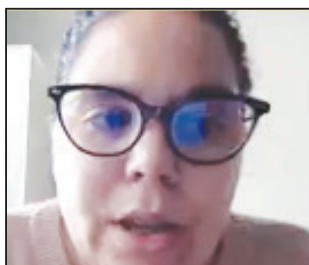
•Paul Nowicki of the Chelsea Housing Authority.

•Alex Train, City director of housing and community development.

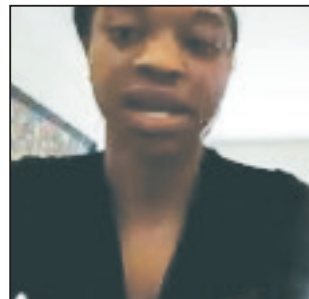
•Lourdes Alvarez and Mimi Graney, City workers who showed tenacity during the response to COVID-19 in 2020.



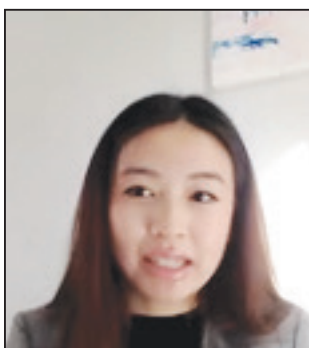
Alex Train, City director of housing and community development, was also a Spirit Award winner this year.



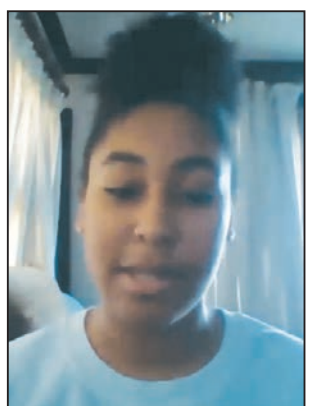
Lourdes Alvarez accepted her Spirit Award with Mimi Graney. Both City workers were awarded for their outstanding efforts in helping with COVID-19 last spring and summer.



Jayde Umemba won a Young Adult Dreamer Award for organizing the Black Lives Matter march last summer and putting together a list of demands for change in City Government.



Jenny Le, with her brother Brian Le, updated the community on the Project Opening Doors effort – which was born out of the MLK ceremony seven years ago when Jenny Le wrote an essay about ending homelessness in Chelsea. That effort has continued ever since.



High School Essay Winner, Desayna Christmas.



High School Essay Winner, Misael Godoy-Nunez.



The Rev. Dr. Sandra Whitley of Peoples AME Church once again organized and led the ceremony on Monday.



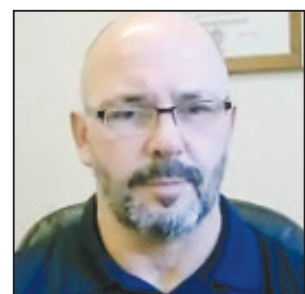
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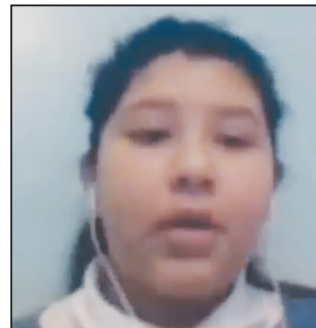
City Manager Tom Ambrosino gave an address from the City in honor of MLK.



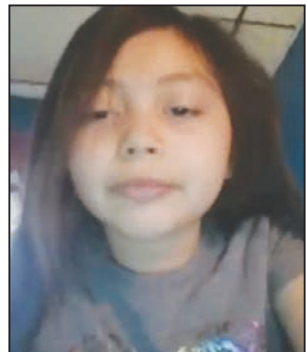
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Paul Nowicki, of the Chelsea Housing Authority, won a Community Spirit Award.



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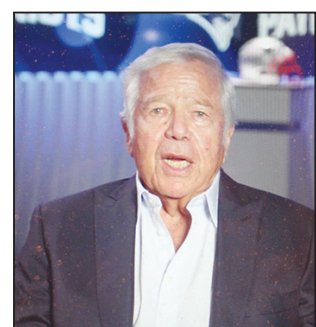


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"THANK YOU" CELEBRATION HELD FOR BGCB OFFICIAL JOSH KRAFT

During a virtual broadcast Jan. 13, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) celebrated and recognized Josh Kraft for his 30 years of service on behalf of the youth and families of Chelsea and Boston.

Over the course of his incredible 30-year tenure, Josh worked tirelessly to narrow the opportunity gap that exists for so many of the youth in Chelsea and Boston. He focused on deepening BGCB's impact on the youth that the the organization serves, reaching out to underserved populations in Chelsea and Boston, and expanding its reach to increasing numbers of children and teens.



Robert Kraft, owner of the NE Patriots.

Josh is the founder and former executive director of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea. He spearheaded the fundraising drive to build the \$11.2 million clubhouse on Willow Street. Josh has stepped down from his position as the president and CEO of the Boys and



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Josh has moved on to lead philanthropic activities as President of the Kraft Family Philanthropies.



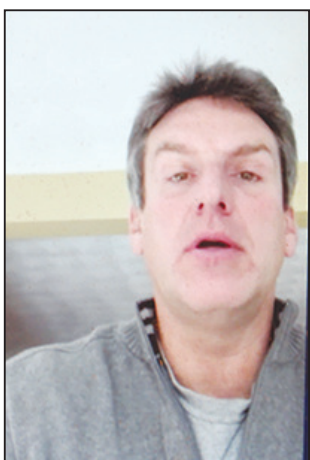
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JGBC Teen Coordinator Hamza Abdo, with Josh Kraft, and his father, Robert Kraft. Abdo thanked the Kraft family for being such a positive influence in his life.



JGBC Executive Director Gina Centrella-O'Hara.



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