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CBC President announces Black History Month events

Special To The Record

The Chelsea Black Community (CBC), under the leadership of President Joan Cromwell, has announced its schedule of events for Black History Month in the city.

This year's observance comes as Chelsea continues to be impacted by the coronavirus. With public safety and the health of residents as a priority, Cromwell said that only two of the events will be in-person attendance while four events will be held on Zoom.

"The national theme is Black Family, Leadership, and Service so that's what we're trying to focus on in terms of the focus of our events," said Cromwell. "In the past our events have been more celebratory and community engagement-type gatherings, but this year's events will be done through Zoom and there's more of an educational component that will focus on the year in review and helping the community get through the pandemic."

The schedule will kick off on Feb. 1 with a Chelsea City Hall Art Exhibit: A Celebration of Family, Freedom, Healing and Love. The exhibit will be open through the end of February.

Associate Dean for Bunker Hill Community College Sharon Caulfield will showcase her work in a photo exhibit: Family, Peace, Justice, Equality, at the 456 Downtown Gallery, 456 Broadway. Caulfield's exhibit will commence on Feb. 1 and will be available for viewing through Feb. 28.

"Sharon has some amazing photographs that showcase Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Congressman John Lewis, and a community engaged in racial justice," said Cromwell. "I think her photos are very reflective of a community fighting racial justice."

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Steve Saling of the Leonard Florence proud-ly got his COVID-19 vaccine this month.



KCL Gladys (CNA) and Sunita (ADON) after receiving their first vaccine doses last week.

Chelsea Jewish COVID-19 vaccinations continue after great start in January

By Seth Daniel

One would expect jubilation, jumping, screaming and even a small celebration once residents at the Chelsea Jewish Life-care facilities got their COVID-19 vaccinations, but for one of the oldest residents at the Leonard Florence Center for Living (LFCFL), it was a bit more muted.

"Is that all?" asked Eleanor Karp, 106, after getting her appreciated but anti-climactic vaccination this month.

After all that COVID has caused for long-term care residents in 2020, the simple needle prick to hopefully prevent the scourge was a little bit less than expected. However, it hasn't stopped a great deal of jubilation at

the facilities this month as residents, staff and families begin to see a light at the end of what's been a very lonely tunnel for Chelsea's oldest and most vulnerable residents.

"It's really about getting them in groups again and enjoying a home-cooked meal at a real dining room table," said Adam Ber-

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Eversource substation project

EPA sued by CLF for refusing to investigate discrimination claims

By John Lynds

Last week the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), Chelsea's Green-Roots and Lawyers for Civil Rights filed a federal lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The group argues that the EPA failed to investigate discrimination concerns in the ongoing Eversource substation project on Chelsea Creek.

The groups previously filed a Title VI civil rights complaint against Massachusetts energy officials after they ignored resident concerns and refused to provide translation services at community meetings where many

non-English speakers, particularly Spanish-speaking residents, live.

The group said the EPA declined to act on that civil rights complaint, and the subsequent lawsuit aims to force a proper investigation.

"As a mother raising three sons who use the playground that is so close to this park I feel it is outrageous and especially frustrating that in this process, in which I and my neighbors would like to have participated and made our voices and concerns heard, we have been shut out by the lack of interpretation or the poor quality of interpretation when it was provided,"

said Noemy Rodriguez an organizer with Green-Roots.

Amy Laura Cahn, Interim Director of the Healthy Communities and Environmental Justice program at CLF said for years, state energy officials have unlawfully shut out Spanish-speaking Eastie and Chelsea residents from decisions that will impact their communities for generations.

"We rely on the EPA to enforce civil rights laws, which guarantee residents a say in what happens in their communities," she said. "Without action by the agency, the community has no chance to right

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Upper Broadway work progressing to next stages

By Seth Daniel

The massive re-building of Upper Broadway continues to progress through Phase 1, with crews now at Cary Avenue and one-third of the way done on their trek to the Revere City Line.

The DPW's Fidel Maltz said the water and sewer replacement work that started in September is divided up into three zones, and crews are now 100 percent done with the zone from City Hall to



A 12-inch PVC Sewer Main installation, approximately 10 feet deep.

Cary Avenue.

"Now we're doing Cary

Avenue to Webster," he said. "We did break it up in zones and we're 100 percent done in that first section now."

Work began in front of City Hall in August 2020 and has steadily progressed northward. As typical in construction, the deeper utilities are installed first, with each subsequent utility installed becoming shallower; for this project, that has meant that sewer main has been installed first, followed

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Long-Awaited

State Budget proposal includes huge boost for Chelsea Schools

By Seth Daniel

The State Budget proposal from Gov. Charlie Baker allows a celebration put on pause at the Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) to erupt once more as the proposal, revealed Wednesday morning, advances funding for the Student Opportunity Act (SOA) that was put on hold when COVID-19 hit the state.

The overall budget proposal is \$45.6 billion and devotes a great amount of resources to continuing the response to COVID-19 and the economic impacts that are expected to last well into the year – if not longer. The budget does not require raising taxes and preserves the state's Rainy Day Fund.

The big news in Chelsea

is the governor has unleashed the paused SOA phased-in funding plan. That will equate of a \$7.24 million increase over last year's level-funded budget that had to be adjusted once COVID-19 came into play and the state pulled back SOA funding.

The total appropriation from the state for the Chelsea Schools is \$107,556,392, according to the governor's budget – known as House 1.

"I am grateful for our legislators who have prioritized education," said Abeyta. "We are pleased with the amount that we are projected to receive for fiscal year 2022. As we work on our budget for the upcoming school year, we will prioritize the needs

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CHA staff nearly fully vaccinated; cases sloping downward, again

By Seth Daniel

The good news on the hospitalization front from CHA Everett is that not much has changed in either direction, but the hospital is handling the load according to plan and well on their way to having the staff fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

The numbers of those testing positive in the hospital's catchment area seems to be on the decline, and the hospital is reporting that there are cases in large numbers, but nothing has gotten out of control.

"The good news is there isn't too much different from two weeks ago, but that also might be the bad news," said Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett. "We're getting back into the rhythm of care and coordination. Overall, in the last two weeks, while we may have fewer overall admitted patients and more available room to get patients into the hospital, it's also been a time of figuring out the care of patients who are beyond the acute

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FIRST IN LINE



Chelsea Village Elderly held one of the very first COVID Vaccine Clinics for Peabody Properties on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Staff and over 100 residents were vaccinated. Pictured here is Katherine Stec, 98 years old. As the oldest resident of Chelsea Village, she was given the honor of being the first resident to be vaccinated by CVS Pharmacy, who collaborated with the Resident Services Department. What a great day and such a team effort!

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!
Special section on Pages 6, 7 & 8

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that you need to know, check chelsearecord.com

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man, president of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare. “It’s group activities and trips and all the things we took for granted before the pandemic. Many of these experiences are not and have not been available to older adults. Because of the restrictions in nursing homes and assisted livings, it’s been very difficult. It’s getting outside and enjoying fresh air and living with others again. Last year was so challenging, so this is a great kick-off to a new year.”

The Katzman Center and the LFCFL, as well as Chelsea Jewish’s other sites, started working with CVS and Walgreen’s the week of Jan. 4 to begin the vaccinations of their residents and staff members. That was preceded by a robust educational and advocacy campaign in the facilities for staff members, and for some residents. They have continued their vaccination clinics throughout the month and will have more in February and wrap up the effort on March 2 at Cohen, Florence Levine Estates.

Berman said even though life has been restricted for younger people and the general public, many may not know just



Resident Toni Epifani gets ready for the COVID-19 vaccine at Leonard Florence.

how restrictive it has been on long-term care facility residents. Many have not been able to see family in a “normal” setting for almost a year. Some accommodations were made over the summer to do outside, scheduled visits, but it was still not the same.

To be on the path to having the freedom to see family and friends again without worry or fear is something Berman said cannot be put into words.

It can, however, be felt by the staff and residents who have lived through one of the most difficult times in more than 100 years for older adults.

“Most of our residents have been waiting eagerly for the vaccine,” he



Eleonor Karp, 106 years old, gets her vaccine.

said. “They want to get out of the room and start seeing people again...In many cases they haven’t seen their loved ones, or if they have, it was behind Plexiglas. We’ve done inside and outside visits and done the best we can... That said, even during that, everyone is separate and far apart. It’s not the same.”

The CVS and Walgreen’s crew were to visit each home in the portfolio three times, and that way residents and staff could get both doses.

Berman said he had expected more than 600 people to be vaccinated across their network in the first week.

“By the end of February, we hope to have most of our residents vaccinated and a majority of staff as well,” said Berman.

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by sewer service transfer, water main installation, water service transfer, and then, for areas that are part of the first phase of sewer/stormwater separation, drainage.

Work on water main installation is wrapping up between Cary Ave and Eleanor Street, which means over the next several weeks, residents in this area will have their water services transferred to the new water main. Chelsea Police and the Department of Public Works have been working with the contractor and the MBTA to keep bus stops open and to try to limit the impact this project has on the community.

The project is on schedule and is slated to be complete by its October 31, 2021 deadline.

The second part of the

project will be the improved streetscape and sidewalks.

Alex Train, director of Housing and Community Development, said they are in the process of designing the streetscape improvements, which will begin in the spring of 2022.

“In parallel with utility construction, the City, through the Dept. of Housing & Community Development and Dept. of Public Works, has been finishing up the design of comprehensive streetscape improvements,” he said. “Slated to break ground in April of 2022, the streetscape project is fully financed by a federal grant from the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization. The project calls for the reconstruction of the roadway, sidewalks, and drainage system, as well as the installation of new bus stops, bike lanes, and street trees. Over the course of 2021, the City will host public meetings on the new design.”

The Capital Improvement projects are designed to replace aging water, sewer and drain infrastructure. Aging sewers can allow sewage into the groundwater and infiltrate



The contractor has to find unique ways to support existing utilities.

groundwater into the sewer; both are detrimental to the environment, and increase the cost to the water and sewer system.

Separating stormwater from the sewer system reduces the amount of water sent to the MWRA, resulting in reduced costs to residents. Replacing the water main eliminates problems with water quality and leaking pipes. At the completion of this project, nearly a mile of both water main and sewer main will have been replaced from City Hall to the Revere city line. Additionally, all homes in the corridor will receive a new 1-inch copper water service and all sewer services will be replaced or cement lined at no cost to the property owners.

Finally, any lead water service lines encountered in the project will be replaced.

“It’s an incredible project and an exciting project,” said Maltez. “It’s Broadway, so it’s our main artery and this will change that entire corridor.”

Council moves Funeral Fund request ahead after procedure disagreement

By Seth Daniel

After 45 minutes of ran- cor over process and procedure, the Chelsea City Council moved ahead a request for \$25,000 to replenish the Chelsea Funeral Fund due to a surge of deaths recently.

Councilor Judith Garcia presented the measure earlier this month, and Father Edgar Duarte of St. Luke’s – who operates the Fund – appeared to speak about the heartbreaking situations that have transpired. He told the Council the Fund is about to run out of money because there have been so many deaths recently.

“The need for financial assistance is there,” Garcia told the Council Monday night.

Virtually everyone agreed to the thought behind re-seeding the Fund (which the City seeded last June), but there was some confusion as to who would benefit from the fund.

Council President Roy Avellaneda said he agreed to the request, but felt that it should be specified that the Fund only be used for those who have died from COVID-19. Instead of anyone with a hardship trying to bury a loved one, he said he wanted to clarify that those benefitting had lost loved ones to COVID.

“To open the fund just for general purposes I’m not so sure about,” he said. “Realistically, there would be many in each and every year who could use it in our community. It’s too broad and doesn’t say COVID.”

That sparked Councilors Leo Robinson and Calvin Brown to call for the matter to be moved to a Committee on Conference so the details could be worked

out. However, Garcia instead moved to amend it on the floor, which was accepted. It then specified COVID and also procedurally came into conformity in asking the City Manager to come up with a plan.

Councilor Damali Vidot said she was prepared to vote on the matter and asked for clarification from City Solicitor Cheryl Fisher Watson about whether the Council had the authority to pass the motion, as written.

Watson said in its original form it had problems, but was okay after the amendment.

However, with the confusion and the quick movements on the floor of the Council to change the request, Brown said the matter needed to be slowed down and hashed out in Committee.

“We have the money, but it will be nice to do things in order,” he said. “It’s not a question of not wanting to help out; it’s a question of clarity.”

However, the motion to send it to Committee failed, 3-8.

Avellaneda said amending things on the floor, or instructing the City Manager to come up with a plan, is nothing new at the Council and too much was being made of it.

“I don’t even have enough fingers and toes to count the numbers of times Councilor Recupero has said something to the City Manager about ‘Please spend money on this or that.’ Then the City Manager takes that and sends us a letter with a recommendation of whether we can or cannot do it. I don’t want it to get lost in the shuffle that this body cannot make

suggestions about how to spend money.”

Said Councilor Enio Lopez, “When we need money to help our people that died of COVID-19 and we find this problem. Come on guys. Let’s do this. Let’s help our community.”

Vidot said she didn’t know why it was being questioned so much.

“I’ve seen things go through on this City Council that didn’t even get questioned,” she said. “This seems like a very minor thing and yet we are questioning it.”

Said Recupero, “We’re arguing over nothing. This is just a big – uh – nothing.”

In the end, Robinson said he was only looking for clarification and not looking to hold anything up and would support the amended request.

The order passed 11-0. It will have to be introduced once the City Manager sends a recommendation, and then it will also come up again on a Second Reading.

•The Council voted 11-0 to accept a \$25,000 grant from the Nature Conservancy to further the climate resiliency plan and construction project for the Island End River.

•City Manager Tom Ambrosino sent word to the Council that he would be delivering a State of the City Address to the Council at their Feb. 8 meeting. He said it would be short, around 10 to 15 minutes long.

•Councilors Vidot and Robinson were appointed by Council President Avellaneda to serve as Council delegates on the Diversity Coordinator Interview Committee.

AG Healey looking at complaint against DA Rollins

By Seth Daniel

Attorney General Maura Healey’s office confirmed to the newspaper last week that they are looking into a complaint filed with them against DA Rachael Rollins concerning an alleged road rage incident that happened at Dorchester’s South Bay Mall on Christmas Eve.

Boston Police also confirmed they are investigating the incident based on a Citizen Complaint filed with them recently, a process that was described as working like an Internal Affairs investigation.

The situation has taken a tremendously odd series of twists and turns before landing on the desk of AG Healey’s Office, and she and the BPD will likely have quite a job sorting out what in fact happened over the past two weeks.

The situation started on Christmas Eve when a Brockton woman, identified as Katie Lawson, and a passenger were in the South Bay Mall and had a traffic altercation with another vehicle. Shortly after, that vehicle confronted them about the altercation and Rollins is accused of allegedly turning on her police lights on the vehicle and threatening to give the woman a ticket. Lawson’s complaint indicates Rollins said not to “try me today.” Lawson also alleges that Rollins sped off and ran a red light.

Rollins has disputed the complaint and actually went on the Howie Carr Radio Show to debate the merits of the situation two weeks ago. There, she denied Lawson’s claims about how the incident happened, not-

ing that she did turn on her police lights, but never said she would ticket them and also indicated Lawson was driving erratically. She said on the radio she was simply telling her to watch her driving and to be more careful.

However, the story took a very weird turn when Rollins Tweeted from her official account on Jan. 8 about a scary event that took place at her home that day, writing, “Earlier today a masked white man jumped out of a truck parked in front of my home, walked quickly to me while inaudibly speaking. He opened his trunk and grabbed something, took it out and aimed it at me. I was terrified and turned away. My children were there. I thought we...”

And it ended abruptly there. A similar, second Tweet coming 45 minutes later on the same day said about the same thing, but left out the “white man” reference.

Then, the next day, on Jan. 9, she Tweeted that the strange vehicle and white man were actually members of the media – turning out to be a Boston 25 reporter and cameraman.

Not long afterward, Boston 25 ran the video of that encounter in a report on the complaint against DA Rollins. In that report, Rollins is shown accompanied by her Police Detail launching into an expletive-filled tirade against the reporter for coming to her home. On camera, she threatened to arrest the reporter and told her that her career was finished.


Later, she released a statement concerning the on-camera events and said she had reacted as a moth-

er and caregiver who was worried about her personal home being put on the news. She indicated the news vehicle and reporter should have confronted her at work and not at her home where her family lives.

“District Attorney Rollins ran for office, was elected, and has led with unprecedented transparency and access,” read the statement to Boston 25. “She has been and remains available to her constituents, colleagues and members of the media and has never avoided a difficult conversation. Indeed, she had an on the record telephone conversation with (Boston 25) Friday night. She will continue to lead in this manner, fully understanding and expecting the scrutiny that comes with being an elected public official. But this past Friday was something different. Some 48 hours after our country witnessed an attack on those very same elected officials, an unknown vehicle with an unknown man approached her in front of her home where she is the mother and guardian to three young girls. And she responded not as an elected official, but as a mother, an aunt, and a caregiver who believes her primary responsibility is to love and protect her family. District Attorney Rollins has long been an advocate for the protection of the privacy and safety of the families of government officials. She deserves the same.”

The matter is under investigation and both AG Healey’s Office and the BPD declined to provide copies of the written complaints presented to them.

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THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER

Amidst our winter of discontent, there is some good news on the horizon (literally): The days are getting longer.

As this is being written, we will have passed the first full month of the astronomical winter (which starts on December 21 and ends on March 21) and we will have completed almost two months of the meteorological winter season, which is defined as December, January, and February.

On December 14, the sun set at 4:13 in the afternoon and on December 21 (the start of astronomical winter) the total amount of daylight was just nine hours and eight minutes. But on this Friday, January 29, the sun will be setting at 4:56 in the afternoon and we will have nine hours and 56 minutes of daylight.

The longer days, combined with the positive news on COVID-19 vaccines, signal hope for the future that sunnier days lie ahead.

LAWSUITS WILL BRING OUT THE TRUTH

The announcement this past week that Dominion Voting Systems Inc., the company that manufactures voting machines that are used widely across the United States, has filed a \$1.3 billion lawsuit against Rudy Giuliani for his deliberately defamatory statements about the company, is the perfect antidote to the disinformation campaign that was spread by Donald Trump and his minions in their attempt to subvert the results of the November election.

It was one thing for Trump, Giuliani, and others to spout their ridiculous claims, in general terms, about a stolen election, but it is quite another when their patently-false statements negatively affect the reputation and business interests of individuals and companies.

Just as this newspaper cannot publish false and defamatory information, neither can major media outlets nor individuals such as Rudy Giuliani. We would note that an employee of Dominion has filed a separate suit against a number of media outlets, as well as the Trump campaign, for their defamatory and injurious statements about him.

A few years ago, a web site named Gawker Media posted a video of the former wrestling star Hulk Hogan that was the basis for an invasion of privacy suit filed by Hogan that ultimately resulted in a \$140 million judgment against Gawker, which put Gawker out of business.

We predict that the lawsuits filed by Dominion (they previously sued another of Trump's lawyers) will have far-reaching consequences, particularly if Dominion names others who, similar to Giuliani, have made defamatory statements about Dominion.

Rudy Giuliani now is facing financial ruin, all of which he brought on himself because of his antics, a very fitting and appropriate ending for a man who tried to subvert a free and fair election, the most basic element of our Constitution.

HANK AARON WAS A WONDERFUL MAN

Boston baseball fans never got to experience firsthand the greatness of Hank Aaron. The Boston Braves left for Milwaukee in 1953 and Aaron joined the Braves in 1954.

With Aaron leading the way, the Braves then embarked on a run of great seasons, culminating in the 1957 World Series championship.

Although the Braves descended into mediocrity in the 1960s, Hank Aaron continued to perform at a high level, year after year, for more than two decades. When all was said and done, Aaron not only had broken Babe Ruth's career home run record, but he also set career marks for RBI and total bases (the latter by a wide margin) that still stand today.

Hank Aaron was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, but it was his achievements off the field that have earned him everlasting fame. He was a pioneer in the civil rights movement who was among a handful of Black athletes who helped to bring to an end the dark era of segregation and discrimination that existed in the 1950s and '60s.

On a personal level, Hank Aaron was admired and respected by all who knew him. He was one of those very few people who never had an unkind word to say about anybody, and vice-versa.

Hank Aaron was not the most-outspoken of persons, but he literally and figuratively epitomized the meaning of the phrase, "Speak softly and carry a big stick." He will be missed.

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GUEST OP-ED

Don't live your life based on Biden or Trump

Dr. Glenn Mollette

When did life begin for President Donald Trump or President Joe Biden? Did Trump's life begin when his father loaned him millions to start investing? Did it begin when he married Melania? Or, did life begin when he was elected President? Maybe his life is beginning now that his Presidency is over?

What about Biden? Did Biden's life begin each morning when he boarded Amtrak headed for Washington? Maybe his life began when he was elected a Senator or even the Vice President? Maybe his life is just beginning now?

Trump will have options after the White House. He is a businessman. He will figure it out. Maybe NBC will seek him to do The Celebrity Apprentice once again? Yes,

NBC hates him but they love money. The Celebri-

ty Apprentice made NBC and Trump hundreds of millions of dollars. Someone will publish Trump's memoirs. I predict he'll make about 50 to 75 million dollars off his book royalties. He has over 70 million loyal followers. If ten million people buy a book with a \$6 to \$9 profit for the publisher then you can start multiplying the cash. Book publishers are all about money and sales. They know the market potential. Trump will stay busy on the speaking circuit. In about a year look for him in a city near you drawing a crowd.

Biden's life is only changing in that he finally gets to sleep in the White House. He will be in the same place where so many politicians and families have slept before. Biden is familiar with the nation's Capitol. He has practically spent his entire life there in politics. It's what

he has awakened to almost every morning of his life. Although now, he will sit in the Oval Office.

Life is changing for these two men in different ways but what about your life? When did your life begin? Did it begin at your conception? Your birth? When you turned 16 years old or 21? Maybe it began when you retired? When will your life end? The beginning of your life starts when you start living your life. The end of your life concludes when you give up and stop living your life.

Our lives are brief, here today and gone tomorrow. Don't base your life on who is The President. The quantity and quality of our lives typically hinge on our decisions and the transitions we adjust to. Life is filled with transitions, just look at Biden and Trump.

Change disrupts us and the climate of fear and

skepticism is dominating our nation.

For you and I we must live our lives right now. Every day we wake up is a new beginning and a new life. The old life was yesterday and we can't relive, change or erase it. However, we can learn from yesterday and education is very valuable.

When someone else's life begins is all conjecture on our part. When your life begins is your daily decision. Live your life. Maybe at this moment, your life is just really beginning.

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NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

SCHEDULE A VACCINE APPOINTMENT

COVID-19 Vaccination Update: Adults 75+ can receive the COVID-19 vaccine starting on February 1. Schedule an appointment starting Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Find more details on the vaccination eligibility, vaccination locations and information for booking appointments at mass.gov/covidvaccine

RESIDENTIAL PARKING STICKER EXTENDED

The residential parking sticker has been extend-

ed 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.

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.

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.
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SCHOOL UPDATES

DISTRICT UPDATES

•Renovation of the Williams Middle School Cafeteria began last week and is moving along quickly. New, longer serving lines are being installed, space for a smoothie bar is being created, and all finishes are being replaced. The new finishes will include a pour-in-place terrazzo floor, and noise-mitigating ceiling tiles and wall panels. The rectangular columns are being reduced in size and will be made circular, and composting stations where milk waste can be poured down a drain are being added. Everything will have a new ageless look.

•State-of-the-art technology has been added to 45 classrooms districtwide to allow for in person and remote instruction at the same time. The new equipment includes a built-in camera, microphone, and speaker which will allow teach-

ers to move around their classroom while providing instruction. Students who are participating remotely will be able to see any work being done on the board and will be visible to their peers through the projectors that already can be found in the classroom. A training video is being developed and will be made available to teachers during upcoming professional development. Additional funding has identified to expand this technology to all middle and high school classrooms. The installation work on the additional classrooms will begin later this winter.

•Across the district, bottle fillers are being added to classrooms and hallways. At the Early Learning Center and MCB Complex, classroom drinking fountains are being replaced with bottle fillers. In addition, all hallway drinking

fountains are being replaced with bottle filler / drinking fountain combinations. They will be placed at a height that is ADA compliant and age appropriate. During the pandemic, the drinking fountains will be turned off, while the bottle fillers will remain in operation. This effort was funded by the reopening grant we received this fall.

BERKOWITZ SCHOOL UPDATES

•Mrs. Clarke, Ms. Kelsey, and Mrs. Blake’s first grade classes ended their week with some fun freeze dancing. We got to see familiar faces and enjoy time spent together. We look forward to seeing everyone again next week.

BROWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL

•BMS Teachers put together books, games, and

materials for students in need.

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•During their lunch break, students at the CAMS Online Learning Center watched the inauguration of President Biden and Vice President Harris.

•The Morris H. Siegel Clark Avenue Middle School is proud to announce that Jhostin Salmeron, 8th grader, has been nominated by his teachers to be the Project 351 Ambassador for this year. We are very proud of Jhostin and we know he will do great things!

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

•Graduating Seniors received a donated Macbook Pro from Circle Internet Financial. The donation was provided to students



MEET CHEERIO! First graders in Ms. Johnson’s class at the Hooks School were excited to finally meet their new class pet. Welcome to first grade baby Cheerio! Cheerio the calf was adopted at birth by room 220 from the Discover Dairy Program. Cheerio lives on Dutch Hollow Farm and students were excited to receive their first update about Cheerio and all of her friends.

in hopes they would be able to use them as freshman in college. Thank you to Ms. Elizabeth Carpenter and her team who worked with CHS Administration and the business office to put this donation together for our students.

Kelley, the COA family joined together for a digital inauguration party. Teaching staff, our new Dropout Prevention Specialists, support staff, administration, and students watched the events together, asked questions about the proceedings, and discussed hopes for the next four years. COA staff was so proud to see several students Zooming in from their workplaces to observe such an important civic event.

CHELSEA OPPORTUNITY ACADEMY UPDATES

•Led by teachers Alvin Rivera and Christian

Northeast Metro Tech shares update on building project

Superintendent David DiBarri wishes to provide a progress update on Northeast Metro Tech’s School Building Project.

Over the last year, the Northeast Metro Tech project team has been working to develop options that would solve the space, capital and maintenance issues of the more than 50-year-old building.

The Northeast Metro Tech project team has continued to work its way through the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) design process and is expected to soon finish the Feasibility Study phase. The project achieved a major milestone in December by submitting the Preferred Schematic Report (PSR), the second of six design packages, to the MSBA.

In accordance with MSBA requirements, the PSR further studied the remaining options that were highlighted in the previous submission -- the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) which was submitted in August 2020 -- that refined the design and construction options to the following:

- Option A: Base repair of existing school
- Options B.2: Addition/ Renovation
- Options C.1, C.2, and C.3: New construction on site

The latter two options were evaluated at various student enrollment ranges -- 1,250 (current enrollment), 1,400, 1,600, 1,660, and 1,722. -- as well as the

District’s future goals in order to determine the best possible layout.

Per the School Building Committee and project team’s recommendation, the PSR concluded by recommending that the project proceed with Option C.3 with a design enrollment of 1,600 students. Some of the highlights of this design include:

- Putting the career technical and academic classes in the same part of the building to allow for collaboration among students.
- Creating large, public areas at the opposite end of the building from the classrooms, which helps separate the spaces and enhance security.
- Housing the administrative offices, auditorium, cafeteria and construction shop space on the first floor, and the design and communication, and academic classrooms on the second and third floors.
- Constructing a new

main access road off of Farm Street, which will help alleviate traffic congestion. This road will eventually be connected to the existing main entrance off Hemlock Road in order to create a loop.

- Building new, larger athletic fields where the current building stands, as well as reserving the current football and track facility for future developments if needed.

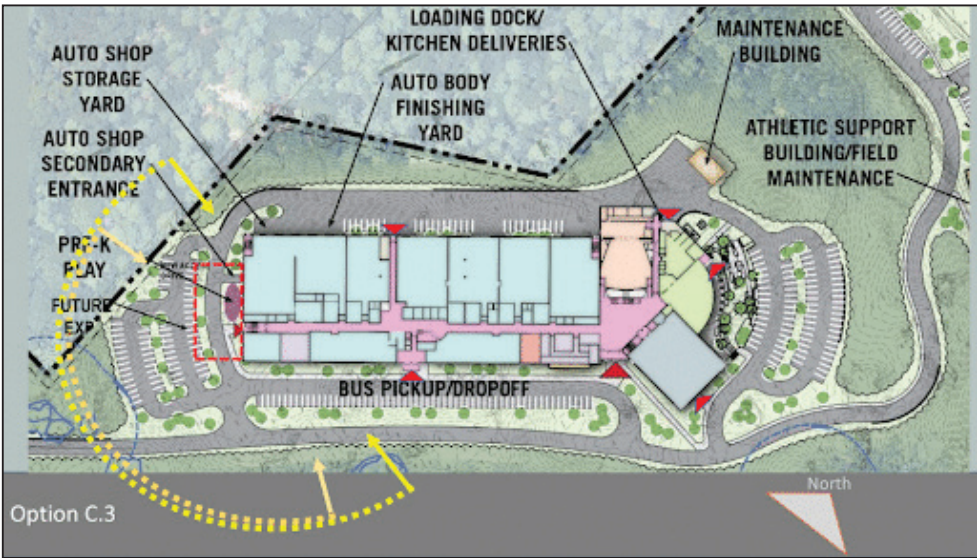
Additionally, this was determined to be the least disruptive of all options, as it can be constructed in phases away from the existing building and does not require the use of temporary facilities.

Going forward, the project team and Northeast Metro Tech. District will be meeting with the MSBA Board of Directors on Feb. 11, for review of the PSR and for hopeful approval to proceed into Module 4 of the MSBA process- Schematic Design. This phase

will have the preferred construction option fleshed out to show optimal site and building layouts based on programming meetings with dozens of staff and stakeholders; functionality of the building; more detailed cost estimates for each scope of service and for the project’s maximum MSBA grant; and a more detailed schedule.

The District will submit the Schematic Design report to the MSBA in July with hopeful approval at the August MSBA Board of Directors meeting. If the project earns MSBA scope and budget approval at the August meeting, the communities Northeast Metro Tech serves will be called upon to contribute their portion of the project’s budget towards the fall of 2021.

All stakeholders can continue to check for the latest updates and information on all aspects of the project at northeastbuildingproject.com.



Option C.3, pictured above, was chosen as the recommended design for the Northeast Metro Tech’s School Building Project. (Photo courtesy of Northeast Metro Tech)

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In-person learning at St. John School in the North End a success

By John Lynds

In its 126 year history St. John School arguably has never faced a crisis quite like the COVID-19 pandemic that has turned the world upside down.

However, the staff and students at St. John School have successfully returned to 'in-person' learning for the 2020-2021 school year.

Principal of the parochial school, Claire Cassidy, said since September 9 St. John School has been open for in person learning five days a week. The school has also been offering an eLearning program for students whose families do not wish to have them attend school in person.

Cassidy said so far the school year has been a success and teachers have worked extremely hard to seamlessly integrate eLearners into the classroom daily and to redesign lessons to ensure they are successful in a socially distant classroom and digital environment.

"It has really been phenomenal," said Cassidy. "It's been such a privilege to witness the way in which our students came back to school. They seamlessly came the door in September and have been washing their hands, wearing their mask, sanitizing, and social distancing--as is the norm now. Our teachers have done the most



A young student at St. John School in the North End during an in-person lesson. The school successfully reopened in-person learning in September.

amazing job of making the integration of our in-person learners and our eLearners just look so easy. They've really worked hard to shift lesson plans and activities so that classroom discussions are between a student who is in-person and a student who is an eLearner and you see the way in which it continues to bring that beautiful sense of community that St John's School is known for."

Cassidy said St. John School has been very fortunate that the school building lends itself to staff and students being able to do in-person learning successfully.

"The spaciousness of our classrooms has meant we are able to allow 6 feet or more of space between students," said Cassidy. "We have also limited class size to give students additional space. We do have enormous windows in our

building, all of which are open and have between 800 to 1,000 square feet for most of our classrooms. We were able to purchase air purifiers for our classrooms too. We also had plumbing work done over the summer to add additional sinks to our buildings so our students had more places to wash their hands. With all of those things in place we've been able to successfully open and remain open since September."

Cassidy said extra precautions include a cleaner who is present throughout the day to clean all high touch surfaces. The school also expanded its nursing program hours to ensure nurses were available throughout the day as well as staggered arrival and dismissal times to promote student safety.

"I do think that having the privilege of being able to open for in-per-



The St. John School building layout has lent itself to the school being able to successfully return to in-person learning this year. The classrooms are between 800 and 1,000 sq. ft. which allows for proper social distancing.

son learning and to be able to continue is really important," said Cassidy. "Our students are very grateful and they tell us how excited they are to be at school each day. Our families are as well and they see the joy that their children get from coming to school."

Cassidy added that with appropriate adjustments St. John School has been able to continue with its Tower Garden program and to date has grown over 60 pounds of food that is donated to the Arch Street Shrine. The school has even been able to hold private socially distanced school mass each week since school started in the fall.

In the end Cassidy said St. John School has also been very blessed that



Middle Schoolers at St. John School in the North. Principal Claire Cassidy said students are very grateful to be back in school and tell staff how excited they are each day.

school parents have been tremendously supportive since school started.

"They have done a great job of reinforcing the routines that we have here with their children," said Cassidy. "They've also kept their kids home when they are sick, which I know is a

strain for a family, and tested and quarantined their kids as needed. All the parents have been extremely supportive of our school policies and worked with us to ensure our school community remains healthy throughout the year."

IC School goes above and beyond amidst pandemic

By Donis Tracy,
Academic Coordinator

The past ten months have been challenging for all. Schools forced online; students learning from home; fear of contagion abounding; civil unrest erupting in various places in the country.

Navigating it in order to provide a safe, healthy school has been no small task. But according to Juan Velasquez and Kimberly Orellana, parents of two daughters at Immaculate Conception Parish School in Revere, their children's school

has done it and more.

Velasquez and Orellana reflected on the past year and how her daughters, grades five and three, have been helped by their Catholic education.

"I did not feel comfortable that the mandatory

homeschooling was going to be the only option for a long period of time," Orellana stated, thinking back to last spring when all the schools in the state were put on lockdown. "We all know the importance of social interaction at this age."

Velasquez agreed, but added that he was incredibly impressed with the school's ability to continue teaching in spite of the chaos last spring. He noted that the school only missed one day of learning before transitioning to a full-remote model.

"It was very impressive," he said. Although at first it seemed "IC Online" would only last for a few weeks, reality quickly set in that the school building would be closed for the remainder of the year. Even the prospect of opening in the fall seemed to be in question.

However, the school continued to thrive, Velasquez said. He pointed to several school-wide traditions that were rethought in order to fit a full-remote model. STEM projects were uploaded and shared; the school's art show became a Virtual Showcase. Students continued to thrive.

As summer began to come to an end, the uncertainty of whether or not the school could open for in-person learning was looming, Velasquez recalled, noting that Revere and its neighboring communities were among the worst affected by the pandemic.

In late August, the school sent out a document detailing its Re-Opening Plan, and

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MC girls hockey records its first-ever victory

By Cary Shuman

Head coach Guy Angiuoni and the Malden Catholic High School girls hockey team have earned their first victory in school history.

Playing with only eight skaters and one goaltender on its roster in the second game of its first varsity season, Malden Catholic defeated Saint Joseph Prep, 2-1, last Tuesday at the Warrior Ice Arena in Brighton.

Freshman defenseman Juliana Angiuoni of Wilmington, daughter of the head coach, scored the first goal on a shot from the point. Saint Joseph tied the game at 1-1 in the second period. Freshman center Antonia DiZoglio of Wilmington netted the tie-breaking and game-winning goal with 1:24 left. Sophomore goaltender Danielle DeJon of Cambridge had 25 saves.

The historic victory drew notice from the hockey community with

Malden Catholic garnering headlines on the Hockey Night in Boston and Mass. High School hockey Web sites and in the Boston newspapers.

“It was all over the Twitter-verse that this upstart team with just nine girls won a game,” said Angiuoni. “It was a great victory. The girls played so hard. It was amazing.”

This past Sunday, Malden Catholic lost a tough one, 3-2, to Bishop Feehan (Attleboro) Sunday. Dizoglio opened the scoring with a nifty end-to-end rush in the 2nd period. Angiuoni pulled the goaltender with two minutes left and Susan Hobart scored the game-tying goal. But Feehan scored the game-winner in the final minute of play. Danielle DeJon made an incredible 45 saves on 48 shots. MC has a 1-2 record.

“We’ve had three exciting games,” said Angiuoni. “The girls have worked hard. We’ve been practicing for six weeks.

Not one girl has missed a single practice the entire season. That shows the girls’ commitment to the program.”

The MC players have been logging plenty of minutes. Defensemen Mary Katherine “MK” Zablocki of Revere and Juliana Angiuoni are the lone defensive tandem and rarely leave the ice. DiZoglia, an elite player and a future star, has three goals and three assists through three games.

Alexia “Lexi” Engvaldsen of Wilmington scored the program’s first-ever goal against Shawsheen on opening night. The other members of the first-year Lancers are Susan Hobart of Ipswich, Sadie Bowden of Malden, Amelia Hansen of Melrose, and Erin Smail of Stoneham.

Guy Angiuoni, 50, became the program’s first-ever head coach when Athletic Director Bill Raycraft brought him on board in November.

“I have two great assistant coaches – Craig



Pictured at the Warrior Ice Arena after the Malden Catholic girls hockey program’s first-ever victory on Jan. 20 are, from left, Susan Hobart, Sadie Bowen, Erin Smail, Juliana Angiuoni, Antonia DiZoglio, Amelia Hansen, MK Zablocki, Danielle DeJon, and Lexi Engvaldsen.

Edwards (Andover) and Steven Hunt (Wilmington),” said Angiuoni. “I’m really blessed to have two coaches that are so talented and emotionally invested into our program.”

The unsung hero of the MC girls hockey program has been AD Bill Raycraft, a former football coach and athletic director at Windham High where he

built one of New Hampshire’s most successful athletic programs.

“Anything that I have asked of our athletic director, he’s gotten it for our players,” credited Angiuoni. “We have NHL-replica game home and away jerseys. He also got us practice jerseys in four different colors. We have just as much ice time

as the boys team. Everyone from the admissions office, to the finance department, to the headmaster, to the athletic director – the school has been 100 percent supportive. It’s really been an amazing experience.”

Malden Catholic plays its home games at Valley Forum in Malden.

St. Anthony’s of Everett keeps in-person learning at forefront this year

By Seth Daniel

Counting one’s blessings is a daily exercise at St. Anthony’s School of Everett, but never did the school community think one of those counted blessings would be actually going to school in person.

However, that has been the case as the Pre-School to Grade 8 Catholic School in Everett has stayed in person most every week since September using some reconfigured routines and strict COVID-19 protocols. It has been a great and wonderful things for the children, and the families, said Principal Maria Giggie.

“We’ve been in school since Sept. 16,” said Giggie, now in her 15th year at St. Anthony’s. “We recently did a partial re-opening after Christmas in phases of 1, 2 and 3 because the cases in Everett were so high. Now everyone is back this week...Everybody is back

physically in the building this week. Remote is okay, but over a long period of time, it becomes impossible for students and parents.”

St. Anthony’s is participating in Catholic Schools Week throughout next week and will have special, COVID-19 conscious, celebrations – such as a Mass and other fun things like a Pajama Day. Meanwhile, prospective students and parents are encouraged to come in-person to their Open Houses from Feb. 1-3 after making an appointment. The Open Houses are generally between 9-11 a.m. on those days, but Giggie said they are flexible.

Keeping away from all-remote has been very helpful to students and families, Giggie said, and has been a highlight of the year for them while their counterparts in the public schools have remained online this entire year.

“Remote is hard,” she said. “If people have to go to work, especially with younger children, you have to worry about getting them up on the screen. Nobody needs this kind of stress. Getting everyone back in school is best and of course, keeping necessary precautions in place when they are here is essential.”

Giggie said they have moved desks six feet apart in all classrooms, and now have four lunch sessions per day with two children at each table. There are a lot of other guidelines they’ve picked up from the best practices, such as having teachers come to the older students, instead of having students switch classrooms each period. That keeps them at the same desk all day and keeps them from having to move about the school and having contact with others.

“We’ve been blessed in this,” she said. “The teachers are a treasure and have

gone above and beyond during school and after school. It is beyond what a teacher’s job description would be. They are always on. It’s been an amazing effort.”

The school has also been smart about utilizing the new technology as well. Some students have chosen to be at home, and teachers have quickly adapted to teaching in person and remotely at the same time – carrying around a technology cart to each classroom that doubles as the remote computer link for students at home. Likewise, on a few occasions, they have chosen to go all remote when the percent positive case numbers in Everett have soared far beyond 8 percent. In addition, some of their special occasions, have been moved online – like this year’s Christmas Play that was put together in a video celebration that was widely proclaimed as one of the best in years.

Needless to say, it is the in-person learning that has retained students this year, and increased the numbers of students in the older grades, Giggie said.

The student population has remained at around 200 this year, but that comes with fewer students in the pre-school and kindergarten, while more in the older grades.

“We did see an uptick in the older grades, quite a lot actually,” she said. “Because we provide on-site in school sessions, we have seen an increase in the numbers because we’re open.”

She said the younger children have also impressed her with their ability to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines after teachers stressed them as part of the education plan this year.

“Honestly, I am impressed,” she said. “It’s unbelievable to see the 3 and 4-year-olds keeping their

masks on and following the instructions. They have been so well-behaved.”

However, Principal Giggie said it has been an effort of every administrator, student and teacher in the building to keep school going in-person and to avoid any pitfalls brought on by COVID-19. It has simply been a blessing to be counted, she said.

“We’re blessed with our teachers, to see what they do every day,” she said. “Everybody is in it together because the most important thing is that we keep everyone in the school and provide an opportunity for parents to send their kids to school in person. We have been continually blessed by that.”

To schedule an appointment for the Open House next week, call the office of the school at (617) 389-2448.

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allowing families to choose whether or not to send their children to school in-person or virtually.

“After reading through the [Reopening Guide], I realized that the school was going above and beyond to ensure the safety of the kids and staff,” Orellana said. Together the couple decided to opt for in-person learning.

“IC has definitely provided a safe environment for my girls,” she said. She praised the school’s ability to re-think many of the fun school activities in order to make sure that students are also developing socially and spiritually.

Agreeing, Velasquez pointed to the recent Christmas Bazaar -- a longstanding tradition

at Immaculate Conception School and a school event that seemed impossible to pull off with social distancing and other health and safety restrictions. Although it was not the same as other years, Orellana praised the teachers and the administration for creating a safe, healthy alternative and retaining the fun that

was at the heart of the tradition.

“IC school has been a second home for my girls,” Orellana said. “The relationships they are making are very important. Having families that share the same spiritual values and beliefs that we do is something that we appreciate and are deeply grateful.”

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East Boston Central Catholic School's hybrid learning model a success

By John Lynds

While the 2020-2021 school year has looked a lot different for students and staff at East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Principal Robert Casaletto said the reopening plan at Eastie's remaining Parochial School has been smooth as can be.

EBCCS kicked off the school year in September with 'in-person' learning for some students and 'remote' learning for others but recently switched to 'hybrid' learning.

"Everything has been

going really well at EB-CCS," said Casaletto. "We have had our Pre-School and Kindergarten students in five days per week since September and we just transitioned grades 1-8 to hybrid learning when we returned from Christmas break. That is going very well so far."

Casaletto said EB-CCS's hybrid schedule offers two days per week of in-person learning and three days of remote learning for all students.

"Group A has in-person learning on Monday-Tuesday, all students are remote on Wednesday,

and then Group B has in-person learning on Thursday- Friday," said Casaletto. "Our students have been fully engaged on their remote learning days and times, and we are not noticing any learning loss or feelings of isolation. In fact, when given the option to return to in-person learning, many of our families elected to remain fully remote because they are happy with both the teaching and learning that has occurred so far this year during our fully remote days."

EBCCS has added some additional safety

precautions for the 2020-2021 school year like staggering arrival and dismissal times to limit the gathering size outside the school.

"We also added sinks and air purifiers to every classroom," said Casaletto. "Each student has their own individual desk sneeze guard, individual sanitizer provided by East Boston Savings Bank, the use of a Chromebook, and over six feet of space separating them from the next student."

The school also created a "Care Room" in the event a student or facul-



EBCCS teacher Lauryn Rozzi in her classroom. EBCCS began a hybrid learning model after the Christmas break.

ty member becomes sick while in the building with disposable gowns, safety glasses, gloves, and KN-95 masks.

EBCCS also purchased webcams, live streaming cameras, microphones, speakers, a ZOOM licence, and privacy walls for the teachers to keep the staff safe and allow them to teach

to both in-person and remote students at the same time.

"We just opened re-enrollment and new enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year," said Casaletto. "Families can visit ebccs.org for more information. We will have virtual tour videos up on the website next week."

Malden Catholic HS girls winter sports program off to a terrific start

By Cary Shuman

The Malden Catholic High School girls basketball team, under the direction of head coach Jay Keane, is in its third year of existence, and its second at the varsity level.

Because the girls division (Malden Catholic School for Girls) began three years ago, Keane's first-year team was made up entirely of ninth graders competing at the sub-varsity level.



Jay Keane is the head coach of the Malden Catholic High School girls varsity basketball team.

Malden Catholic has a 2-1 record and is ranked among the top teams in the division by the Boston newspapers.

Malden Catholic is continuing as an independent team with no league affiliation for the 2020-21 season.

"We were hoping to join a league this year, but with COVID-19, it just didn't materialize with anybody," said Keane.

"We were able to schedule 11 games with schools that were in the same boat as we are."

MC has games scheduled with Catholic Conference schools Notre Dame Academy (Hingham), Fontbonne Academy (Milton), and Ursuline Academy (Dedham), along with Catholic Central League powerhouse St. Mary's (Lynn). There are also plans for a season-ending Catholic schools' tournament.

Not many coaches get to build a varsity program from the ground floor, but Jay Keane was given that opportunity when MC became a co-divisional school (Boys and girls do not attend academic classes together at the school and are situated in a separate half of the same school building).

"My original plan when I applied for the job was that in Year 3 we'd be varsity," said Keane. "But we had a really good freshman class with a lot of good pieces, and I knew since

we were independent, I'd make my own schedule and we were very lucky – a 15-5 record is pretty respectable for a first-year program with only sophomores and freshmen."

Athletes from several nearby communities are playing varsity basketball, including freshmen Luna Murray and Marcella Bonfardeci of Revere and Mary Turco of Winthrop.

Malden Catholic has added junior varsity and freshman teams. Jess Popken is the junior varsity coach while Mike Gioia is the freshman coach. There are 38 players participating in the program.

A retired Somerville district fire chief, Keane formerly served as the head girls basketball coach at Wilmington High School for eight seasons (2005-13). He played high school basketball at St. Mary's, Cambridge.

"My senior year, we were undefeated and played Cathedral in the (Division 3) North finals at the old Boston Gar-

den," recalled Keane. "Cambridge Rindge and Latin was undefeated and played Don Bosco right after us, so all the Cambridge fans were rooting for us. We had a pretty good rooting section."

Keane is happy that his Malden Catholic team is competing in a season amidst the concerns and challenges of the coronavirus. Coaches and players must wear masks during games and practices.

"We're just lucky to be playing basketball," he said. "We talked about it with the kids how fortunate we are to be in the gym. It's been a challenging year but it's just good to get them in the gym and have some sense of normalcy."

Malden Catholic Director of Athletic Bill Raycraft is being lauded by coaches, players, and parents for being so supportive of the program and giving it resources it needs to be competitive.

"He's really done a great job, especially this

year with all the changes and craziness that's been surrounding schools and sports," said Keane. "He's been great at expanding the entire girls' athletic program."

The future is certainly bright for the MC girls' basketball program.

"No. 1, the school has outstanding academics and our athletes love being at the school," said Keane. "Girls' sports are starting to take off. We were the first girls' team [at MC] to go varsity last year. The school really rallied around us and now this year the other programs are scheduling varsity games."

Perhaps as early as next season when the MIAA Tournament hopefully returns, the MC girls basketball players might realize the incredible experience that their coach Jay Keane enjoyed many years ago: playing a championship game on the famed parquet floor of the Boston Garden.

St. Mary's High School sports teams succeed through the challenges caused by the pandemic

By Cary Shuman

The St. Mary's High School boys and girls basketball and hockey teams are winning a lot of games this winter. That is no surprise for a program that produces state champions and title contenders every year.

But this season and the fall season that preceded it have been impacted greatly by the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Many high schools canceled their fall and winter sports seasons.

St. Mary's officials decided to go forward, with

its teams adhering to strict guidelines for social distancing and some new in-game rules established by the MIAA.

St. Mary's Director of Athletics Jeff Newhall said that more than 270 student-athletes participated in the fall sports season. This winter St. Mary's has 275 student-athletes competing in sports. There are nine basketball teams from the middle school through varsity levels, four hockey teams at the varsity and JV levels, along with a varsity swimming team.

"The fall season went off without a hitch," said

Newhall. "During the winter we've had some issues but thankfully they were minor, though it did require a brief shutdown. But the athletes continue to do what they're supposed to do, and we were able to get up and running in 14 days."

Newhall said all athletes and coaches must wear masks at all times – at practices and games, during halftime strategy sessions, and on the buses to and from games. Spectators also have to wear masks at the games.

St. Mary's students must wear masks in all

classrooms, in the school corridors, and during school activities.

"Our Care For All reopening plan allowed us to offer in-person learning on campus for all of our students every day," said Newhall. The only time students take off their masks is when they eat lunch. They know what they need to do to be able to go to school and play sports. And the students have been great at really following the rules."

Newhall, who coaches the girls basketball team, has the Lady Spartans rolling along with a 9-1

record, the lone setback to reigning Division 1 South champion Bridgewater Raynham. Many observers believe that Newhall's powerful St. Mary's contingent would have been the favorite to repeat as the Division 3 state champion, but the MIAA has canceled the State Tournament due to concerns about the coronavirus.

The boys basketball team, coached by David Brown Sr., is also excelling. Coach Brown's son, sophomore guard David Brown Jr., has emerged as a star with 32 and 33-point individual performances

to-date.

The boys hockey team, led by Hall of Fame Coach Mark Lee, is once again one of the top-tier teams in the Catholic Central League.

The girls hockey team, coached by Frank Pagliuca, has a 4-2-1 record, and is the No. 3-ranked team in Massachusetts.

With no state tournaments being played in the winter of 2021, Catholic Central League teams will compete for the CCL Cup in a single-elimination, intra-league tournaments following the regular season.

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Sacred Heart School happy to be back

When Gov. Charlie Baker ordered all schools closed in March, Sacred Heart School Principal Kristina Relihan had a remote-learning plan in operation within two weeks and the well-administered academic process continued successfully through the end of the school year.

Sacred Heart returned to full, in-classroom learning in September.

"We're happy to be back in person everyday with our scholars," said Relihan, who is in her third year as principal at the well-known Catholic school in Lynn. "We do have some families who have chosen to keep their scholars remote, but we just updated technology to ensure that scholars can Zoom in to the classroom or be in person in the class-



Kristina Relihan
Sacred Heart Principal

room."

The health of the Sacred Heart community is supreme, aided by the installation of hand-washing stations in every classroom and multiple hand-sanitizing stations throughout the school, along with updated

cleaning protocols.

Sacred Heart, a sister school of St. Mary's Middle and High School, has students ranging from its youngest class at 2 years, 9 months, to pre-K and Kindergarten, and all the way up to grade five.

"Even the little ones keep their masks on," said Relihan.

During lunchtime, scholars are socially distanced six feet apart at tables in the large school gymnasium. Students in the early childhood program have lunch in a socially distanced arrangement in their classrooms.

Sacred Heart School has an excellent teacher-to-student ratio that has been

Sacred Heart / Continued from page 8

lauded by parents. There are 23 members of the faculty educating the school’s 190 students.

“Our enrollment has stayed about the same,” said Relihan. “I think COVID-19 definitely limited our capacity in classrooms because of socially distancing and making sure that we’re adhering to the six-foot rule between desks and between children and that there’s enough space for everyone to safely to be in the classroom.

“But looking to the future, we hope to see the expansion of early childhood and expansion of grades 1-5 - just continuing to offer a great education at Sacred Heart,” added Relihan.

Relihan, a dynamic, hands-on administrator who holds undergraduate

and master’s degrees from Wheelock College, is excited about Sacred Heart’s educational partnership with St. Mary’s of Lynn, which is led by St. Mary’s Head of School Dr. John Dolan.

“It’s going really well – we are a 2.9 (years) to grade 12 continuum, which is something that is not seen in many Catholic schools today, so it’s exciting to be a part of it,” said Relihan.

The principal said the transition to the new learning environment at Sacred Heart has been made possible by a professional and cooperative faculty.

“Our teachers are truly rock stars,” said Relihan. “They come to school every day and have passion to do this work. Everyone here is amazing. We all

work together and make it through each day.”

Relihan commended George Sonia and his staff at Lancelot for their diligent efforts in keeping the school clean.

Addressing the trying times in elementary school education caused by the coronavirus, Relihan said, “I’m very positive in a not-so-known time. I think what we’re offering here at Sacred Heart is positivity and reinforcement that we can be in school and learn every day in person.”

If you’re interested in enrolling at Sacred Heart for the 2021-2022 school year please visit our website <https://www.sacred-heartschoollynn.org> and schedule a Tour Tuesday today.

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City of Chelsea
Public Hearing
The City of Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Thursday, February 11th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., which will be accessible via the Zoom link and phone number below. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the City's proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for Fiscal Year 2021, to present progress of current and recent CDBG grants, and to invite comments on CDBG activities. This Public Hearing is a requirement prior to submitting a CDBG application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. At this meeting, we will update progress on activities funded in the past year's FY2019 and FY2020 CDBG grants. CDBG funds may be used for eligible projects/activities in the categories, including but not limited to, housing rehabilitation, community economic development, public facilities/infrastructure, planning, and/or public/social services. The FY2020 grant was awarded for the reconstruction of Cherry Street (summer of 2021), housing rehabilitation (ongoing), renovation of 2nd Street in Chelsea Square (summer of 2021), and public social services. Public social services funding supports Community Schools ESOL classes, a citizenship and immigration services program, and the REACH program for at-risk middle and high school students. The FY2021 grant application may include some or all of these activities, as well as additional activities. The program focused on the target areas of Addison/Orange, Shurtleff/Bellingham, and Downtown. The City of Chelsea is a Mini-entitlement community that receives CDBG funds on a non-competitive basis for eligible activities. The City of Chelsea's Department of Housing and Development staff will implement the CDBG program. Staff from the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development will be present to hear any and all recommendations. All persons or organizations wishing to comment will be given an opportunity to be heard. You may also submit comments in writing by February 19th, 2021 to the Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea,

MA 02150, Attn: CDBG Program, or via email to atrain@chelseama.gov. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91540269661?pwd=dXJDMkw1NGZlYUhmCFUyJm5JNSZVldz09> Meeting ID: 915 4026 9661
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Alex Train, AICP
Director of Housing and Community Development
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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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públicas, planificación y/o servicios públicos/sociales. Las subvenciones para el año 2020 son la reconstrucción de la calle Cherry Street (verano del 2021), rehabilitación de viviendas (en marcha), renovación de la calle 2nd Street en Chelsea Square (verano del 2021), y servicios sociales públicos. Los servicios sociales públicos dan apoyo a las clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESOL por sus siglas en inglés) de las Escuelas de la Comunidad, a los programas de servicios de ciudadanía e inmigración y al programa REACH para estudiantes de secundaria y preparatoria en riesgo. La solicitud de subvención del Año Fiscal 2021 puede incluir algunas o todas estas actividades y también actividades adicionales. El programa se centró en las áreas de Addison/Orange, Shurtleff/Bellingham, y Downtown. La Ciudad de Chelsea es una comunidad que recibe fondos CDBG de forma no competitiva para actividades elegibles. El personal del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Chelsea va a implementar el programa CDBG. Personal del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario va a estar presente para recibir cualquier y todas las recomendaciones. Todas las personas u organizaciones que deseen comentar tendrán la posibilidad de ser escuchados. También puede enviar comentarios por escrito antes del 19 de febrero de 2021 al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario, 500 Broadway, Oficina 101, Chelsea, MA 02150, Attn: CDBG Program, o por email a atrain@chelseama.gov. Acompañe la reunión via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91540269661?pwd=dXJDMkw1NGZlYUhmCFUyJm5JNSZVldz09> ID de la reunión: 915 4026 9661
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Alex Train, AICP
Director del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo de la Comunidad
Ciudad de Chelsea
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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
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by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Mass appraisal services for assessment of multi-unit residential properties" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00 AM on February 11, 2021. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
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by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 12, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
1/28/21


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
1/28/21

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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
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purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Early Learning Center Mechanical System Replacement and Upgrades" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30 AM on February 11, 2021. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Dylan Cook
School Business Manager
1/28/21

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CITY OF CHELSEA
CHELSEA PUBLIC SHOOOLS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
MARY C. BURKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMPLEX RTU REPLACEMENT
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked "Mary C. Burke Elementary School Complex RTU Replacement". Request for Qualifications will be available on or after January 28, 2021 by contacting Dylan Cook, School Business Manager at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Mary C. Burke Elementary School Complex RTU Replacement" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:30 AM on February 11, 2021. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Dylan Cook
School Business Manager
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU21P00726D
In the matter of: Paul Flannelly RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person Of: Chelsea, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Paul Flannelly is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/18/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date

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(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS
WINDOWS SASH REPLACEMENT IN ROOM 219-222
The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking bids for "Windows Sash Replacement in rooms 219-222". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after January 27, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Windows Sash Replacement in rooms 219-222" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 12:00PM, Thursday, February 11, 2021. 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.

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CITY OF CHELSEA
CHELSEA PUBLIC SHOOOLS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
EARLY LEARNING CENTER MECHANICAL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADES
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked "Early Learning Center Mechanical System Replacement and Upgrades". Request for Qualifications will be available on or after January 28, 2021 by contacting Dylan Cook, School Business Manager at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>.

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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>
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Aviso Legal
Ciudad de Chelsea
Vista Pública
El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Chelsea va a llevar a cabo una vista pública en línea el jueves 11 de febrero de 2021 a las 6:30 p.m.. La vista pública será accesible a través del link de Zoom y el número de teléfono mencionados al final. El propósito de esta reunión es discutir la solicitud de la Ciudad propuesta para el Año Fiscal 2021 a la subvención Community Development Block Grant (CDBG por sus siglas en inglés), presentar el progreso de los actuales y recientes subvencions de CDBG y habilitar comentarios de las actividades de CDBG. Esta vista pública es requerida por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de Massachusetts antes de someter una solicitud a los fondos de CDBG. Los fondos CDBG pueden usarse para proyectos/actividades elegibles en las categorías - incluidas pero no limitadas - rehabilitación de viviendas, desarrollo económico comunitario, instalaciones / infraestructura

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Mass Appraisal Services for Assessment of Multi-Unit residential Properties
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked "Mass appraisal services for assessment of multi-unit residential properties". Request for Proposals will be available on or after January 27, 2021

OBITUARIES

Jane Veronica Butt Frieden

Former Elementary School Music Teacher

Jane Veronica Butt Frieden entered eternal rest Sunday morning, January 24 at the Carney Hospital in Boston. She was 70 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the daughter of the late W. Roy and Veronica "Vera" (Cronin) Butt, Jane attended elementary school at Our Lady of Grace School in Everett and later attended St. Rose High School graduating with the Class of 1969.

After high school, Jane continued her Catholic education by attending St. Mary of the Woods in Indiana. She received her Bachelor's Degree in 1973. Jane was a former elementary school music teacher.

Jane had been a resident of the Boston Home of Dorchester for the past 25 years, which specializes in the treatment of Multiple Sclerosis.

Jane enjoyed music, Celtics, Patriots, Bruins, the Red Sox and Notre Dame, reading and making phone calls. Jane participated in numerous activities at the Boston Home, especially painting and writing. But most of all she enjoyed her family and friends.

Jane endured MS since



she was 22 years old. She passed away from complications of an infection and was COVID free when she moved on to the final chapter of her life because of the great care of the entire staff of the Boston Home.

Jane was the mother of Beth Frieden Garcia and her husband, Chris of Murray, UT; Timothy Frieden and his fiance, Tristen Edmundowicz of Indianapolis, IN; the daughter of the late W. Roy and Veronica "Vera" Butt; sister of Marie Washington and her husband, Allan and Ellen M. Butt, all of Chelsea, Karen E. Butt and her wife, Cindy Brown of Newbury and Roy Butt and his wife, Anna of Wakefield; aunt to Bryan and Tommy Butt of Wakefield; dear and special friend to Judith Houghton of Indianapolis, IN. Jane is leaving behind

many cousins and friends from all parts of the United States.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea, today, Thursday, January 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the visitation at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea, at 12 Noon. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Jane's memory to the Activities Department, The Boston Home, 2049 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124.

Per COVID-19 State Regulations, the Funeral Home is allowed a 25 person capacity limit. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter. 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.

Eileen Frances Cronin

Family Matriach

Eileen Frances (Tedford) Cronin was born in East Boston, the eldest daughter of George "Ted" Tedford and Althea "Tootsie" (Gallagher) Tedford.

Throughout her life she was known as "Teddy Tedford" "Lee" "Big Lee" and "Grammy Kitty."

As a young child, Eileen was an Army Brat. Her father served in the 9th Coast Artillery at Fort Banks in Winthrop and the family lived in the housing at Fort Heath.

In addition to operating the huge gun batteries, her father, George played the tuba in the Army Band and traveled all around Massachusetts to perform in concerts and to march in many parades in Boston. Eileen and her mother would often travel with the band, in an Army truck, to Fort Devens to see her father in the band.

After the fort was de-activated, the family moved to George Avenue in Beachmont, Revere. Eileen really loved living there and that was the happiest time of her life.

She attended Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Mary T. Ronan Elementary School and she had many childhood friends in the neighborhood.

She became an expert swimmer and loved to swim every day at Short Beach which was the favorite place of her entire life.

She lived through the Hurricane of 1938, and two floods, which caused her family to lose most of their furniture and belongings. Her uncle, Ned Gallagher, was the owner of the Original Arcade at Revere Beach. He had a car and rescued the family during the two floods.

In 1940, the family was tired of the storms and floods and moved back to East Boston. At East Boston High School, Eileen excelled in biology and was a talented artist. After High School, she grad-



uated from the Burdett Business School, majoring in accounting and operating a comptometer During WWII, she was very proud of the fact that she worked in accounting for The Everlastic Company in Chelsea, which had a government contract to make the elastic webbing for parachutes, they were well-known as the best Manufacturers in the Country.

After the War, she met and married Dennis L. Cronin of Peabody, who was an Army Veteran of WWII.

In 1951, they bought a four family house on East Eagle Street in East Boston and in 1956, after her two children were born, Eileen went back to school and became a Certified Nurse's Aide. She worked at The Chelsea Memorial Hospital for many years, caring for the babies in the newborn nursery and working alongside many well known doctors. After the hospital closed it's maternity ward, Eileen went to work for Jordan Marsh/Macy's and retired at age 68.

She loved ballet and symphonies.

During most of her life, she was a supporter and devoted attendee of The Boston Ballet and The Boston Symphony Orchestra where she had the chance to see many famous ballet dancers and orchestra conductors.

She had a lifelong passion for reading, loved true crime novels and her favorite authors were Charles Dickens and Gore Vidal,

She loved cats, and had

several, which earned her the Title of "Grammy Kitty."

She loved spending time with her grand kids and great grands and was famous for her endless supply of ice cream cones, shopping trips to Macy's and reading bedtime stories.

She leaves her children: Eileen Mary Cronin Kaitz and her husband, Paul of Holliston and Paul Michael Cronin and his wife, Aida of Chelsea; her grandchildren: Erika Anne Kaitz and her boyfriend, Jarred Norsworthy of Uxbridge, Elizabeth Regina Kaitz and her fiancé, Dave Becker of Bridgewater, Dianna Marie Kaitz Leoncini and her husband, Jeffrey Leoncini of Dedham, Bijan Saifollahi Cronin and his wife, Sahar of Newton, Azad Saifollahi Cronin of Chelsea and his fiancé, Nichole, and Nyomi Rivera of Florida (formerly of Chelsea); her great grandchildren: Cassie Jade and Brenna Faye Langley of Hopedale, Isabelle Elena Leoncini of Dedham; Ayden Amir Cronin of Newton, Brianna and Roberto Rivera of Florida and her great great grandchildren: Sophia Rivera and Jayden Deroulsier of Florida.

She was the loving aunt of three nieces: Sue Er-emka Colombo, Paula Er-emka Graf and Beth Parrotta West.

Eileen was the Matriarch of the Family, the last of her 14 first cousins.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, with concern for family and friends, Funeral Services with entombment at Holy Cross Mausoleum will be private.

To send a message of condolence to Eileen's family please visit www.smithfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Smith Funeral Home.

Maurice Cromwell, Jr.

Though he loved traveling, he always returned home.....to Chelsea

Maurice R. Cromwell, Jr., a lifelong resident of Chelsea, passed away unexpectedly at his home on New Years Eve, December 31, from heart related issues that he has had for many years.

He was a graduate of Bunker Hill Community College with an Associate Degree in Culinary Arts and Hotel and Restaurant Management. As a managing head chef to which his resume shows included many local restaurants and institutions, ie: Massachusetts Eye and Ear, The Spirit of Boston as well as the Spirit of Chicago, managing director of the Chicago School District Food Program, the manager and opener of many Popeye's Restaurants, Halal Guys as well as Chipotles Restaurants.

He was profoundly proud of being a single dad raising his daughter. In his spare or down time, he enjoyed cooking, was an avid reader, a fan of the New York Yankees, Celtics and Patriots. Though he loved traveling, he al-



ways returned to home..... Chelsea.

The longtime companion of Lisa Thompson of Lynn, he was the devoted father of Maurice R. Cromwell, III and his wife, Kathy Mojica and Lauricia Cromwell, all of Chelsea; son of the late Maurice and Madeline (Hagen) Cromwell; beloved brother of Doreen Hornsbeak and her husband, Steve of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Beverly Ross and her husband, Larry and Paula Cromwell, all of Chelsea, John Cromwell of Hubbardston, John Martin and his wife, Delia, Richelle Cromwell and her husband, Larry Elgart, Joan Cromwell and her hus-

band, Kenneth Umemba, all of Chelsea, Charles Martin of Lynn, Darren Cromwell and his wife. Sue of Lincoln, Greg Carter of Revere and the late Thomas Cromwell and Andrea Martin; cherished grandfather of Maurice R. Cromwell IV, Jamie Amado and Maurilyah Cromwell. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews as well as a host of friends and extended family.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, funeral services at this time will be private. When time allows for a more appropriate gathering of family and friends, a Celebration of Life will be announced.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Smith Funeral Home.

To send a message of condolence to Maurice's family, please visit www.smithfuneralhomes.com To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Maurice R. Cromwell, Jr., please visit our floral store.

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Jorge Rene “Purito” Martinez

October 3, 1955 – January 20, 2021

Jorge Rene “Purito” Martinez of Chelsea, formerly of Honduras, died on January 20.

He was born on October 3, 1955 in La Lima, Cortes, Honduras. His parents were Jacobo Martínez and María Trinidad Castro. Jorge was orphaned at the age of six and left in the care of his grandmother, Adela and aunt, Ana Rosa Martinez.

In 1982, he emigrated to the United States with the great love of his life and beloved wife, Norma Dunia Contreras and with the support of his aunt María de Jesús Chávez he settled in Chelsea, where he lived for more than 38 years. He became a faithful member of the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Chelsea. Abiding to Catholic Church Cannons, he accepted the Sacrament of Matrimony and wed again his beloved wife, Norma. Their union was blessed by his faith so to serve God more fully and completely.

For his sympathy, love and spirit of service, he earned the respect and affection of the church community. His departure leaves the hearts of his wife, sister, Rosa Maria and other brothers in Honduras shattered, as well as the hearts of his cousins, nephews and his whole family. Jorge was a great man. Everyone who had the privilege of meeting him is going to miss him forever. May God receive him in glory and may he rest in peace. Amen.

Jorge Rene Martinez “Purito” nació el 3 de octubre de 1955 en La Lima, Cortes, Honduras. Sus padres fueron Jacobo Martínez y María Trinidad Castro. Jorge quedo huérfano de padre a la edad de 6 años y quedó al cuidado de su abuela Adela y su tía Ana Rosa Martinez. En 1982 emigró a los Estados Unidos con el gran amor de su vida, Norma Dunia Contreras. Con el apoyo de su tía María de Jesús Chávez logró establecerse en la ciudad de Chelsea, MASS en donde vivió por más de 38 años



haciéndose fiel miembro De la Iglesia Santa Rosa de Lima. Siguiendo la fe de religion decidió casarse con su ya esposa, Norma, por las leyes de su religión Catolica y de esa manera servir completamente a Dios. Por su simpatía, amor, y espíritu de servicio se ganó el respeto y cariño de la comunidad De la Iglesia. Su partida deja destrozados los corazones de su esposa, su hermana, Rosa María y demás hermanos en Honduras.

Así como también los corazones de sus primos, sobrinos, y toda su familia. Jorge fue un gran hombre. Todos los que tuvimos el privilegio de conocerlo lo vamos a extrañar por siempre. Que Dios lo reciba en gloria y descanse en Paz. Amen.

A con-celebrated Mass of Christian Burial was offered by Rev. Hilario Sanez and Rev. Reynaldo Escobar in St. Rose Of Lima Church, in Chelsea on Tuesday, January 26. Services concluded with “Purito” being placed to rest in Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn.

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

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Two Suffolk County District Attorney’s office staffers accepted into prestigious leadership programs

Continuing the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office commitment of public service and civic leadership, two staff members were recently accepted to competitive and prestigious leadership programs that will allow them to further the important work they do on behalf of the people of Suffolk County every day.

Chief of SCDAO’s Victim Witness Assistance Program Charlene Luma is a member of the current LeadBoston cohort, while Assistant District Attorney Erin Knight of the office’s Appeals Unit has been accepted to the Boston Bar Association’s Public Interest Leadership Program.

“I’m incredibly proud of Charlene Luma and Erin Knight. Both have displayed a deep dedication to serving the individuals and communities who rely on our office. They are each highly skilled and committed to using their roles to create meaningful change,” District Attorney Rachael Rollins said. “Leadership is integral to the work every member of a prosecutor’s office performs, both in court and in the community. It is our duty not simply to secure convictions for out victims and survivors of crimes, but to also ensure that fairness, integrity and justice are centered in all of our decisions and work with an eye always toward healing. We do not follow along with the status quo. We are required to make difficult decisions and to stand up for what is right, even if it is not popular.”

Ms. Luma, a licensed independent clinical social worker, joined SCDAO in 2019 to lead the office’s Victim Witness Assistance Program, which provides services to crime victims, homicide survivors and witnesses of crimes while ensuring they have a voice, are notified about seminal events, and fully understand the legal process involving their case as it moves through the criminal legal system. Under Ms. Luma’s leadership, the program has an enhanced focus on trauma-informed practices and introduced the first Masters of Social Work internship program at any Massachusetts prosecutor’s office. Ms. Luma previously worked as Program Director of the Justice Resource Institute’s Boston Trauma Response and SMART Team Boston. She is currently participating in YW Boston’s LeadBoston program for mid- and senior-level professionals. The 11-month program is designed to equip participants with the skills, knowledge and connections necessary to build more diverse and equitable organizations.

Past graduates of the LeadBoston program include SCDAO’s Chief of Staff Amanda Teo and Director of Restorative Justice Practices Kara Hayes. Since joining SCDAO in 2018, ADA Knight has served as a member of District Attorney Rollins’ Appeals Unit, which focuses primarily on post-conviction matters before the Massachusetts Appeals Court and

Supreme Judicial Court. She previously served in the Appeals Unit of the Middlesex County District Attorney’s Office and as a clerk for Associate Justice William J. Meade of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. As a member of the 2020-2021 Public Interest Leadership Program, ADA Knight has the opportunity to connect with program alum and with fellow attorneys whose focus lies in public service. The program provides attorneys with up to 10 years of experience with opportunities to learn to effectively lead organizations and take active roles in the communities they are a part of.

“The opportunity to lift

up leaders in business, law and public service ensures a stronger community for all of us. Programs such as LeadBoston and the Public Interest Leadership Program are key to ensuring that professionals, and particularly women and people of color who continue to be underrepresented in leadership roles, have the opportunity to grow and develop,” District Attorney Rollins said. “This week, we saw a glass ceiling break in the highest levels of American government. I look forward to seeing what the next generation of diverse leaders accomplishes. Congratulations to Charlene and Erin. Bravo.”

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NEW CLOTHING DROP OFF BOX

EAST BOSTON - It's hard to believe that more than 85 percent of clothes wind up in the trash. While it's the norm to recycle plastics, glass, metal and paper--clothes, shoes, and accessories have long been ignored. Studies show that about 10 percent of the nation's landfills are full of discarded clothes and textiles.

Boston Public Works (BPW) announced recently that it now has fourteen drop-off locations around the city for recycling clothing and textiles--this includes East Boston.

The location in Eastie at the city's municipal lot located at 166 London St. accepts everything from pants, shorts, curtains, pajamas, t-shirts, jerseys, sweatshirts, sweaters, jeans, dresses, coats, suits, shoes, blankets, and backpacks.

"Locations were started in municipal lots since they are managed by the City and space is there," said BPW's Brian Coughlin. "We're now working with neighborhood groups to help identify private land that we can use. Also we are working with BPL, BPS and BFD facilities personnel as we look to expand this service."

Coughlin said in Boston, about seven percent, or 14,000 tons of all city trash annually are clothes and other textiles.

The city has partnered with HELPSY to offer this new service to Eastie and Boston residents.

"Our goal is to support recycling, responsible handling of overstock and returns and changing the way the fashion industry thinks of the clothing life cycle," said the company in a statement. "Ninety-five percent of all clothing, shoes and other textiles can be given a second life--50 percent

are reusable, 45 percent are recyclable. Local thrift stores play a necessary role in the resale economy, however they can only handle 10-20 percent of what they receive."

HELPSY said all collected materials from the bins are sold to national and international retailers, wholesalers and recyclers. This works the same way as any other recycled materials collected from the public.

"Seventy percent of the world buys used clothing," the company said. "Our buyers sell to countries who pay for the clothes. If banned, the primary economic alternative would be more fast fashion. Reselling used clothes is the best way to give clothes a second life, mitigating their environmental impact."

LOCAL RESTAURANTS STILL HURTING

EAST BOSTON - East Boston restaurants and bars have been some of the hardest hit small businesses by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the resulting economic downturn that has swept the nation.

While there's been some temporary relief through extended outdoor seating capacity programs as well as local bars able to offer liquor-to-go, some smaller operations are still finding it hard to pay for the necessary components to make outdoor dining a reality.

Luckily, the new partnership between East Boston Main Streets (EBMS) and local real estate developers is providing much needed financial support to local restaurants as they reopened and found their footing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eastie Strong, the grant program hatched by EBMS and local real estate developers, announced its

second round of awardees as part of the 'Adopt a Patio' program. The Adopt a Patio provides capital to fund reopening costs related to complying with COVID-19 restrictions. The funds are used to purchase items such as outdoor furniture, umbrellas, and space heaters for the winter.

"We are excited to release our first round of funding and know it will be a lifeline to many of these small and locally owned businesses," said EBMS Executive Director Gladys Oliveros.

The second round of awardees include: Maverick's (\$1,500); La Hacienda Restaurant and Bar (\$1,000); La Gran Manzana (\$1,000); La Fonda Colombiana (\$1,000); Toasted Flats (\$1,000); and Tawakal Halal Cafe (\$1,000).

The first round of awards was announced in November and included: Mexicali Sushi Bar (\$1,000); Taco Mex (\$1,000); Rincon Limeño Restaurant (\$1,000); La Casa del Pan Debono (\$1,000); Dirty Water Dough (\$1,000); Pazza on Porter (\$1,500); Mi Pueblo (\$1,000); Pueblo Viejo Pupuseria & Mexican Grill (\$1,000); and Luna's Italian and Latin Cuisine Restaurant (\$1,000).

Restaurateurs like Fernando Rosas, who owns La Casa del Pan Debono, said the Eastie Strong grant program has been a lifesaver.

"I appreciate all the help provided by East Boston Main Street throughout the whole past year, especially in the past month," said Rosas. "La Casa del Pan Debono has been affected tremendously by this pandemic. We are barely making rent or payroll and last month we were having a very tough time making ends meet. I was one of the many lucky

restaurants to receive the grant for \$1,000 and it helped us more than we could've ever imagined. We were able to give some bonuses to our employees, pay for our electricity bill and use some for our bi-weekly payroll."

Stephen Davis of The Davis Companies said his company wanted to find a way to help our tenants as well as contribute to the local restaurant economy which has suffered greatly during the pandemic.

David Grossman of the Grossman Companies, who is spearheading the fundraising component of the program with The Davis Companies, said, "Thanks to East Boston Main Streets we can help our tenants afford a night out while providing a financial lifeline to restaurants and support the overall health of the East Boston economy."

Other sponsors of the program include: Roseland, MG2; Seyfarth Shaw LLP; Trinity Financial; Volnay Capital; Lend-Lease; Winn Residential; Norfolk Kitchen and Bath; Cranshaw Construction; East Boston Savings Bank; and The Trustees of Reservations.

The program is managed by local consulting firm, the Novus Group.

According to Oliveros the new initiative also has a second component. While the first is the Adopt a Patio program the other is the "Gift Card Program". Local real estate developers and sponsors will distribute gift cards directly to tenants for use only at participating local restaurants.

"Over the course of the pandemic, we have discovered many unique challenges that local restaurants face: lack of access to government Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, decreased revenue from customers, and the need for capi-

tal to help cover the cost of creating new outdoor seating," said Oliveros. "This partnership will help address these problems while encouraging East Boston residents to dine at the many wonderful restaurants operating locally."

Rep. Adrian Madaro called the new program 'awesome' and will be a big boost to the local economy.

"This is a great example of nonprofits and the private sector coming together as a community to help each other out during a very difficult time," said Madaro.

EDUCATORS EXPRESS THOUGHTS ON IN-PERSON LEARNING

EVERETT - Scores of educators in the Everett Public Schools sent letters with serious concerns to the Everett School Committee last week in anticipation to approve a plan to move towards a hybrid in-person education model.

The School Committee meeting took place on Tuesday night due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and came after deadlines for the paper. That said, the topic of moving to a hybrid in-person model came up at the last meeting and an initial plan for the move had the schools returning grade by grade starting on Feb. 1. Meanwhile, last week there were talks between the School Administration and the Everett Teachers Association about a concrete timeline for the return. That timeline is expected to be shared at the Tuesday night meeting.

However, prior to that educators from across the district sent a mass mailing to members of the

Committee saying they had major concerns about returning to the classroom and felt they weren't at the table.

"As an educator of the Everett Public School District, I am very concerned regarding the strategy to move to a hybrid teaching model when the pandemic is currently raging at dangerously high levels," read the letter. "At the time of writing this letter, Everett's positivity rate is 14.5%. While this is not unique to Massachusetts or the rest of the country, the concept of gravitating to a hybrid model is very premature and puts all educators, students, and administrators at risk... Please do what is right for our community and allow this to be a transparent process where all stakeholders have a voice."

Across the board, many educators in the Everett Public Schools have concerns about the district's plan to move students back into the classroom, even on a staggered basis. That sentiment has been growing stronger over the past several weeks as cases have surged in Everett after the holidays, and many educators have only recently learned of the plan. Some have said the membership of the ETA didn't even expect a discussion about returning until positivity rates were at least below 5 percent. With those rates now approaching 15 percent, many in the ranks were a bit taken by surprise.

Some School Committee members and Supt. Priya Tahiliani have said over the past week that the game-changer in the conversation was the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine, and that it could become available as soon as early February for Everett educators. That, Tahiliani said, was one

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This is a brief overview of construction operations and traffic impacts for the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project.

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND:** Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the right lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.).
- ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND:** Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone is in the median. As of Wednesday, 12/23 all 3 travel lanes are open during the daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.).

WORK HOURS

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

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND:** Installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.
- ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND:** Completion of new bridge deck and placement of Bridge Barrier will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

COMPLETED WORK

- As of 12/27, the Tobin Bridge portion of the combined Tobin Bridge/

Chelsea Curves project is now complete. All remaining work is within the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the job.

TRAVEL TIPS

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

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

Round Table calls on Gov. Baker to reclassify educators for Phase 1 COVID-19 vaccination

North Shore Superintendents’ Round Table Calls on Gov. Charlie Baker to Reclassify Educators for Phase 1 COVID-19 Vaccination

The North Shore Superintendents’ Round Table and Union presidents from their 29 Districts are calling on Gov. Charlie Baker to reclassify educators in the state’s vaccination distribution plan to make them eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine during Phase 1.

The administrators issued a letter to Gov. Baker last week outlining the basis of their request.

Phrase 1 of the plan began in December 2020 and will continue into February. Gov. Baker announced yesterday all groups in Phase 1 are now eligible to receive the vaccine. This includes COVID-19 facing health care providers, first responders, staff and residents at congregate care settings, and other prioritized groups.

Through the state’s current plan, educators are in the second group to become eligible for the vaccine through Phase 2, which will begin in February and continues into March.

In the letter, administrators point to decisions by other states to prioritize educators as essential workers and therefore vaccinate them earlier, including New York, Connecticut and Maine. In each of those states, there are similar expectations as have been identified by the Baker-Polito Administration and Department of Elementary and Secondary Health (DESE) to prioritize in-person learning as much as possible in schools.

Below is the letter in full:

Dear Governor Baker,

We, the North Shore Superintendents’ Round Table, write to you as a unified group of 29 administrators joined in this effort by all 29 of the union presidents in our respective districts, to respectfully request that you reclassify educators and make them eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations during Phase 1 of the vaccination process.

We cite the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in urging you to prioritize the health and wellbeing of our educators so that Massachusetts school districts can operate at the fullest possible strength as our nation begins to emerge from this global pandemic.

In making our request, we cite the following:

1. Your office and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) have drawn from the guidance and wisdom of the American Academy of Pediatrics, which strongly advocates for students to return to, at a minimum, an in-person hybrid learning model. AAP further advocates that students should fully return to the classrooms where and when possible.
2. We, as educators and leaders, recognize and agree that the best place for learning for our children is in the classroom.
3. We have a profound responsibility to support the educational, emotional, physical, and mental well-being of the children across the Commonwealth.
4. First responders, healthcare workers, and educators share a commonality in their work in that they must come into contact with dozens or hundreds of people on a daily basis and often cannot be completely socially distant from those they serve.
5. The stress and anxiety placed on educators as they continue to put themselves in this position without the protection of an existing vaccination is unfair and is not in the best interests of advancing public education in the Commonwealth.
6. Beyond the teachers, themselves, there is a very real risk that an educator could expose their own families after contracting COVID-19 in the performance of their duties.
7. In order to perform our jobs at the level de-

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reason things changed so rapidly with the plan.

The letter on Tuesday from educators asked for clarification on three key questions from the membership.

The first was about not being included in the conversation and planning on the hybrid plan – asking why educators and administrators were not included in the planning.

Second, the letter asks for an explanation of why the key metric of being below 5 percent positivity rate suddenly doesn’t apply.

Finally, the letter asks why such a disruptive move to hybrid in-person education is being considered when it could be risking lives and instruction likely won’t improve.

It wasn’t immediately available how many letters were sent to members of the School Committee by educators, but it was believed on first glance that hundreds were e-mailed.

MATEWSKY MAKES COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

EVERETT - Council President Wayne Matewsky doled out Committee assignments last week, with most everyone finding a place on a Committee.

Matewsky has said under his leadership this year there will be fewer Committees of the Whole and more Committee meetings. He said he would rely on the Committee system to work out the details of issues, and that would hopefully shorten Council meetings and bring about better legislation in a more timely manner.

He announced five committees for the coming legislative year, with a revived Celebrations Committee still under consideration.

The Budget Committee will be chaired by Councilor Michael McLaughlin and co-chaired by Councilor Anthony DiPierro. All councilors will be members of this committee.

The Committee on Business and Development is to be chaired by Councilor Rosa DiFlorio and co-chaired by Councilor Michael Marchese. Members will be Councilors John Hanlon and Gerly Adrien.

The Government Operations and Public Safety Committee will be chaired by Councilor Stephanie Martins and co-chaired by

Councilor Jimmy Tri Le. Members will be Councilors Richard Dell Isola and McLaughlin.

The Legislative Affairs and Elections Committee will be chaired by DiPierro and co-chaired by DiFlorio. Councilors Fred Capone and Martins will be members.

The Ways & Means Committee will be chaired by Marchese and co-chaired by DiFlorio. Members will be Le and Dell Isola.

LOCAL ARTISTS NEEDED

LYNN - Caldwell, the 10-story multi-use community featuring smart open-concept apartments, modern amenities, and local retail partners, looks to enlist local artists in creating a design to be featured on their custom branded masks.

Artists are encouraged to think creatively and come up with something that represents the City of Lynn and its surrounding areas. The design must also include Caldwell’s logo or brand elements somewhere within the design to qualify. The artist whose design is chosen by the Caldwell team will be included in press outreach to local media, will be featured on Caldwell’s social media accounts, and any art the artists may have for sale can be showcased in Caldwell’s common areas.

The custom masks will be given out to the winner and residents of Caldwell. Additional masks will be donated to local businesses and non-profit organizations. Caldwell is currently accepting residents for their apartment homes on floors two through six and offering two-months free! Pre-leasing for the top floors of Caldwell is also happening now.

To learn more about Caldwell, please visit www.livecaldwell.com or call the leasing office at 781-386-4911. For additional information, check out Caldwell on Instagram and Facebook.

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Metro Housing|Boston on pace to triple housing support with RAFT funding in FY21

In the last six months, Metro Housing|Boston provided Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) eviction prevention to 2,807 families, more than all of the families assisted in FY20. With the recent efficiencies implemented in the RAFT process, Metro Housing expects to help three times as many families by the end of June.

Overall, Metro Housing has helped 64% more families in these six months than in all of FY20; 2,807 households compared to 1,710. Toward the end of December, Metro Housing was processing weekly check runs of nearly \$800,000. It expects to process a weekly average of \$1 million soon.

Metro Housing has prioritized reaching out to underserved communities. It is clear from this mid-year data that the outreach efforts of Metro Housing have accomplished the critical goal of getting support to those households in communities most directly impacted by COVID 19. Our extensive partnerships with local organizations such as Asian Community Development Corporation, CONNECT, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, The Neighborhood Developers, Viet-AID, WATCH CDC, and Action for Boston Community Development, have greatly extended the availability of services available to specific communities in need.

“The Asian Community Development Corporation very much appreciates our partnership with Metro Housing on RAFT to ensure that our immigrant community members can access RAFT in their native languages,” said Angie Liou, Executive Director, Asian Community Development Corporation. “Throughout the pandemic we have seen too often communities of color and immigrants fall through the cracks in relief programs; Metro Housing’s partnership with local grassroots organizations provides these communities with access to much needed housing assistance.”

“Since the regional housing crisis has caused rents and property values to increase to unsustainable levels in Chelsea and Revere, RAFT has been a critical tool for our gateway communities,” said Rafael Mares, Executive Director, The Neighborhood Developers. “As a result of the pandemic it has become a lifeline for many. TND is honored to be able to assist with applications for RAFT in partnership with Metro Housing Boston. RAFT is a critical resource because it serves tenants and owners regardless of immigration status.”

Examples of specific community increases include:

- East Boston has seen a ten-fold increase between the two time periods: 21 families in all of FY20 and 238 families in these first six months. More than 150 more families in Boston overall (12%) have received more help in FY21 to date compared to all last year.
- Revere registers a six-fold increase, from 30 to 208 families.
- Chelsea has seen a five-fold increase, from 62 households to 345, as has Waltham, from 21 to 101 families.
- The number of families helped in Everett has almost tripled, from 31 to 82, as has Malden, also increasing from 31 to 82.
- Quincy families’ participation in RAFT has more than doubled, from 47 to 111 families, as has those in Jamaica Plain, from 18 to 42 households.

Those wishing to apply for RAFT assistance may do so by accessing the application on the Metro Housing|Boston’s website. Those without access to a computer may request an application by calling the Housing Consumer Education Center at 617.425.6700.

Vacant Mass. Gaming Commission Seat to be filled

Governor Charlie Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey, and State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced a new posting for the appointment to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

The vacant position requires experience in professional gaming, regulatory administration, or gaming industry management. The appointment will be made by a majority vote of the Governor, Attorney General, and the Treasurer.

The Commission must be bipartisan, with no more than three members representing the same political party.

The application may be downloaded from the website of the Massachusetts Office of the State Treasurer and Receiver General (www.masstreasurer.org) or Attorney General (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/board-and-commission-appointments-by-the-attorney-general>)

All applications must be received no later than February 19, 2021. Your completed application may be subject to the public records law (G.L. c. 66). To be considered for this joint appointment, you may submit a completed application to any one of the three appointing authorities and need not apply more than once.

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create and maintain a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Deval Patrick in November 2011.

COFFEE WITH THE CANDLEPIN GREATS



Four professional candlepin bowling greats gathered for a cup of coffee and lively candlepin banter Saturday morning at Dunkin in Saugus. From left, are Joe Stella of Winthrop, Richie “Hawk” Halas, formerly of Chelsea, Chucky Vozzella of Peabody, who is the owner of Central Park Lanes in East Boston, and Jonathan Boudreau of Lynn.

Notice is hereby given that a COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING for a proposed Marijuana Establishment. The location for the proposed Retailer is 267 Broadway Chelsea, MA 02150.

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