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A NOTE FROM CHELSEA

Grammy-winning jazz pianist Chick Corea had a sweeping and influential music career

By Cary Shuman

Armond Anthony “Chick” Corea, who grew up in Chelsea and would go on to become an internationally known superstar in the music industry and win 23 Grammy Awards as a jazz pianist, died on Feb. 9 after a gallant battle against cancer. He was 79.

Born in Chelsea, he was the son of Armando and Anna (Zaccane) Corea. Chick attended the Williams School where he was popular among his classmates

and elected president of his ninth grade graduating class. Minna Karas Marino, a lifelong friend and classmate at Williams, recalled that Chick was enrolled in the college preparatory course at Williams and his classmates voted him “Most Likely to Succeed,” “Most Cooperative,” and “Most Musical.”

Chick continued his education at Chelsea High School for his sophomore year and most of his junior year before his parents bought a home in Everett,

which required that Chick enroll in the Everett school system. He went on to graduate with the Everett High School Class of 1959.

But Chick always held a very special place in his heart for Chelsea and that’s why it meant so much to him when Minna Karas Marino and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson worked together to get Chick an honorary diploma as a Chelsea High School Class of 1959 graduate.

“Chickie was so happy to receive that diploma because he never really wanted to leave Chelsea,” said Karas Marino.

A street in Chelsea, Chick Corea Way, was named in his honor during “Chick Corea Tribute Day” in 2001.

Mr. Corea always loved coming back to Boston and performing at Symphony Hall and other local venues. At a sold-out concert at Symphony Hall in Boston in 2019, Mr. Corea and his group performed



Chelsea native Chick Corea meets backstage with his hometown friends and fans, from left, Butch Bradley, Leenie Bradley, Minna Karas Marino, Lenny Nelson, Nick Marino, Karen Poverman, Lynda Diamond, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Patricia Simboli, and Josephine Nelson.

an amazing, jazz-oriented rendition of the “Happy Birthday” song for Minna Karas Marino. The capacity crowd roared in its approval, some shouting their own birthday wishes to Minna, who was seated next to her husband, Nick, in the audience, and couldn’t believe the spot-

light that her friend had shone on her in the middle of the concert.

Following the concert, Karas Marino and her husband went to greet their friend backstage. A multitude of fans of Mr. Corea, some from Chelsea, showed up at the backstage entrance.

“Chickie asked me, ‘Are all those people with you?’” recalled Karas Marino. “He was so gracious. He took photos with everyone who requested one. That’s the type of kind and humble man he was.”

Lenny Nelson was

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CIVIC DUTY

At a young age, Kelly Garcia learned from her mother to be politically active

By Seth Daniel

By the time School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia was elected to the Committee six years ago, she had already attended hundreds of hours of school-related meetings going back to when she was as young as 6.

That’s because her mother, Socorro Vega, was constantly fighting for educational rights in Chelsea while Boston University had control over the schools. They attended meeting after meeting – Garcia’s small hand in tow as her mother entered the library, a school or City Hall.

And it has shaped her sense of duty to the community, now ready to lead the School Committee a second year in what will go down as the hardest years in a generation to administer public education.

“Our vote counts and our city counts and our population is reflected in our elected officials, and representation truly does matter,” she said. “I was questioning whether I would run again and my mom pushed me to run



School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia (as a little girl) with her mother, Socorro Vega, protesting for better education resources in Bellingham Square many years ago. Garcia said her mother took her to countless meetings as a youngster as part of her advocacy for better schooling in Chelsea. It has formed the basis for her advocacy on the School Committee, she said.

again. I wasn’t so sure but my mom reminded me of how hard she fought for education. She was a parent organizer many years ago. She organized hundreds of parents to go to School Committee meetings and fight for quality education and in those days meetings weren’t translated and parents

weren’t even allowed to be in the building. Now, I’m 27 and the School Committee chair, and my mom attends these meetings. She says it is the fruits of her labors. This position is a long-term commitment for myself and my family.”

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Diversity director position a hot commodity amongst applicants

By Seth Daniel

More than 60 candidates applied for the new Diversity Director position within the City of Chelsea – a new department that will have high-level status and will be charged with making City government more inclusive and welcoming.

It’s a department proposed by City Manag-

er Tom Ambrosino and Councillor Leo Robinson last summer in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, and in response to a list of demands from young people in Chelsea. Earlier this year, the City put together a Hiring Committee chaired by City Attorney Cheryl Fisher Watson. That Committee is currently interviewing candidates, and

reportedly has some great options.

Fisher Watson said they had approximately 60 applicants and the Committee has reviewed all 60 applicants. They were ranked and from those rankings, six or seven were interviewed.

The goal will be to forward three applicants to

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Associate Justice Kelly to speak at Black History event

Staff report

Associate Justice of the Mass. Superior Court Angel Kelley will join the Chelsea Black Community (CBC) in a virtual conversation tonight (Thursday) at 6 p.m.

The topic of the event will be “Injustice Everywhere Is A Threat To Justice Everywhere.”

CBC President Joan Cromwell invites Chelsea

residents to participate in the special conversation with Kelley, an eminent legal scholar, about the Massachusetts criminal justice system.

Last week’s CBC event was a virtual discussion following the short film, “Assumptions and Stereotypes.”

Chelsea resident Khalil Saddiq, a racial equity consultant for non-profit organizations, did a superb

job generating opinions about the film and engaging residents in a conversation about incidents they had experienced in their lives.

The CBC’s Black History Month schedule of event will conclude on Feb. 24 with President Joan Cromwell leading the presentation of the prestigious CBC “Chelsea Trailblazer” Awards in a virtual ceremony.

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Chelsea’s Senate district likely to become majority-minority

By Seth Daniel

A new statewide report done by a Boston University professor for Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston shows major population shifts in the Greater Boston area that could potentially switch Chelsea’s entire state delegation into majority-minority districts when new lines are drawn later this year.

Already, the Chelsea/Charlestown state representative seat (2nd Suffolk), held by Rep. Dan Ryan, has been a majority-minority district since the last re-draw of the lines in 2012. That district also increased in minority representation, according to the report.

The report puts the Chelsea state senate seat, held by Sen. Sal DiDomenico, into majority-minority status for the first time. Meanwhile, the 16th Suffolk District, held by State Rep. Jessica Giannino, is a district marked as nearly majority-minority and could be a new district depending on how lines are drawn. That district represents mostly Revere, but carries the Prattville section of Chelsea as well.

The report was commissioned by Lawyers for Civil Rights – a voting rights group involved statewide – and performed by BU professor Maxwell Palmer. The purpose was to look at population shifts and how they would affect the upcoming redistricting efforts later this year as it relates to adding majority-minority district seats. Simply put, majority-minority districts are those in which the non-white population is greater than the white population.

Maxwell found that the state has increased in population by 5.3 percent, but Suffolk County has grown 10.3 percent and Middlesex County by 6.5 percent.

“This growth was primarily driven by increases in the minority population,” read the report. “Statewide, the white population shrank from 76.1 percent to 70.3 percent, the Black population increased from 6 percent to 7.1 percent, and the

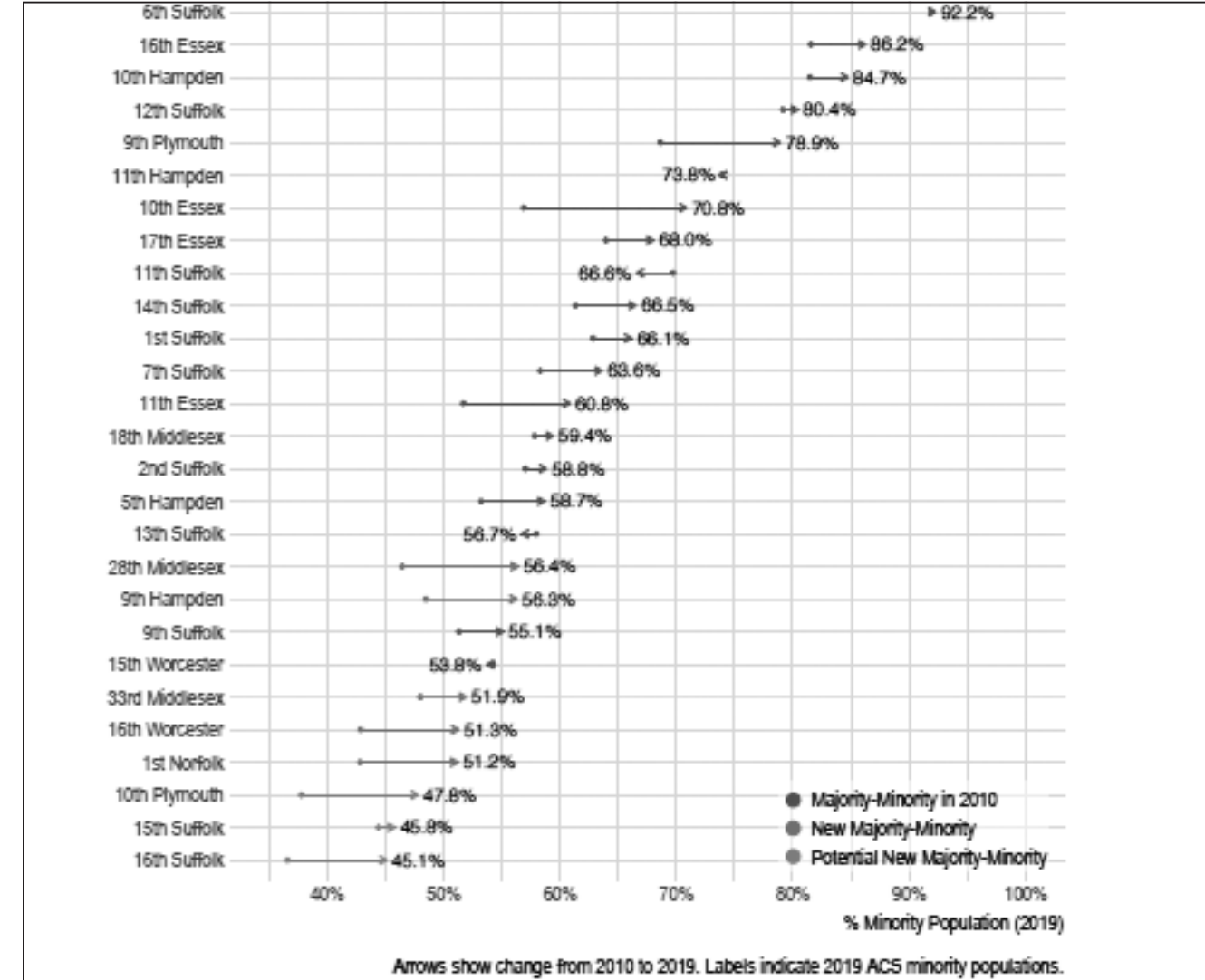
Hispanic population increased from 9.6 percent to 12.4 percent. The minority population grew at a higher rate than the white population in every county of the state except Nantucket and Dukes counties. Overall, population growth was highest in Greater Boston and the North Shore.”

That population shift has been most noticeable in the northern parts of Boston like Charlestown and urban cities just beyond, like Chelsea and Everett. In Everett, their state representative seat switched to majority-minority by population for the first time, according to the report, and that also drove the Senate seat to also become majority-minority. That state senate seat is held by Sen. Sal DiDomenico and also encompasses Charlestown, Chelsea, parts of Cambridge and parts of Allston. The study showed the minority representation for that senate district went from about 46 percent to 51.2 percent.

It was the only Senate district that changed in the study, though the Second Essex & Middlesex was identified as a near majority-minority district – at 47.7 percent of the represented population.

There were three Senate districts that were majority-minority under the 2012 Redistricting plan, and all three remained so as well in the study.

“As someone who has been actively engaged in my communities, this is not a surprise to me and should not be for anyone else,” he said. “I have long known that Black and brown residents make up the majority of my district, and I look forward to continue listening and responding to the needs of my constituents. I am very proud to represent one of the most racially and ethnically diverse districts in the state, and I have always said our diversity is our strength. From the very first day I joined the Massachusetts Senate, the number one priority of my office has been serving those who for far too long felt like they didn’t have a



voice in their state government as well as addressing many longstanding inequities in our neighborhoods.”

DiDomenico has made a point over the last year during his 10th anniversary in the State Senate to stress that he has always strove to better represent the vulnerable and those historically not at the table in policymaking.

“The work of my Senate office—whether it be the policies I have championed or the assistance we provide to my constituents—has always centered the most vulnerable among us, marginalized communities, and those who have historically been left behind,” he said.

“The policies I’ve supported over the years and stances I’ve taken weren’t always the most popular, but they were always what I knew in my heart was right. As always, I want all of my constituents in every neighborhood I represent to know that they have a strong voice in the State House addressing their concerns and needs.”

In the House, the 2nd Suffolk seat was identified as one of 20 majority-minority seats in 2012, but it grew in minority representation since that time.

The report indicated that the 2nd Suffolk had gone from about 55 percent majority-minority to almost 60 percent (59.4 percent) majority minori-

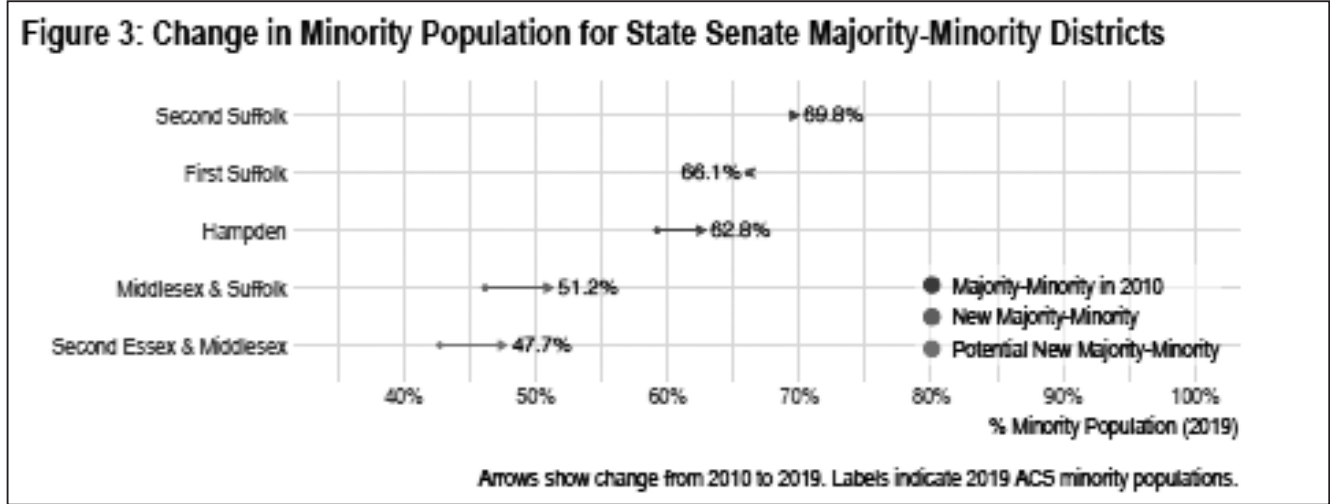
ty. Rep. Ryan said there has definitely been population growth since the last redistricting effort, and he looks forward to that process once the official Census 2020 numbers arrive later this spring/summer.

“There has definitely been population gain within the Greater Boston area and the Second Suffolk in particular,” he said. “The official 2020 Census numbers are the only ones that matter. Until they are finalized it is too soon to venture a guess as what a new district will look like. The certainty is that I will work to do what is best for Chelsea and Charlestown.”

Three other House districts were also identified

as nearly majority-minority, and that included the House district in Revere and Chelsea – represented by new Rep. Giannino. Like Everett, that district took a major jump in minority representation, going from about 35 percent to 45.1 percent minority representation. It is identified along with a district in Jamaica Plain and a district in Plymouth as potential majority-minority districts during redistricting.

The Redistricting process will not begin until full Census 2020 data is revealed later this spring and summer. The process typically takes a year to complete within the Legislature, likely finishing in early 2022.



Baker prioritizes Chelsea for vaccine outreach to residents

By Seth Daniel

Chelsea will join 19 other cities and towns disproportionately affected by COVID-19 for an effort by Gov. Charlie Baker to deploy targeted outreach to the communities and \$1 million to support community health centers in priority vaccination of residents.

The announcement came on Tuesday evening from the Department of Public Health (DPH), and Chelsea was identified with other communities like Everett, Revere, Lynn and Lawrence, among others.

This list of 20 is a subset of the cities and towns that met the Massachusetts COVID Advisory Group recommendation to prioritize communities using the CDC’s Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) and COVID-19 case rates since the start of the pandemic. Those communities were then ranked by average daily COVID-19 case rates in each city and town (excluding cases in long-term care and correctional facilities and communities with under

30,000 residents). From this ranked list by case rate, the top 17 cities and towns with the highest percentage of people of color were identified. The list of 20 cities and towns includes three additional communities to capture the top 15 communities with the highest daily COVID case rates.

Chelsea was one of the highest priority cities on that list of 20.

“We recognize the deep knowledge and expertise that exists in every community and our aim is to listen, respond, and work in concert to develop a customized approach for reaching as many residents as we can to increase vaccination,” said Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel, MD, MPH. “This approach is centered on equity, a core pillar of our vaccine distribution. Our goal is to work in collaboration with our local communities, to meet people where they are, and to reduce barriers – both physical and otherwise – to getting the COVID vaccine.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino has said for sever-

al months that he believed the state would prioritize Chelsea for vaccine resources and outreach. He said he is glad to see the state focusing on disproportionately impacted communities like Chelsea, and indicated funding resources would likely go to helping East Boston Neighborhood Health Center’s COVID vaccine partnership with La Colaborativa and the City.

“I’m pleased that the Administration is focusing on disproportionately impacted communities,” he said. “We are still waiting to see how this will specifically be implemented in Chelsea, and the Administration has indicated more direct engagement will occur in the next week. So far, the Administration has been supportive in ensuring Chelsea can vaccinate those eligible, particularly in supporting East Boston Neighborhood Health Center’s efforts. Obviously, as eligibility expands, more state resources will be necessary to ensure Chelsea residents eligible for vaccines have easy access to appointments.”

The Administration has

invested \$1 million in the MA League of Community Health Centers to support community health center efforts to increase vaccine safety awareness in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, with the goal of addressing vaccine hesitancy and increasing COVID-19 vaccination rates for individuals and communities disproportionately impacted.

The program has three main objectives:

- Increase vaccine confidence and knowledge among community engagement staff at health centers.

- Implement dissemination of culturally relevant and linguistically diverse patient education materials.

- Identify and partner with local community-based organizations to provide information and tips to engage people in vaccination conversations.

This grant initiative is a critical piece of the MA League of Community Health Center’s COVID-19 Vaccine Community Engagement Campaign and recognizes that

Community Health Centers, community health workers and other community-facing outreach workers are critical and widely trusted individuals to address COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among the most at-risk communities.

Under the initiative, qualified health centers may apply for \$25,000 grants via the MA League of Community Health Centers to assist Community Health Workers (CHW) to engage patients and community members in vaccination discussions to increase vaccine uptake in the Commonwealth’s hardest-hit communities.

The funding helps health centers in several critical ways, the DPH said, including supporting providers and staff in having one-to-one conversations with patients to answer their questions and concerns, bringing these individualized dialogues to the broader community, and using online and other communication channels and resources. The new DPH initiative will support a tailored community-based approach around

the individual needs identified by each municipality. As part of the outreach, a DPH Community Liaison will work to leverage and coordinate state resources and customize a menu of options to be offered to each community, which may include:

- Identifying gaps and mapping available resources to reduce barriers to vaccination.

- Coordinating and supporting key stakeholders including Local Boards of Health, local Community and Faith-Based Organizations, Community Health Centers, and Community Health Workers who can support grassroots outreach.

- Deploying DPH Vaccine Ambassadors to provide support for town halls and other local forums to share information and materials, including a DPH forum guide and toolkit.

- Disseminating culturally appropriate translations of communications campaign materials, including Trust the Facts. Get the Vax. campaign materials and vaccine FAQs in multiple languages.

Individuals ages 65+, individuals with 2+ comorbidities eligible for COVID-19 vaccination now

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker announced on Wednesday that beginning on February 18, individuals age 65 and older, as well as those with two or more “certain medical conditions” will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

These conditions include: “asthma (moderate-to-severe), cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), Down Syndrome, heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies, immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant, obesity and severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m2 or higher), pregnancy, sickle cell disease, smoking, [and] Type 2 diabetes mellitus,” according to the state.

“Our goal has been to protect and preserve life, and support our healthcare system,” Baker said.

On February 1, residents age 75 and older became eligible for the vaccine, and Baker said that the state has “seen significant progress over the past two weeks to get shots in arms to that community.”

Last week, 285,000 total doses were administered, and more than 251,000 residents have received their first dose of the vaccine, Baker said, which is “over half of the statewide population in this group” and “exceeds the national average for this group.” In total, more than 1.1 million doses have been administered statewide.

“We now rank number nine in the country for first dose vaccinations per capita,” Baker said, adding that the state ranks number one nationwide “for total shots administered per capita among the 24 states that have more than five million people.”

Baker said that there are “hundreds of sites across the state” that are able to administer the vaccine, and that 95 percent of the state’s population “lives within a 45 minute drive of a mass vaccination site” or within a 30 minute drive of a high volume regional provider.

“We’ve also made improvements to the booking process by developing new tools on our website

and opening a call center to assist residents who can’t book appointments online,” Baker said.

Beginning February 18, those 65 and older and those with two or more medical conditions outline by the state can book an appointment for their first vaccine at mass.gov/covidvaccine.

Baker said that new appointments will be available on Thursday morning beginning at around 8 a.m. “There’s no reason to stay up all night,” he said, harkening back to the rush that hit the state system when vaccination was opened up to those 75 and older.

However, Baker stressed that getting an appointment might not happen immediately for all those who are eligible because the state is limited by how much vaccine it receives from the federal government.

“These two groups that we’re now opening up the vaccination process to represents approximately a million people,” “It’s important to remember that the federal government only sends states a small amount of vaccine every week.”

He said that for the past few weeks, Massachusetts has received approximately 110,000 first doses per week.

“Unless we see a massive increase in shipments from the feds, it will take us at least a month for people in these new groups to be able to book their first vaccine appointment,” Baker said.

“We all remain hopeful that those numbers will increase from the federal government as we go forward, but it’s important for people to understand that at this point in time, it’s about 110,000 new doses a week for first doses, and we now have a group that represents somewhere around a million people that’s going to be joining the ranks of those who are eligible.”

Baker said that the state continues to build out capacity at vaccination sites so “if and when” the supply increases, they will be prepared to vaccinate as many people as possible.

“There’s going to be vaccine eventually for everyone, and everyone will get an appointment,” he said. “It’s just going to take a little while.”

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ONLINE PROGRAMS

•All month - Chelsea City Hall Art Gallery Exhibit, ‘Celebration of Family, Freedom, Healing, Love.’

•All month - Downtown Gallery 456 – Photography Exhibit

“Family, Peace, Justice, Equality,” Photographer: Sharon Caulfield.

•Feb. 18 – ‘Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere.’ Racial Disparities in the US Judicial System. What in the law needs to change for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Conversation with Associate Justice of Superior Court Judge Angel Kelly. 6-8 p.m.

•Feb. 24 - Tribute to Chelsea Trailblazers: “Community Responding to a Pandemic and Racial Equality, 6-8 p.m.

SCHEDULE A VACCINE APPOINTMENT

COVID-19 Vaccination Update: Adults 75 and over can receive the COVID-19 vaccine starting on February 1 using the statewide website. 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 extended until February 2022 in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. The current sticker expiring on February 28, 2021 will be valid until February 28, 2022.

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

HOMEOWNERS STABILIZATION PROGRAM

•Phase 1
The Department of Housing and Community Development, in conjunction with its contractor, Chelsea Restoration Corporation, is overseeing Phase 1 of the Homeowners Stabilization Program. Funded by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Phase 1 of this program offers direct financial assistance to income-eligible homeowners that can be used for mortgage, insurance, utility, and property taxes. The application period for Phase I is now closed. To be eligible, homeowners had to earn no more than 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). A lottery for Phase 1 will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, on Facebook Live. Applicants should receive their lottery number in the mail before the lottery. If you have not received your lottery number, you may call 311 or 617-466-4209.

•Phase 2
The City will soon be accepting applications for Phase 2 of the program. Phase 2 was funded with \$750.00 from the Chelsea City Council. Phase 2 eligibility is broader than Phase 1. You may apply if

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you make up to 100% of AMI. Information about Phase 2 will be coming soon.

BEACHAM/ WILLIAMS CORRIDOR RECONSTRUCTION

In December, the Department of Housing and Community Development released the Beacham/Williams Corridor Reconstruction Project for bidding. Construction bids were opened on January 11, and low bids came in under budget. Over the next two months, the Department will oversee contracting and preconstruction activities, followed by a public meeting, prior to the commencement of construction. Construction is slated to begin in April of 2021.

COVID-19 FREE TESTING

The Stop the Spread testing site has moved and is now offering free, indoor COVID-19 testing at 35 Fourth St. It is available to everyone through March 31. There is no longer any testing going on at City Hall or Chelsea Square.

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

MGH OFFERS FREE COVID TESTING VAN

The MGH COVID-19 testing van will be available to Chelsea residents every Tuesday from 2-6 p.m. in the parking lot at the La Colaborativa warehouse, 25 Sixth St. Walk-in testing is available for individuals who primarily live, work and go to school in Chelsea.

FOOD PANTRY FOR VETERANS

Contactless delivery and car pickup will be between 10 am and noon at 150 Marginal St. The next event dates are:
•March 3, 2021
•April 7, 2021
•May 5, 2021
Contact Veterans’ Services if you have a question: Francisco Toro
Email: ftoro@chelseama.gov.

ROUTE 1 HOUSING PROGRAM

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

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

Learn more about this program and find

the application online at www.ChelseaMa.gov/Route-1-Enhancement.

SAVE A LIFE, WEAR A MASK

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

HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

Chelsea Housing Legal Clinic is available to help low-income residents with landlord mediation, eviction proceedings, and other housing legal issues. Due to Covid-19, the office cannot accept walk-ins. Please call 617-603-1700 or 1-800-342-LAWS for initial inquiries and to schedule an appointment. The call center pandemic hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-noon
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Please be patient as the CHLC expects to receive a large number of calls.

For more information, visit www.chelseama.gov/CHLC

CHELSEA HERITAGE MURAL

The Chelsea Heritage Mural will be an 80-foot painted mural on aluminum panels installed on the Fifth Street side of 472 Broadway in Bellingham Square. It will be designed and painted by David Fichter. The artist is known for a distinctive, realistic style that features the people, architecture, and other details reflective of the mural location. Working with residents of all ages, he’s completed more than 200 permanent murals that have become beloved local landmarks that communicate the story of each neighborhood.

The City asking for your ideas for the content of this mural. Submit your ideas and learn more about the project here: <https://bit.ly/32TjcWA>

RAFT PROGRAM RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If anyone needs help paying rent, they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Massachusetts Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. RAFT has expanded its eligibility requirements to help people with COVID-19 related job losses or financial hardship. Some things to consider:

•Your immigration status does not matter.
•You may be eligible for RAFT if you have not been, or will not be, able to pay rent, mortgage payments, or utilities due to COVID-19.
•You must be in contact with your landlord or property manager (RAFT funds are paid to them).
•If you are not on the lease, you can provide your landlord’s contact information to confirm that you are a tenant.
•If you need help to

cover your security deposit (for first or last month’s rent), you can specify the unit you plan to move into, even if you have not yet signed the lease.

•You are not eligible if you are in an Emergency Assistance Shelter.

Households can receive up to \$4,000 for a 12-month period. To check eligibility and for help with applications, call the CONNECT Hotline at 617-712-3487.

WATER LEAK ALERTS

The City of Chelsea is offering a free service to residents to help efficiently manage water usage and lower monthly bills. The service also notifies residents if usage indicates a possible leak. Register for this service at <http://chelsea.aquahawk.us> or call 617-464-4041 for more information.

FREE WATER METER REPLACEMENT

The City of Chelsea’s DPW is continuing its water meter replacement program for both residential and commercial customers. As part of this effort, meter service technicians from the DPW may be visiting a property to remove the old meter and replace it with a new meter. All DPW meter service technicians travel in marked City of Chelsea vehicles and have City of Chelsea identification badges. Whenever a water meter technician visits a property, one should ask to see the City issued ID. Installation of a new meter will typically take less than 30 minutes. The new meters will eliminate most estimated bills. Reliable readings will also allow customers to identify leaks that may result in higher than normal bills. There is no charge for the new meter.

CHELSEA STREET BRIDGE APP

For those seeking real time information about the Chelsea St. Bridge closures, Massport is operating a Twitter account which alerts drivers whenever the bridge is opening for shipping and closed to traffic. The Twitter account is @LoganToChelsea. This real time information supplements the new vehicular warnings systems now currently active on Broadway and Williams St.

MASSPORT NOISE COMPLAINT LINE

Residents who are being disturbed by airplane noise are encouraged to call the MassPort Noise Hotline 24 hours a day. The phone number is (617) 561-3333.

SENIOR WATER AND SEWER DISCOUNT

Chelsea senior citizens are reminded to sign up for the new Senior Discount for water and sewer charges. Any senior 65 or older who owns and occupies his/her own home may apply. The discount is 10% off the monthly bill.

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USE COMMON SENSE WHEN DRIVING

Perusing through the police reports these days makes it apparent that the winter season is here -- and with it, the usual array of traffic incidents and accidents.

Although we have not had any of the big blizzard-type of winter events this season (at least so far), we now are in a period of a stormy weather pattern that is sending us small snow & ice events that in reality are even more treacherous than big storms.

The number of auto accidents seems to be inversely proportional to the size of the snowfall. It's as though motorists think, "This isn't too bad," and then proceed to drive too fast for the conditions.

In addition, we would remind our readers who have all-wheel drive vehicles that four wheels on ice are just as useless as the two wheels of a rear-drive vehicle, if you know what we mean. In other words, ice is ice is ice, regardless of what kind of vehicle you may be driving.

So during this upcoming period of stormy weather, if you do have to be out on the roads, please drive SLOWLY. There is no such thing as exercising too much caution in wintry weather

A NORTH POLE HURRICANE

Residents in Texas and along the Gulf Coast have become accustomed in recent years to a seemingly-endless onslaught of devastating hurricanes barreling up from the Gulf of Mexico.

Hurricane Harvey a few years ago dumped more rain and caused more flooding than any weather event in the region's history.

However, even with the hurricane season long-over, this part of the nation is being subjected to a weather event that has knocked out the region's power grid, leaving millions of residents without in the dark and without heat.

But instead of coming from the south, this latest force of nature has surged from the north thanks to a dip in the polar vortex from the Arctic. The result has been a cataclysmic storm that has crippled the entire region.

It's one thing to be without power amidst warm weather, but quite another to be without power when the temperatures are dipping to near-zero.

Climate change is not simply about global warming -- though it's true that the earth's average temperature has continued to climb year-after-year for the past decade.

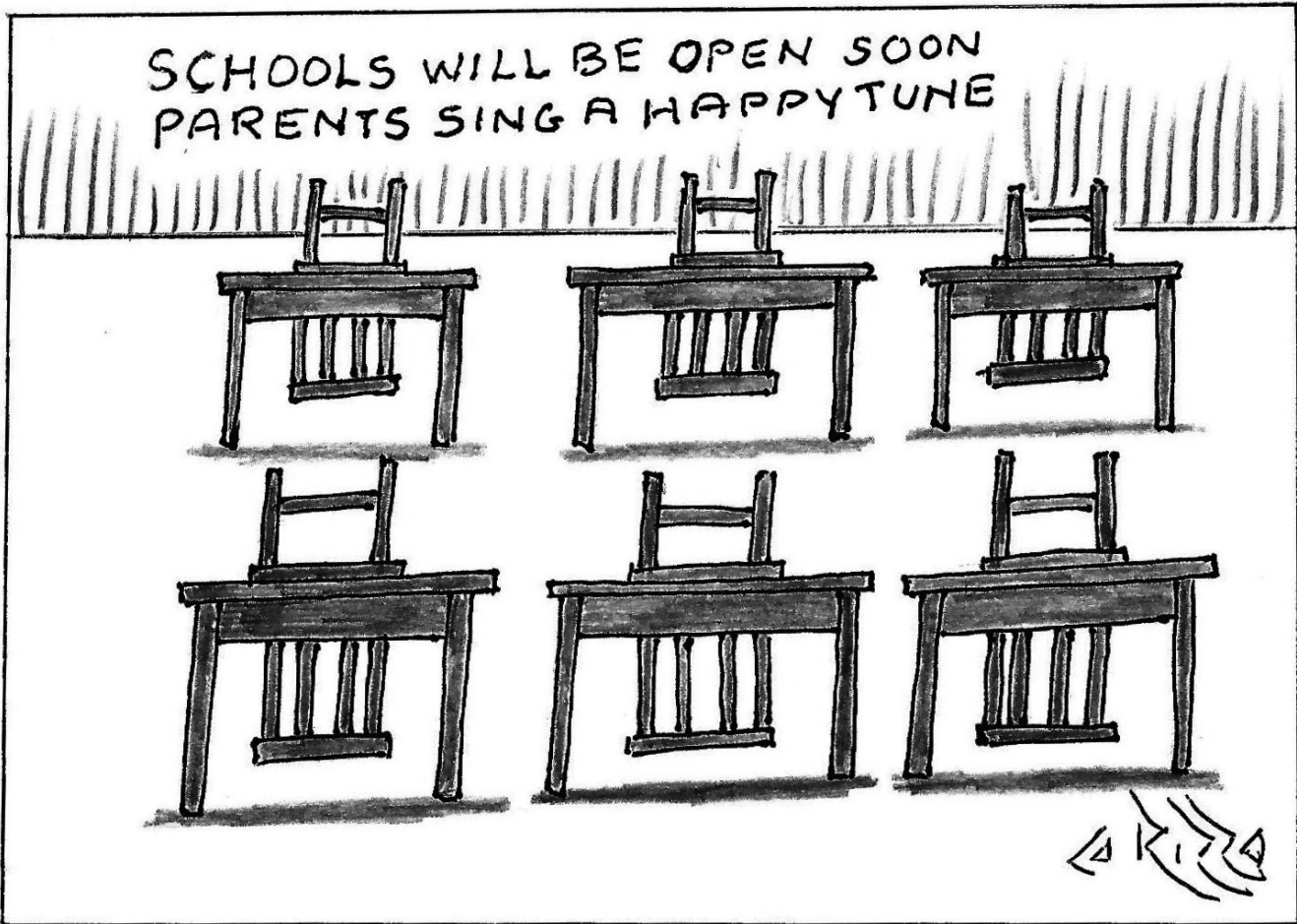
Climate change also is about extreme weather of the sort that wreaks havoc in unexpected ways.

The Texas power grid was completely unprepared for the near-zero temperature conditions that have struck that part of the country, with the result that millions of people are facing a dire, life-threatening situation.

Climate change is arriving faster than anyone predicted -- and whatever window we have to reverse course is closing rapidly, if it already isn't too late.

Yes, the pandemic is demanding our immediate attention, but climate change needs to be addressed urgently -- because if we fail to do so, the worst is yet to come.

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APPRECIATION

Chick Corea left his heart in Chelsea

By Record Staff

The City of Chelsea lost one of its greatest native sons with the passing of jazz great Armando Anthony "Chick" Corea this past week at the age of 79.

Chick Corea (whose nickname "Chick" derived from the nickname "Cheeky" that an aunt, who would pinch his cheeks, had given to him when he was a youngster) was born and raised in the city, attending the Williams School and Chelsea High School, though he graduated from Everett High in 1959 when his parents bought a house in that city in the middle of his junior year in high school.

Chick Corea's immense musical talent was nurtured from a very early age by his father, Armando, who himself was a jazz musician, and continued through his years in the Chelsea school system.

Corea took music lessons at the Williams School from Alvin Toltz and was a member of the St. Rose Scarlet Lancers Drum and Bugle Corps. Interestingly, Corea developed an interest in drums as a youth before eventually switching to the piano exclusively, but it was his drum-playing as a youngster that in-

spired his use of the piano as a percussive instrument that ultimately led to the development of his unique style that led to his recognition as a world-renowned jazz keyboardist.

Chick Corea performed with all of the world's great musicians over the past half century. He was a member of the Miles Davis Band in the 1960s before establishing his own band that eventually led to 23 Grammy awards and more than 60 Grammy nominations, all the while performing with the greatest musicians, jazz and otherwise, of his era.

Despite his world-wide fame and success, Chick Corea always remained a humble person who never forgot his Chelsea roots, often reconnecting with classmates from Chelsea High when he came to the Boston area for concerts. He was especially proud when he received an honorary Chelsea High diploma many years later because he always considered himself a Chelsea boy at heart.

Among those who remembered Corea was John Mayer who wrote on Instagram: "Chick Corea was the single greatest improvisational musician I have ever played with. Nobody was more open, more finely tuned to the moment, changing his

approach with every new offering by the musicians around him. If you hit a wrong note, he'd immediately pick it up and play it as a motif so as to say 'all of this has value, whether you see it or not.' What an immeasurable loss in so many ways."

Chick Corea's last words, via his family on Facebook, were these: "I want to thank all of those along my journey who have helped keep the music fires burning bright," he wrote. "It is my hope that those who have an inkling to play, write, perform or otherwise, do so. If not for yourself then for the rest of us. It's not only that the world needs more artists, it's also just a lot of fun.

"And to my amazing musician friends who have been like family to me as long as I've known you: It has been a blessing and an honor learning from and playing with all of you. My mission has always been to bring the joy of creating anywhere I could, and to have done so with all the artists that I admire so dearly -- this has been the richness of my life."

The world will miss Chick Corea. May he rest in peace.

Pressley's Provision to support families experiencing homelessness included in House American Rescue Plan

Special to the Record

Last week, the House Financial Services Committee included in the House American Rescue Plan Act a measure championed by Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, in partnership with several colleagues, that would to invest nearly \$5 billion in additional funding to sup-

port vulnerable families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

"Housing is a critical determinant of health, economic opportunity and social mobility," said Congresswoman Pressley. "With this pandemic continuing to rage and the threat of homelessness looming large for families

across the Massachusetts 7th and nationwide, our relief efforts must continue to prioritize keeping families safely housed."

Experts estimate that \$5 billion in additional resources is critical to help communities across the country provide safe and secure shelter for those experiencing homeless-

ness. This provision is responsive to the needs of community and advocates and will provide cities and states the flexibility needed to make long term investments to combat the homelessness crisis like the conversion of hotels and motels into non-congregate shelters.

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Giannino appointed to legislative committees

On Friday, February 12, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy) appointed legislators to various legislative committees for the 2021-2022 Session of the General Court. Newly elected State Representative Jessica Ann Giannino (D-Revere) was appointed to serve on four committees:

- The Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,
- The Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,
- The Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, and
- The Joint Committee on Election Laws.

“I want to express my gratitude to Speaker Mariano for appointing me to these four committees, and I am excited to get to work on the business at hand for the upcoming session,” said Representative Giannino. “In their own ways, each committee will allow me to advocate for various needs of the Sixteenth Suffolk District in unique ways.”

The Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture is charged with considering matters concerning the DCR, natural resources and the environment, air, water and noise pollution, as well as hunting

and fishing, conservation, solid waste disposal, and sewerage.

“Representing a coastal district that is home to not only America’s First Public Beach, but key regional rivers, and one of the most significant saltwater marshes north of Boston, as well as host to the nation’s oldest solid waste incinerator and an unlined ash landfill that is in the midst of an Area of Critical Environmental Concern, I am excited to serve on the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,” said Representative Giannino. “I believe that I will be able to use my voice on the ENRA Committee to advocate for a cleaner, healthier environment for communities like Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus which have been plagued with a myriad of environmental issues. I look forward to working with Chairwoman Dykema and the other members of the committee to advance legislation that will help to improve our Commonwealth’s environment.”

The Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is responsible for considering legislation relative to commercial and industrial establishments, casino gambling and gaming, industrial development, the racing industry, science and technology, economic development,

retention of science or technology-intensive industries; innovation systems from research to development; medical technology; medical devices; environmental technologies, classroom applications, and workforce technology training and development.

“As the State Representative who represents three communities which have economic development on the forefront of their municipal agendas, I am beyond excited to serve on the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,” said Representative Giannino. “Serving on this committee will give me good insight into the overarching picture that Revere, Chelsea and Saugus have been painting in recent years to attract development that creates jobs and spurs the regional economy. I am thrilled to get to work with Chairman Parisella and the members of the committee to support policies which will make our Commonwealth’s economy stronger.”

The Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity is a newly-created legislative committee this year that is tasked with considering issues relating to advanced information technology, cybersecurity and cyber threats, as well as advanced public telecommunications networks, the

internet, broadband access, and fifth-generation telecommunications.

“Since the onset of the COVID pandemic and remote learning, I have become increasingly concerned for the urgent need for widespread broadband access, especially in Gateway Cities like Revere and Chelsea. The pandemic, which has changed our lives in so many ways, has shown just how much of a necessity internet access in the twenty-first century,” said Representative Giannino. “Additionally, as the internet continues to evolve, and more of our daily activities become virtual, cybersecurity must be at the forefront of issues to consider. I look forward to working with Chairwoman Campbell, and am hopeful the work of this committee create policy to help make our information technology more secure.”

Finally, the role of the Joint Committee on Election Laws is to consider bills in the Legislature that concern concerning elections.

“Elections are the cornerstone of our democracy, and ensuring that our elections – from local to state to federal - are safe, fair and equitable is something all representatives in a democratic government should seek to preserve,” said Representative Giannino. “I look forward to working alongside Chairman Ryan this session on this committee.”



Rep. Dan Ryan

Ryan lands chairmanship

By Seth Daniel

State Rep. Dan Ryan was appointed to his first chairmanship position late last week by House Speaker Ron Mariano, with the veteran representative taking the lead on the House Election Laws Committee.

Ryan has served for his first several terms on important committees, such as transportation, but gaining a role as a chairman indicates somewhat of a promotion within the legislative body.

Ryan said this week he knew it was going to be a very busy Committee, with a lot of hearings and testimony to be heard given the changes to the voting and Elections systems during COVID-19. The future of those changes, and any new alterations, will likely be hashed out in his new Committee in the coming months.

“I want to thank Speaker Mariano and his leader-

ship team for putting their trust in me to take on this important role,” he said. “The COVID pandemic has certainly tested our resolve as a country and Commonwealth. This past year has laid bare the fragility of many sectors of society. However, out of necessity, we have also pulled together to test some ideas that have been around for a while. Early voting, no-excuse absentee voting and other forms of ballot access initiatives were very popular. It will be a lot work right out of the gate to refine these processes for this year’s elections - as well as for the long term. We need to ensure that elections are safe and fair with as much access to the ballot box as reasonably possible.”

Due to the anticipated agenda of the Committee, Ryan was not assigned to any other Committees as a member in the coming session.

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Garcia, who was married to a Chelsea Police officer late last year, was one of five children in a family where activism and community service is more an expectation than a choice (her aunt is Gladys Vega of La Colaborativa and her cousin is City Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado). She attended the Shurtleff School,

the Hooks School, Clark Avenue Middle School and then Excel Academy Charter High School. After that, she attended Holy Cross University and got her Master’s in Education from Boston University. She is a teacher as her profession and is now in her third term on the School Committee. Her father, Roberto Garcia, was an

auto mechanic when she was growing up, but her mother was a activist.

Garcia said her mother’s activism back in the day has certainly inspired her as a teacher and a Committee member. In fact, it was instilled in her, she said, and she really did listen to a lot of the things said at the meetings when she was young.

“She worked two jobs, was a single mom and attended meetings at night with me,” said Garcia, who described her mom as a “firecracker” at meetings. “She brought me to meetings and fought hard and all along she was teaching me. Now, I am in a position to do the things she fought for and I have been inspired to continue her work to make sure students of Chelsea are treated with dignity and respect – advocating for a better education and guidance counselors.”

Garcia said her mother moved to Chelsea at a young age from Puerto Rico to attain a better life. She believed in education, but Garcia said those at Chelsea High School didn’t believe in her mother. In fact, they discouraged her from succeeding.

“When she was at Chelsea High her guidance counselor told her that she wasn’t going to go anywhere in life and it would be a surprise if she could graduate high school,” said Garcia. “That is the fire that fuels me now day in and day out, and it fueled her fire too. My mother did graduate high school, but didn’t go to college. She always felt if she had a different guidance counselor, or if people around her believed in her, things could have been different for her.”

And if she couldn’t get there herself, then Vega was going to fight to make sure her children did.

And that is how it played out in real life.

Garcia was the first in her family to go to college and graduate college, she said, and it was a culture shock going from Washington Avenue in Chelsea to the campus of Holy Cross.

“It definitely was a culture shock,” she said. “I was from a diverse community and we were used to living daily with the

neighbors blasting Salsa music next door all day. I didn’t know that didn’t happen everywhere. However, to see my mom and dad’s dedication, it made me feel I deserved to be there and was capable.”

On the School Committee and in her classroom, that experience of coming from Chelsea and succeeding in a foreign academic world is something she wants to bring to her students and those that attend CPS. In fact, that could be the most important thing she does as a member of the Committee.

“I want all my students and all the students in this district to know anything is possible,” she said. “Just because you don’t look like the rest of the people in the classroom doesn’t mean you don’t belong in that classroom.”

Beyond that message, there is plenty of business to tackle in the coming year, including how to improve remote schooling, how to keep students/families safe and how to eventually return to in-person

schooling.

“Right now our priority goal is student safety,” she said. “Unfortunately, our cases in Chelsea are still a bit high and we have not decided whether or not to return to school. We’re keeping an eye on our rates. At the beginning of the pandemic, (Supt.) Almi and I decided not to open school. In other districts, it’s this continuous back and forth or ‘Let’s Open,’ and then ‘Let’s Close.’ Our students deserve stability. Online isn’t perfect, but it gives stability.”

Some of her other focuses for the School Committee this year will be advocating for the Student Opportunity Act funding (which is coming potentially for the first time this year), being vigilant about COVID-19 and what lies ahead, pushing the diversity/equity/inclusion agenda, and recruiting more paraprofessionals into the teacher pathway program.



School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia participating in a remote School Committee meeting last month. She was elected by her colleagues for a second term as chair.

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among the Chelsea friends in attendance at the concert. Nelson was a classmate and played the drums in one of Chick’s early bands as a youth. So too, was classmate Butch Bradley, who performed in the Williams School Glee Club with Chick under the leadership of music director Alvin Toltz.

As the dean of city government and a close, personal friend of Chick Corea, Leo Robinson developed a strong bond with the legendary entertainer. He recalled how appreciative Chick was when he informed him that the city was going to name a street in his honor.

Robinson attended many of Chick performance’s in front of sold-out venues. “Going to the concerts with Minna, her husband, and friends was a lot of fun – we were

Chick’s Chelsea group,” said Robinson. “Chick never forgot his Chelsea roots and we will always remember him not only for his tremendous musical talent but for being a tremendous person.”

Karas Marino related how she had one of Chick’s early music albums and he wrote on it, “From First Grade to Forever” as a heartfelt message symbolizing their grade school to Grammy-winning friendship.

“Chick was just a special, special person, so gracious and an incredible musician,” said Karas Marino. “I remember he played the piano, the trumpet, and the drums when he was growing up in Chelsea. His father had his own band and he started Chickie on the piano when he was four years old. Everybody loved him

in Chelsea. As sweet as he was to people throughout his career, that’s how sweet he was in junior high and high school.”

Chick Corea’s incredible success story began in Chelsea and continued for a lifetime with admirers worldwide. Mr. Corea was nominated in 2020 for two Grammy Awards in the categories of Best Improvised Jazz Solo and Best Improvised Instrumental Album. The Grammy Awards will be televised March 14 on CBS.

Karas Marino said she is saddened by the loss of her lifelong friend.

“He battled his illness so bravely. He died very peacefully with his wife and children and grandchildren at his side. I still can’t believe he’s gone – I miss my friend,” said Karas Marino.

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FRESH & LOCAL

Variations on Ragoût theme

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Even those of us who love to cook and do a lot of it in normal times grow weary when we have to cook every day. Recently we enjoyed four different dishes from one cooking session that created a mushroom, onion, leek, and beef ragoût.

First, you should know that the New Food Lover’s Companion defines a ragoût as, “Ragoût [ra-GOO] A derivative of the French verb ragoûter, meaning ‘to stimulate the appetite,’ ragoût is a thick, rich, well-seasoned stew of meat, poultry or fish and sometimes vegetables.”

Many cooks today would call this simply a ragu using the Italian term for a rich meat sauce that has a bit of tomato added. In our case, there are far more fungi and vegetables

than meat in our dish so the French term is more accurate. But, as cooking terms evolve, we give you permission to use whatever term you like for a rich base mixture like this one – even if it contains no meat.

Mushrooms Delivered!

One of our favorite places to shop back when a friend would take us shopping was Russo’s in Watertown. Since most of their business was wholesale delivery of produce to restaurants and professional kitchens, they expanded their retail operations to the public online.

They began by selling preset boxes of produce that you would order and drive up to pick up. Sort of like a CSA but with a bunch of different boxes to choose from. While

they still do that, they added home delivery for those city dwellers without cars. We quickly placed an order. That order included a very nice selection of mushrooms.

Mushroom, Onion, Leek, and Beef Ragoût

We had beef in the freezer that was ready for rotation to use it at its best. Penny sautéed onions, leeks, and garlic and set them aside. She cleaned and sliced or tore the mushrooms into bite-size pieces. She cooked the fungi in batches until they were browned and had released most of their liquid, then browned the cubed beef (also in batches.) She seasoned the dish with

Worcestershire sauce, sherry vinegar, salt, pepper, thyme, rosemary, and parsley and let it braise until its liquid had reduced

to a nice gravy.

While this was a major cooking session, it ultimately produced three meals and one appetizer. Best of all, while the dish had a rich flavor and beef, most of the meal featured healthier foods.

Four Dishes

The first night we had the ragoût with cauliflower and broccoli. The next afternoon, we were looking for something to have with a glass of wine. Penny pureed some of the mixture in the food processor and we had a mushroom/beef paté on toast.

For another dinner, she cooked up noodles, added some crème fraîche and we had a sort of mushroom beef Stroganoff. Finally, she put the ragoût in a pie dish, topped it with mashed potatoes and we had a cottage pie.



Perhaps the most unusual of the four dishes we made from the ragoût was this mushroom and beef paté that we enjoyed on toast with a glass of wine.

More Food Delivery Options

In addition to Russo’s, we have a list of other vendors who are offering home delivery of high-quality food. Friends have recommended New England Quality Food Mart and Baldor. Both were suppliers to restaurants that now deliver to homes. Stillman’s from the Farmers markets is

now doing drop-offs at various winter farmers market locations and some home delivery. Red’s Best Seafood offers both online ordering and some pickup locations. If you’re not finding what you crave at supermarkets, give one of these options a try.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Exit renumbering operations completed on nine statewide corridors

Staff report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that construction and sign replacement operations to convert former sequential exit numbers to new milepost-based numbers is continuing across the Commonwealth.

The renumbering operations, which are required per a Federal Highway Administration mandate, began in the fall 2020 and are anticipated to be completed by summer 2021.

The Federal Highway Administration’s 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices man-

dated that all states establish a mile-based exit numbering system. The conversion to a mile-based exit numbering system is being implemented on a route-by-route basis, and started in Western Massachusetts and moving eastward. For individual routes, exit numbering conversion has taken place from east to west or north to south.

Exit renumbering conversion operations have been completed on Interstate 90, and some northeast and southeast corridors as follows:

- Interstate 90 between Boston and West Stockbridge.
- Interstate 295 be-

tween North Attleboro and Attleboro.

- State Route 24 between Randolph and Fall River.
- Route 140 between Taunton and New Bedford.
- Interstate 195 between Wareham and Seekonk.
- State Route 25 between Wareham and Bourne.
- State Route 3 between Braintree and Bourne.
- US Route 6 between Orleans and Bourne.
- US Route 3 between Tyngsborough and Burlington.

The anticipated start dates and locations for statewide renumbering on the remaining corridors

are as follows:

- State Route 128 renumbering operations began on Wednesday, Feb. 10, and take place from Gloucester to Peabody.
- Interstate 95 renumbering operations will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21. The work will be broken up into the four segments that follow: between the New Hampshire border and Route 120; Between the Route 1 Interchange and Route 20; Between the I-90 Interchange and Westwood/Canton; Between Neponset Street and the Rhode Island border.
- Interstate 84 renumbering operations will begin on Sunday, Feb. 28, and will take place

from the I-90 interchange in Sturbridge to the Connecticut border.

•Interstate 93 renumbering operations will begin after the I-95 corridor is completed, and based on their locations along the existing mile markers, existing exits 1 (Canton) through exit 12 (Boston/Neponset) will not be renumbered. Exit renumbering will begin at existing exit 13 (Boston/Dorchester) and continue to existing exit 48 (Methuen).

Construction start dates and locations on the following remaining corridors will be announced as they are finalized: State Route 146, Interstate 190, State Route 2, Interstate

495, Interstate 395 and Interstate 295.

During a transition period for motorists, “Old Exit” signs are being installed at each converted exit for a minimum of two years.

Work typically is completed during the overnight off-peak hours, with minimal impacts to traffic. In addition, the contractors conducting the sign replacement operations are required to complete the full interchange before moving along to the next exit.

All work is weather dependent and construction dates may be adjusted accordingly.

As disasters continue during pandemic, Red Cross needs volunteers

Staff report

Home fires continue to keep Red Cross volunteers responding to disaster across Massachusetts, including three fires in the past 48 hours that displaced nearly 100 people.

Fires in Boxborough, Mattapan, Revere and Lowell each displaced more than 30 people in multi-unit buildings. Red

Cross volunteers are responding to these fires virtually; with contact information from local fire departments, they assist residents through phone calls and video conferencing to help them on the road to recovery after life altering home fires.

The need for volunteers is constant. Red Cross volunteers help people recover from disasters, assist at

local blood drives, provide mental health counselling to people recovering from disasters, assist members of the military along with their families, and provide training to people learning first aid and basic life support.

“Volunteers represent more than 90 percent of the Red Cross workforce

and make our humanitarian mission possible,” said Ryan Avery, senior disaster program manager for Massachusetts. “During the coronavirus pandemic, families continue to depend on local Red Cross volunteers every day. This year please consider volunteering with the

Red Cross to support your neighbors in need and help us ensure no one faces life’s emergencies alone.”

Those interested in becoming a volunteer can visit redcross.org/volunteer. There they can find local opportunities to help people in need right here in Massachusetts. A Red



Cross volunteer recruiter will speak with people over the phone to find something not only interesting but fulfilling.

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the City Manager for the final hiring decisions.

Councilor Damali Vidot, who is on the Committee, said she was excited about the pool of applicants.

“We have some amazing candidates and we’ve narrowed it down now to a couple of folks,” she announced at the Feb. 8 Council meeting.

A decision is expected in March.

•MORE MARIJUANA LICENSES

Council President Roy Avellaneda has proposed to increase the number of marijuana licenses from four to six in the City. While there was trepidation at first for the new industry, Chelsea has embraced it and already has one recreational marijuana store operating since November. Others are expected and Avellaneda said he hopes they can explore capping the number at six and not four.

“In light of some of the delays because of marijuana expansion, I feel this warranted consideration,” said Avellaneda.

However, Councilor Calvin Brown warned caution on the matter, and said an increase in licenses for marijuana outlets was not what voters approved some years ago on the bal-

lot.

“When the voters went to the ballot in 2016, it passed in Chelsea,” he said. “There were certain expectations of what that meant. Now, to do this is something we need to pay attention to because it goes beyond the intent of the law when we voted on it... We need to slow down on this.”

Councilor Damali Vidot disagreed and said the marijuana question passed easily in Chelsea, perhaps as much as 10 percent, and she said there is an appetite for local people to try to get into the industry. To do so, they need more licenses.

“For Black and brown and immigrant communities this is a chance to build equity and affluence,” she said. “This is an opportunity to level the playing field. I don’t think we’re necessarily moving too fast.”

Councilor Todd Taylor said one thing to consider is those that invested in the City and already opened, thinking that there would only be four competitors. With more competitors, he said, that makes their license potentially less valuable.

“The concern I have is adding additional licenses and whether it might

affect people who have already invested in a license and a business that’s open,” he said.

The matter will be brought up again at a future meeting.

•TAX ON ROAD SALT

Council President Roy Avellaneda also proposed at the Feb. 8 meeting a tax on road salt coming out of the Eastern Salt complex on Marginal Street.

He proposed a Home Rule Petition that would allow Chelsea to charge something like 1 percent or less on the sale or transfer of a quantity of road salt. It would be levied on any company with salt storage in Chelsea.

It was moved to a Subcommittee on Conference.

•STOP WASTING FOOD

Councilor Giovanni Recupero was quite bothered during the meeting Feb. 8 about many people he sees taking food from the local food pantry relief efforts, and then throwing most of it away.

He encouraged those that don’t need the relief food not to take it if they only plan to waste it. He said the problem is much larger than many would expect, particularly in his district.

“Please, if you get food, don’t throw it away,” he

said. “I’ve been seeing food boxes that people get thrown in garbage cans. I’m in favor of giving out food to those that need it. I’m not in favor of wasting it. Give it to someone that needs it.”

•IN THE CHAMBER?

Councilor Leo Robinson said he was only trying to ask a simple question of those that have been helped by the City’s Business Relief Fund, but apparently it’s a question others don’t support.

At the Feb. 8 meeting, Robinson asked that the City gather responses about Chamber of Commerce membership amongst those that have taken assistance from the City’s business fund. He said he simply wanted to know if they were members, or if they had joined since getting the City help.

Both Councilor Damali Vidot and Council President Roy Avellaneda objected, and said the Council and City had no authority to promote the Chamber of Commerce.

“I don’t see anything wrong with them asking if it’s only for informational purposes,” said Councilor Todd Taylor.

“I think it’s a very simple question to ask,” said Robinson.

The matter was voted down 7-3.

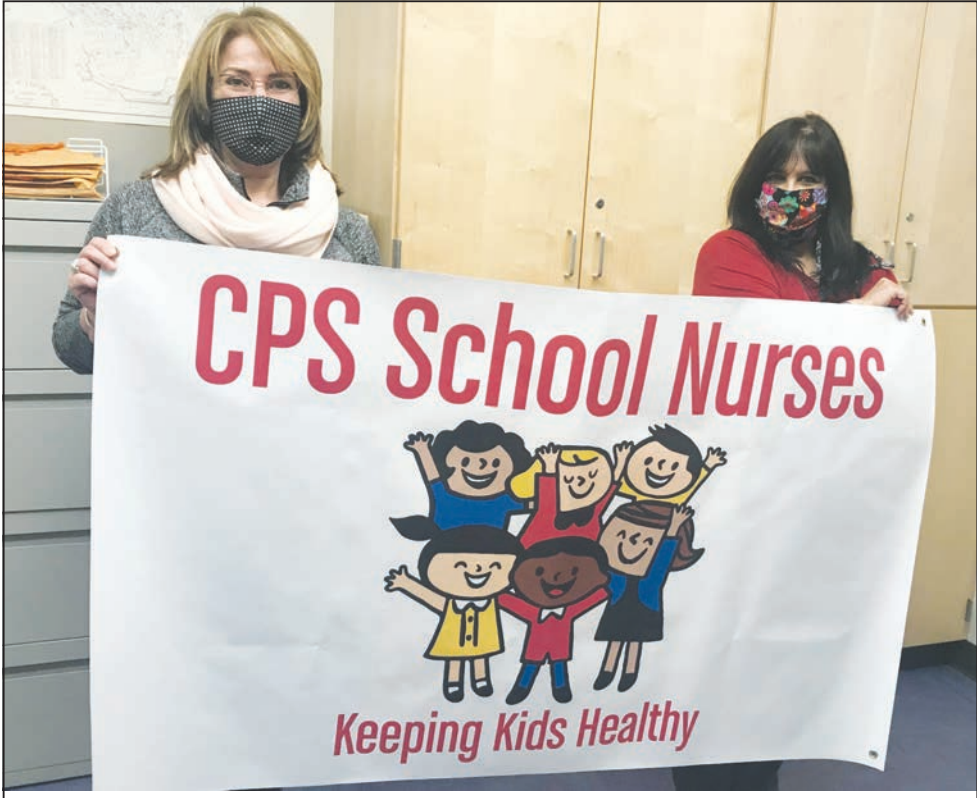
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CAMS nurse Cathy Byrne RN and School Health Manager Denise Ferrari DiResta showing the Chelsea School Nurses’ support of their students by being in the buildings every day and being available to them during the pandemic as well as all year. Thank your school nurses when you see them. Show them you appreciate them with just a smile or a kind word.

SCHOOL UPDATES

DISTRICT UPDATES

•Chelsea Public Schools will be hosting Community Budget Conversations with the Chelsea Community and our Faculty and staff. To attend, please email budget@chelsea-schools.com to sign up for the event and receive the Zoom information.

*Teachers and Staff (K-8): Feb. 22 – 5 p.m.

*Teachers and Staff (9-12): Feb. 23 – 5 p.m.

•During last week’s Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SE-PAC) meeting, we discussed the importance of self-care.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER UPDATES

•Mrs. Canniff and Miss Sofia had fun with their class making Valentine crafts and having a virtual scavenger hunt.

BERKOITZ SCHOOL UPDATES

•Ms. Cabigting’s class at the Berkowitz School, earned enough points and had a popcorn party for Friendship Day. They also all received their very own Berky the Bear. They will be using the Berky the Bear as their Talking Piece when they do Circles. Have a great Winter Break.

HOOK SCHOOL UPDATES

•Mrs. Hawthornes’ fourth grade students have been engaging in some really tremendous discussion about the individuals who have been chosen for different pieces of American currency and whether or not they belong there. For our persuasive writing unit, students elected to write about whether or not Andrew Jackson should be replaced by Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill using multiple articles to back up their arguments. I included some work samples from 305 students. We’ve been speaking a great deal about Black History Month and this was the first opportunity students really had to argue their own ideas in relation to the conversations we’ve had.

They are continuing this work over vacation by looking for other members of American history featured on American

currency and determining whether or not they represent our country well, and if not, making an argument for a replacement (this assignment is optional but many students seem excited about it). I am encouraging them to research prominent figures from American history who “made our country better for all individuals, not just some.”

KELLY SCHOOL UPDATES

•Last Friday, the Kelly School celebrated and honored Black and Afro-Latino authors at our first annual Read-In. We welcomed guest readers from other schools, Central Office, School Committee, Chelsea Kiwanis Club, the community, friends, and family members.

SOKOLOWSKI SCHOOL UPDATES

•The first graders in Mrs. Doucette’s class have been learning and practicing how to show kindness towards themselves and others. With Valentine’s Day right around the corner, they decided to show love and kindness to the children at St. Jude’s Hospital. They sent a virtual Valentine with a special message, which the students collectively created, to a child who could use some extra love on Valentine’s Day. This is something anyone can do. Here is the link in case you are interested in making a child smile and fill their hearts with joy this Valentine’s Day: <https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/valentines-day.html>.

•This week, Grade 4 students at the Sokolowski School honored Black History Month by learning about Lewis Latimer. He was an African American inventor born right here in Chelsea. He improved the filament in Thomas Edison’s light bulb, and brought electric lighting to the world.

MORRIS H. SEIGAL CLARK AVE. UPDATES

The 7th grade Hybrid team at CAMS put together a thoughtful and wonderful celebration of the incredible work our students were able to accomplish quarter 2. The

teachers left the chat open and students shared their excitement and congratulated the winners during the award ceremony. There were about 120 students who participated in 7th grade Hybrid awards. Among the attendees we also had Ms. Mace-Diaz, the assistant principal for the 7th grade. Students were particularly excited to see CAM the Cougar, who made a special star appearance for the award ceremony.

WRIGHT SCIENCE & TECH. ACADEMY UPDATES

•Students in 7th grade ELA at the WSTA took time on their Independent Reading Fridays to create “What Represents Me” JamBoards. Students share one thing they are proud of this year, a book that represents them, and a song/meme/show that represents them. Finally the classes spread positivity by leaving positive messages for other students on their JamBoards.

Foundation Trust helps local families

Chelsea Community Connections (CCC) is pleased to announce the award of a \$5,000 grant from Foundation Trust (FT) in support of the basic needs of undocumented families. The undocumented immigrants in Chelsea face additional barriers to accessing any form of government assistance, this award will have a tremendous impact on Chelsea’s immigrant community. Families will receive a gift card to purchase food, diapers, masks, clothing, cleaning supplies, or other basic necessities.

Foundation Trust Executive Director Dr. Joseph Spinazzola shares that “a century ago, my great-grandparents immigrated from Italy to Chelsea with their young children in tow. They arrived in this country with no

documentation, just a determination to work hard and forge a better life for their family. Today, it is my honor and privilege to support Chelsea Community Connections and the Family Nurturing Center in their vital work to ensure that new families arriving to the great city of Chelsea feel welcomed and get off to a bright start.”

“Thanks to Foundation Trust, Chelsea Community Connections will be able to continue to help families in Chelsea meet their needs during this difficult time,” says Program Director Cara Cogliano. “It’s particularly exciting to be able to offer this additional support to undocumented families, who want to provide for their families and be self-sufficient. We are a small operation in the city helping

one family at a time access what they need most. And our resources to help others relies on people like the Foundation Trust to think about small grassroots programs.”

CCC is a neighborhood based, resident driven coalition. Built upon the existing strengths of families and the community, CCC facilitates partnerships with supportive resources and services for the purposes of strengthening families, eliminating child abuse and neglect, and building a healthier community. CCC is an initiative of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Children and Families. Learn more at www.ChelseaCCC.org. We are fiscally managed by The Family Nurturing Center.

Public meeting planned on MBTA service changes

The MBTA Service Planning team will provide information about temporary schedule changes that go into effect in March and April of 2021 at a virtual public meeting beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17. A second virtual public meeting will also be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24.

There are few, if any, changes that are slated for routes in Everett and Chelsea as they are, and have been, some of the most heavily-used routes throughout the pandemic.

As part of the presentation, the service planning team will cover the fol-

lowing:

- Why route changes are necessary.
- The service planning process.
- Specifics of the service changes and impacted routes.
- Other key elements on MBTA’s response to the pandemic.

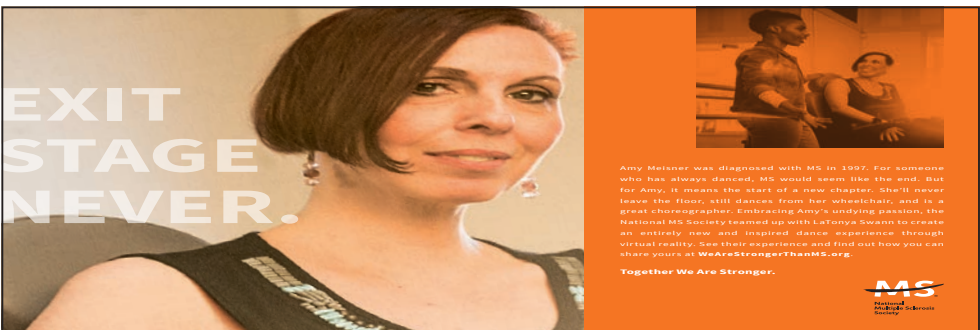
During the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input on future service changes.

The meeting will be held via a Zoom webinar. Members of the public may register [here](#). After registering, a confirmation email will be sent that contains information

about joining the webinar.

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency. Accessibility accommodations and language services will be provided free of charge, upon request, as available. Such services include documents in alternate formats, translated materials, assistive listening devices, and interpreters (including American Sign Language).

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DeMARIA DELIVERS STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

EVERETT - One year ago, the Council Chambers were packed to an overflow level to welcome in the new City Council and hear Mayor Carlo DeMaria give his annual State of the City Address.

It seems like a time and place from another world – a world without masks, distancing requirements or fear of sickness, job loss and hunger.

It was, though, just one short year ago, and on Thursday, Feb. 4, Mayor DeMaria hearkened back to those fine days as he delivered an online State of the City that detailed what was done to help COVID-19 in 2020 and looking forward to what 2021 could bring.

“There were over 200 people gathered in the Chambers - hugging, smiling, laughing,” he said. “We celebrated and I had the privilege of informing our residents about the City’s bold and innovative plans for 2020. Little did we know, two months later, that our City, our State, and our Country would be facing challenges unlike any others in our lifetime. The COVID-19 pandemic was unexpected, and unwelcomed.”

In an online address that lasted 33 minutes, the mayor first detailed all that had been done by the City and by the community to help out with COVID-19 and the effects that followed the sickness – such as job loss, food insecurity and housing insecurity.

“The people of Everett have displayed their strength and resiliency,” he said. “On behalf of Stacy and myself, from the bottom of our hearts, we would like to personally thank each and every one of you for every sacrifice you have made for the betterment of our City. I have never been more proud to be your Mayor.”

That was followed with a moment of silence for the 67 lives that were officially lost to COVID-19 in the City of Everett.

He highlighted the decision to close schools on March 12, long before any other community. He lifted up the first responders, such as the

police, fire, EMS and 9-1-1 dispatchers. He also noted medical workers, front-line workers, educators and volunteers that staffed the food pantries such as the Connolly Center and Grace Food Pantry.

Providing food and services was also a major part of 2020, and the mayor said the City and local organizations distributed more than 1.2 million pounds of food in 2020. As well, those that were homebound received approximately 120,000 meals delivered to their doors.

Then, after talking about all the ways that Zoom filled in the gaps for regular, in-person meetings, he said it was time to move forward in 2021.

“Needless to say – most of us are ready to ZOOM into 2021,” he said.

The first and longest part of his platform for 2021 revolved around equity and the new Diversity and Equity Advisory Board – which has been in place since the mayor declared racism a public health crisis last summer.

Right now, he said the Board is in the process of reviewing the Everett Police Department’s use-of-force policy – and listening candidly and confidentially to the experiences of people of color with the Everett Police.

“Once they share their findings and recommendations with the Administration, I promise to work diligently to address any issue that that will help our residents feel safe and included,” he said.

He added that members of his Administration have been meeting every other week with the Everett Safe and Welcoming Coalition, and the City has also expanded its language access at City Hall with a contracted interpretation service called Lionbridge – which is also being used in the Everett Public Schools.

“As Mayor, I will continue to embrace the diversity that exists in our great community,” he said. “There is no tolerance for racism in our City, and you have my word that my Administration will constantly strive toward ensuring equity and equality for people of all backgrounds, heritages, sexual orientations, genders, creeds and

economic statuses. Our City must be one in which every resident is able to peacefully share and exchange ideas, one where we can respect and celebrate our differences, and one where we are united in making sure that Everett is a place that we are all proud to call our home.”

Finance was also a big subject in the address, and while many municipalities suffered financially during the pandemic, the mayor said Everett has done well. New construction projects continue to roll in, and revenues aren’t down as much as many feared. He said Everett continues to be a community that many in the region and nation look to for innovative ideas.

He touched on the affordable housing project now emerging at the former St. Therese’s Church site on upper Broadway.

He said one of the things that will need to be considered moving forward is looking at familiar places differently than in the past – such as the Commercial Triangle and other areas that are attractive to developers right now but historically have been considered inferior properties by residents.

“Moving forward in Everett means looking differently at areas of the City and having the ability to see the places we all know in a new way - in a different way,” he said. “We have made significant progress in the revitalization of the Commercial Triangle Area, the area encompassing Revere Beach Parkway and Second Street in Everett.”

That led to the unveiling of a new initiative to increase the footprint of the Urban Renewal Plan in Everett. He said the current plan will add the Lower Broadway Master Plan, the Commercial Triangle, the GE Parcel and Everett Stadium. That was a new and interesting initiative.

“We have big goals, aggressive goals, but I’m confident they can be accomplished,” he said – calling on the City Council to work together with him to move forward in 2021 on such things.

Development talk quickly morphed into amenities and protecting the environment, and he

EAST BOSTON YOUTHS KILLED IN CRASH



Friends and family held a candlelight vigil for East Boston High School graduates Isaiah Ortiz and Alexander Cabrera on Saturday. The two former EBHS students died last Tuesday following a car crash on Chelsea Street.

said developing the City can also mean improving the environment.

He highlighted the new kayak ramp at RiverGreen, the restoration of North/South Creek, and the expansion of the Northern Strand Community Path. He highlighted 20 new BlueBike Stations, and the advancement of the Mystic River Pedestrian Bridge that would unlock an uninterrupted path from Nahant to downtown Boston and Cambridge. At the same time, he highlighted the continued progress on public transportation, including the new Silver Line expansion study that kicked off this week.

He said strong public transit is a must to grow the city.

“Mobility remains the key to sustained economic development and enhanced quality of life for our residents,” he said.

Finally, he said that 2021 will be about – more than anything – making sure the vaccine for COVID-19 arrives in Everett and is distributed to anyone that wants it.

“I am proud that the vaccine has arrived in Everett and that our first responders have been vaccinated,” he said. “Over the next year, I will work to ensure that our entire community has the opportunity to be vaccinated.”

Winding down his Address, he referred to some silver linings

that have come out of COVID-19. For his family, that has meant being under the same roof again and spending more quality time together. For the mayor’s family, he said that has meant gathering nightly around the dining room table to play the Uno card game.

Now, however, he said it’s time to move into 2021 and continue the progress that the City left off with in March 2020 when all things normal came to a halt.

“It’s now time to focus on 2021,” he said. “We will continue to make strides towards bettering our community in all aspects – with transportation, capital improvements, and our infrastructure. The pandemic required the City to shift gears and adapt to a global crisis however, we are ready to pick up where we left off and continue to move Everett forward.”

The full online State of the City Address is available on the City’s Facebook page and on its website.

DeARAUJO APPOINTED TO BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

EAST BOSTON - Mayor Martin Walsh recently appointed East Boston resident and East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel Ernani DeAraujo

to the Boston School Committee

“I am pleased to welcome Ernani DeAraujo to this pivotal role on the Boston School Committee at a time when our work on behalf of the students of Boston has never been more important,” said Walsh. “Ernani has strong roots in his community, and over the course of his career he has worked with an intentional focus on bringing equity and access to diverse Bostonians. He joins a group of leaders on the Boston School Committee committed to best serving the students of the Boston Public Schools.”

The seven-member Boston School Committee is responsible for defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools; establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget; hiring, managing, and evaluating the Superintendent; and setting and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement.

“I’m excited,” said DeAraujo, who lives in Eastie with his wife and two children. “I’ve been thinking about this for a while and then I saw the opportunity open up and I applied. It is a pretty extensive application process. Then you go through an interview process with different educators, administrators, and community people.

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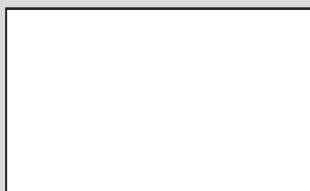
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Citizens Nominating Panel) recommend a slate of candidates to the mayor. At that point it’s the mayor that chooses who he really wants on the committee and so it worked out.”

Historically, DeAraujo will become only the third Eastie resident to serve on the school committee behind former School Committee President John Nucci and Pixie Palladino. However, DeAraujo will become the first appointed member from Eastie since the committee switched from being an elected body to an appointed one. “I believe I’m the first millennial school committee member,” he said. “I have comfort with remote and virtual technology and I hope I can bring some of that knowledge to the table.”

DeAraujo is a lifelong resident of Eastie where he is very involved in the community through his work at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, and as a former neighborhood liaison for Eastie during the late Mayor Thomas Menino Administration. He is the former President of NOAH Community Development Corporation, where he oversaw the East Boston-based community development corporation and worked to create affordable housing and community building, especially through youth development and environmental justice. He co-founded a program for East Boston High School, named the Mario Umana Public Service Fellowship that works to connect students with internship opportunities in government and summer programs and helps students apply to college.

“In my interviews, I talked a lot about East Boston and everything that is going on here with our mix of different populations,” said DeAraujo. “There is also a kind of the baby boom we are experiencing in Eastie that other parts of the city hasn’t seen. So I think a lot of our needs are different from other parts of the city so I definitely want to highlight that and then work together with the Superintendent and her team to listen and hear what the needs are across the district but in particular, East Boston. The first thing I’m going to do is meet with all East Boston school heads. I want to listen. I’m going to plug into the parent groups, welcoming folks to reach out and hope to speak with community groups or any one that cares about the system and can help. I really want to listen and do whatever I can to improve schools.”

DeAraujo’s experience at EBNHC, which opened up a full service satellite clinic at East Boston High several years ago, has given him insight to the connection between health and academic performance.

“When you focus on closing any achievement gap you focus on bringing resources to where they are needed and that is what EBNHC did at the High School,” said DeAraujo. “If you have kids that are struggling with depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, uncontrolled asthma it’s going to be really hard for them to learn. So that condition feeds into that cycle of absenteeism, poor performance and other academic struggles. I want

BPS to do more of that through the Boston Public Health Commission and really address those issues and get more resources like the Health Center did at East Boston High.”

DeAraujo attended Boston Public Schools, including Bradley Elementary, Umana Academy, and Boston Latin School (BLS), and went on to receive a B.A. from Harvard College and a J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, VA. In addition, DeAraujo is a Trustee of the BLS Association, Board Secretary for the Center for Community Health Education Research and Service, Inc., and is Vice Chairman of the John William Ward Fellowship, where he helps coordinate public service programs for BLS students.

“I’m grateful to Mayor Walsh for entrusting me with this opportunity to give back to the Boston Public Schools that have so positively impacted my life,” said DeAraujo. “From the Bradley Elementary School in East Boston to the Boston Latin School, BPS gave me a foundation of academic, social, and emotional strength for adulthood. I want to add my efforts on the School Committee to ensure that all BPS students have the opportunities I did. I look forward to working with the Committee, Superintendent Cassellius, and the dedicated staff of BPS to bring kids and staff back to school safely through this pandemic and continue the course of rebuilding and reimagining BPS to spread excellence across all of our kids and families.”

Alexandra Oliver-Dávila, chairperson of the Boston School Committee, said on behalf of the Boston School Committee, she was pleased to welcome DeAraujo as its newest colleague.

“He has strong connections in the community, a demonstrated passion for helping students succeed, and great experience as a graduate of our schools,” she said. “I look forward to working alongside him in service to the students, families, and educators of the Boston Public Schools and commend Mayor Walsh for this appointment and his ongoing commitment to ensure the Boston School Committee represents the diversity of our schools and our city.”

The members of the school committee are Boston residents appointed by the Mayor of Boston to serve four-year staggered terms. Mayor Walsh made these appointments based on a list of candidates recommended by a committee of parents, teachers, principals, and representatives of business and higher education. Under the legislation that established the appointed School Committee, “the Mayor shall strive to appoint individuals who reflect the racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of the city.”

GLCC PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS

LYNN - The Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce hosted its Annual Meeting and Business Excellence

Awards Night Feb. 3 in a virtual event.

Executive Colin Codner said that more than 300 people have viewed the award presentation ceremony and dinner that is usually held at Spinelli’s, Lynnfield, with many Chamber members and guests in attendance.

One of the highlights of the dinner has always been the superb musical entertainment provided by Seth Albaum, who tailors a specific song for each award recipient as the winner approaches the podium.

Suzanne Iovanna of Pride Motor Group and Bonnie Galinski of Salem State University are new members of the GLCC Board of Directors. Joe Scianatico of the Salem Five Bank, a premier sponsor of the awards night, is the Chairperson of the GLCC Board of Directors.

Following are the 2021 GLCC Business Excellence Award recipients:

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Bibby Real Estate Corp.
Greater Lynn Senior Services
The Lazy Dog Sports Bar

Community Pride Award
Nicole McClain, founder of North Shore Juneteenth Celebration

David J. Solimine Sr. Community Service and Support Awards
Atlantic Ambulance Service
The Salvation Army Community Corps Community Center
George Markos of Brothers Deli, Lynn
Richard Sullivan of R.F. O’Sullivan’s

2021 Chairman’s Award
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ZONING BOARD TRACKING SYSTEM SENT TO COMMITTEE

REVERE - The City Council has referred Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino’s motion about starting a Zoning Board of Appeals tracking system on the city’s website to the Economic Development and Zoning Subcommittee.

Serino said that the “ZBA Tracker” would allow residents to quickly access and gather information about ongoing projects that are before the Board of Appeals.”

Serino said the City of Boston has launched the tracker system successfully “and I think the City of Revere would be well served by a similar tool.”

He said through the system residents would be notified in advance that a project or zoning change was being planned for their neighborhood.

Lor Holmes, a Ward 2 resident, expressed her support for Serino’s plan. Holmes said the ZBA tracking system would make the entire process “more transparent.”

“I look forward to learning more about it and this motion looks to me as a signal in that direction that the Council as well wants to learn more about how we can learn from best practices of other communities,” said Holmes. “I look forward to being a part of the process.”

Serino said he was encouraged by the

favorable reception for his “ZBA Tracker” proposal and that he is looking forward to the discussion at the next subcommittee meeting.

“Although all ZBA agendas and hearings are properly noticed and advertised in Revere, oftentimes, residents don’t realize something has received ZBA approval until after reading it in the newspaper after the matter has been taken up. A tool like this would allow residents to periodically check in on projects that are before the ZBA in their neighborhoods,” said Serino.

COUNCIL APPROVES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

REVERE - The City Council unanimously approved a loan order in the amount of \$5.875 million for Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvements.

Viscay said the funds would be used for “deferred maintenance” and equipment operations by city departments.

He asked the Council to approve a bond that would accelerate the purchase of one additional fire pumper truck and one city-owned trash truck among other capital improvements.

“Rates are historically low right now,” said Viscay. “We feel it is a good decision for the city to bump up a couple of these pieces of equipment and sell one bond for the entire amount to fully execute the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan and Budget.”

DPW Supt. Paul Argenzion spoke in favor of the bond authorization.

“There are several pieces of equipment that the DPW desperately needs, one of being a sweeper, a trash truck, two all-wheel drive, six-wheel dump trucks, and a sign utility vehicle,” said Argenzio. “In all cases, these pieces of equipment replace pieces that are [year] 2006s, so they’re on their last legs and we really need to have this equipment to operate properly.”

Argenzio added that the dump trucks are necessary to bolster the department’s snow-fighting capabilities, especially in the hilly sections of Revere.

Argenzio also expressed support for a \$1.4 million appropriation targeted for repairs of public stairs in the city.

“Over the last couple of years, we’ve been able to replace the three sets of wooden stairs and now we’re faced with either total reconstruction or major repairs to the other sets of all-concrete stairs throughout the city,” said Argenzio. “We have the engineering work done and we’re ready to move on this.”

Chief of Infrastructure

Donald Ciaramella also spoke in favor of the prospective purchases of new equipment.

“The equipment that’s needed is very valuable to our operations, snow removal, and the cleanliness of our streets in regard to the street sweepers,” said Ciaramella. “It’s badly needed equipment and we’ll put it to good use.”

Julie DeMauro, transportation manager for the city, said she supported the \$1.4 million appropriation for the rebuilding of the public stairs in Beachmont.

“I’ve been working with Paul Argenzio, along with [Councillors] Joanne McKenna and Ira Novoselsky, and several members of the Beachmont Improvement Committee to get these stairs rebuilt,” said DeMauro. “This is really important. Two of the steps are in complete disarray and you would need a complete demolition, so this money is definitely needed.”

Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso said he was pleased to see an upgrade in city-used equipment.

“I’m very pleased with the purchases for the DPW and the Fire Department,” said Guinasso. “This is the type of thing that we need in our community. We need modern and updated equipment in order to service our community the best we know how.”

The City Council also approved loan orders in the amount of \$60,000 for the replacement of windows and doors at the Lincoln School and \$60,000 for the design and replacement of a new boiler system at the Beachmont School.

TOWN RECOVERS FROM CYBER ATTACK

WINTHROP - During last week’s school committee meeting Superintendent Lisa Howard shared the details surrounding the recent Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) attacks that interrupted learning time throughout the district.

On February 4, after several days of slow internet service and bouts of disrupted service, the district’s technology investigations team informed administrators that the Town and school servers were the target of a malicious computer attack which prevented students and teachers from utilizing internet-based resources such as Google Classroom, email, video conferencing and other services while in school buildings. The attack, which also caused a disruption for town municipal offices, eventually caused the services to shut down from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm, the exact timeframe when students are in school.

Howard also confirmed that the outages only occurred on days during in-person learning.

“Over the past few days I’ve learned far more about technology than I ever knew before, and despite the issues this has caused for learning, we have a solid plan in place that will prevent this from happening again.”

After recruiting the help of the Winthrop Police Department, Comcast Lan-Tel Communications and Balsam Technologies, to get to the source of the problem, a mitigation package was put in place, and going forward, Comcast will be alerted of any suspicious activity before it reaches the district’s system. Added NetFlow monitoring on the sonic wall will collect and record real time information going in and out. In addition, Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) has been put in place as another layer of monitoring and protection.

“This will help us as we move forward, and he SNMP monitoring will allow a network map to show where things are connected, and any unrecognized devices will be alerted and shut down.”

Howard said that the revised bandwidth management will prevent any device in the system from exceeding more than one gigabyte of bandwidth, which is more than enough bandwidth to support the schools’ systems. The initial DDoS emergency mitigation services fees were waved by Comcast, and going forward, the district will pay a monthly subscription fee to ensure that a DDoS attack does not happen again.

“It’s important to note that these attacks have occurred in multiple public school districts across the state. At this point we believe the issue has been resolved and we are grateful to have the collaborative efforts of everyone involved.”

The attack, known as a Distributed Denial of Service attack (DDoS), is designed to overwhelm the bandwidth resources with large amounts of data, which is what prevented students and teachers from accessing the online learning resources. No student employee or financial data was accessed as a result of the attack.

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OBITUARIES

Alfred Zani (a.k.a. Zarni)

Former President of Rocky DeCamillo Steel Erection Co who loved the City of Chelsea

Alfred A. Zani (AKA Zarni), 91, of Chelsea died on January 30 in Revere following a long illness.

Alfred loved the City of Chelsea and as an activist, fought for the benefit of the entire community, especially the downtrodden and marginalized. He was the former president and operator of Rocky DeCamillo Steel Erection Co. for over 43 years. His memberships include the Saugus Lodge of Elks #642 and he was a founding member of the Cary Square Associates.

He was the beloved husband of the late Dorothea P. "Dot" (Sexton) Zarni; cherished father of Bernadette H. Moore, James A. Zarni and his wife, Paula G., all of Revere, John A. Zarni and his wife Patricia of Chelsea and the late Richard N. Zarni and the late Robert F. Zarni; devoted grandfather of Eric S. R. Moore of Royal Palm Beach, FL, Jessica A. White and her husband, Brian of Melrose, Katie E. Lombardi and her husband, Carl of No. Reading and Amanda E. Zarni of Chelsea; proud great-grandfather of Eric T. Moore, Eric J. Moore & Devon R. Moore, all of Royal Palm Beach, FL, Jacob C. Lombardi, Gracie E. Lombardi and Quinn Lombardi, all of No. Reading and Jaxson T. White of Melrose; dear brother to Lena R. Diesso of Revere and the late Elmo Zani-Zarni. He is also lovingly survived by



his great-great-grandson, Shawn J. Many respectful nieces and nephews also survive him.

Family and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Funeral Mass on Saturday, February 20 in the Immaculate Conception Church (Corner of Beach St. and Winthrop Ave.) Revere at 10:30 a.m. Interment is private.

Attendees are reminded to proceed directly to church and in keeping with the ongoing pandemic, maintain social distancing and masks must be worn in the church at all times. Attendees must provide their name and telephone number for contact tracing and temperatures will be taken prior to entering the church.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 333 Wyman St., Waltham, MA 02451.

The staff at Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals is honored to have assisted the family with completion of funeral arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioand-smith.com.

Collette Grant

Of Revere

Collette (Costello) Grant of Revere died unexpectedly on February 12 at the age of 75.

Born in Chelsea on October 15, 1945 to the late Joseph and Yvette (Giguere), she was the devoted mother of Eric M. Grant and his husband, David Finkelstein of Brooklyn, NY, and Heather Ford of Revere; cherished grandmother of Lynsdale Ford Jr., Sydney, Casey and Zachary Ford; dear sister of Michael Costello and his wife, Jane of New Hampshire, Cathy Costello of Malden and the late Raymond Costello and his surviving wife, Pastor Catherine Costello of North Carolina. She is also survived by countless friends.

Due to the current re-

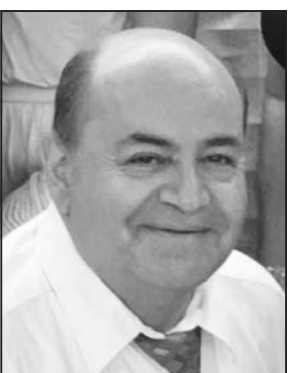


strictions with Covid-19, all services were privately held by the immediate family. Interment at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. A Celebration of Collette's Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Rossetti Cowan Senior Center, 25 Winthrop Avenue, Revere, MA 02151. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

James R. DeSantis, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away on February 13 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 58.

Born in Revere on November 13, 1962 to Joseph DeSantis and the late Frances (DePaolo), he was the cherished father of Rachael DeSantis and longtime friend of her mother, Valerie DiSalvo Green, dear brother of Joseph DeSantis Sr. of Revere and Janice DeSantis and her longtime companion, Rob McPherson of Chelsea; adored uncle of Joseph DeSantis Jr. and his wife, Erin, John DeSantis and Jenae DeSantis and great uncle to Lola Bartlett. He was the beloved nephew of Richie DeSantis and the late Bobby DeSantis and is also survived by cousins and countless friends.

James played hockey his entire life and more recently picked up tennis and racquetball. He coached all of Rachael's sports growing up and loved all the New England teams especially the Boston Bruins. James had a great knowledge of music going to every concert he possibly could and Rock



and Roll being his favorite. He never missed a Revere High School football game on Thanksgiving.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Friday, February 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (capacity limits are in effect, please make visits brief so others may enter the funeral home). Funeral Mass to follow at St. Anthony's Church in Revere at 12 noon (names and temperatures will be taken upon entrance). Masks and social distancing are required at church and funeral home. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. You can send flowers or donate to www.jimmyfund.org/gift.

Samantha Lynne "Sam"

Lockard

Feb. 18, 1987 – Feb. 10, 2021

Samantha Lynne "Sam" Lockard, 33, passed away unexpectedly in her Billerica home on Wednesday, February 10. Sam had been living courageously with severe asthma for many years.

Born and raised in Lynn, she was the beloved only child of Mark A. and Donna M. (Borden) Lockard of Bern, KS. Sam was a self-employed Web Designer and also worked full time with Answer Net as a national sales exec. where she applied her skills as a customer service rep, a skill she learned working earlier with West Lynn Creamery.

She was raised in Lynn and was a resident of Lynn for most of her life until settling in Billerica several months ago. Sam attended St. Pius grammar school and graduated from Lynn Classical High School. She continued her education at Framingham State College.

While attending High School, she was awarded for her time and performances in the school Drama Club. She later joined the Hilltop Players where she enjoyed acting and singing. She taught Sunday school at St. Pius in Lynn and enjoyed her summers with the church youth group "CAMPS."

An avid reader and movie buff, she would always recite movie quotes to real life situations and she enjoyed lively political debates with her father Mark.



She is survived by her loving parents, Donna and Mark Lockard. She was a dear niece of Peter Borden and his life partner, Dawn Wright Pajala, Rhonda Borden, Debbie and Joe Visconti, Betsy and Bobby Jackson, Linda and Johnny Ray Freeman and Billy and Melissa Lockard; beloved fiancé of Ralph Moody of New Hampshire; devoted best friend of Billy Moglia, Jackie Twomey, Lindsay Reading and Chris Hernandez. She is also survived by her munchkin, Farrell Visconti and by numerous cousins, extended family members and friends and her canine babies, "Mama" and "Harley."

Visiting hours were held from the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea on Wednesday, February 17 and a Catholic prayer service was livestreamed and conducted during the visitation by her family friend, Deacon Jim Hinkle of St. Pius R.C. Church, Lynn.

Should friends desire, contributions in her memory should be directed to either the Northeast Animal Shelter, Alzheimer's Research or Asthma Research Fund.

Family and friends who wish may offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book by visiting: www.welshfh.com.

Marcos Antonio Chirino

Sosa

March 21, 1978 – February 8, 2021

Marcos Antonio Chirino Sosa, 42, died tragically as a result of a motor vehicle collision on Route 495 in Marlborough on Monday, February 8.

Born and raised in San Vicente, El Salvador, he was a beloved son of Marcos Chirino and Vilma Candelaria Sosa de Reyes. He received his early education attending school in El Salvador and came to Chelsea in 1999 seeking gainful work. He settled briefly in Kansas and returned to Chelsea more than 10 years ago. He worked as a professional truck driver and was employed with North Coast Seafood for several years.

He was a dedicated parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Church in Chelsea for many years and a vibrant member of the church community there. He was an enthusiastic fan of Tom Brady "TB 12" and followed FC Barcelona Soccer.

He is survived by his beloved parents in El Salvador, his daughter Karla Guadalupe Montano Villanueva and his grandson of Hampton NH. He was the dear brother of Maria Julia Chirino of El Salvador and Maria Alvarado of California and is also survived by several extended family members and friends in the local area.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday morning in St. Rose Church, Chelsea. Marco will be returned to El Salvador for interment in Parque Memoria in San Vicente.

We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book by visiting: www.welshfh.com.

A los 42 años de edad, Marcos murió trágicamente como resultado de una colisión de vehículos de motor en la ruta 495 en Marlborough el lunes 8 de febrero.

Nacido y criado en San Vicente, El Salvador fue un amado hijo de Marcos Chirino y Vilma Candelaria Sosa de Reyes. Recibió su educación temprana asistiendo a la escuela en



El Salvador.

Llegó al Chelsea en 1999 en busca de un trabajo lucrativo. Se establecería brevemente en Kansas y regresó a Chelsea hace más de 10 años. Trabajó como conductor de camiones profesional y trabajó con North Coast Seafood durante varios años. Fue un feliz dedicado de la Iglesia de Santa Rosa de Lima en Chelsea durante muchos años. Era un miembro vibrante de la comunidad eclesial allí. Fue entusiasta fan de Tom Brady "TB 12" y siguió al FC Barcelona Soccer.

Le sobreviven sus queridos padres en El Salvador, su hija Karla Guadalupe Montano Villanueva y su nieto de Hampton NH. Era el querido hermano de María Julia Chirino de El Salvador y María Alvarado de Calif. También le sobreviven varios familiares y amigos en el área local.

Familiares y amigos están muy amablemente invitados a asistir a las horas de visita en el Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea el lunes 15 de febrero de 4 a 7 P.M. y de nuevo el martes 16 de febrero de 4 a 7 PM. Todos los asistentes deben usar revestimientos faciales, practicar distanciamiento físico al saludar a la familia, presentar sus respetos y salir de la funeraria para permitir que otros invitados entren.

El martes 16 de febrero a las 10:00 a.m. se celebrará una misa fúnebre en St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway Chelsea. Todos los asistentes deben proporcionar información de contacto, usar revestimientos faciales, practicar distanciamiento físico mientras asisten a la misa en la iglesia.

Marco's será devuelto a El Salvador para su entierro en el Parque Memoria en San Vicente. Animamos a familiares y amigos que deseen, a ofrecer condolencias en este momento a través del libro de visitas en línea o a enviar una tarjeta de simpatía personalizada utilizando el siguiente enlace.

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Beth Israel Lahey Health awards \$600,000 in grant funding to Chelsea

Beth Israel Lahey Health (BILH) announced \$600,000 in grant funding to the City of Chelsea to support efforts to address food insecurity and housing stability. Building on BILH’s longstanding commitment to the community, the grant funding seeks to address key areas of need identified collaboratively by the City of Chelsea, community-based organizations and BILH’s Community Benefits Committee.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted communities of color, including the City of Chelsea, and placed a spotlight on systemic health and social inequities,” said Kevin Tabb, MD, President and CEO of Beth Israel Lahey

Health. “Housing stability and access to fresh and nutritious food are critical social determinants of health. As a healthcare organization committed to serving the vital health needs of our communities, we are proud to provide these grants to City of Chelsea programs to help address urgent needs that have been exacerbated by the pandemic.”

BILH grant funding will support the following:

- Chelsea Housing Legal Aid Bureau (\$400,000): The Chelsea Housing Legal Aid Bureau was launched by the City of Chelsea in October 2020 to provide legal services and representation to Chelsea residents, regardless of their income or immigration or citizen-

ship status, who are facing eviction and landlord disputes. Since the onset of the pandemic, more than 1,000 Chelsea households have applied to the City for emergency rental assistance to avoid being displaced.

- Chelsea Eats (\$200,000): Chelsea Eats is an innovative pilot program launched by the City of Chelsea in October 2020. The program provides residents with monthly debit cards (\$200 to \$400 each) to be used at supermarkets and food stores. During the pandemic, severe food insecurity has disproportionately affected Black and Latinx communities in Massachusetts, with one in four households reporting food insecurity.

In Chelsea, 70% of residents identify as Black or Hispanic. Since October, more than 4,000 Chelsea residents have applied for a Chelsea Eats card for assistance purchasing food and other essential items.

“On behalf of the City of Chelsea, I want to thank Beth Israel Lahey Health for their ongoing partnership and commitment to our community,” said Tom Ambrosino, Chelsea City Manager. “The City of Chelsea has seen first-hand the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and BILH has been with us every step of the way, providing COVID-19 testing and now vaccination right in our community. This critical grant funding will help us advance food security

and housing stability in this unprecedented time.”

In April 2020, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, part of Beth Israel Lahey Health, expanded its COVID-19 ambulatory testing locations with the addition of a site at Beth Israel Deaconess HealthCare-Chelsea, which has served the community since 1995. The COVID-19 testing site supports all patients, including those who are uninsured, by providing COVID-19 ambulatory testing.

In October 2020, BILH awarded a behavioral health grant in the amount of \$270,000 over three years to the North Suffolk Mental Health Association to assist uninsured and underinsured Chelsea

resident with behavioral health issues.

Earlier this month, BILH launched a COVID-19 vaccination site for patients of Beth Israel Lahey Health, including Beth Israel Deaconess HealthCare-Chelsea, who meet the state’s criteria for the beginning of Phase 2 of the state’s vaccination distribution plan (e.g. age 75+) have received an invitation from and have scheduled appointment. For more information about Beth Israel Lahey Health’s vaccination rollout, please visit: <https://coronavirus.bilh.org/roll-out/>.

Ambroz named as new Boys & Girls Club of Boston president

Staff Report

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) has named David Ambroz its new Nicholas President and CEO. Succeeding Josh Kraft as the third executive to hold the position, and 15th professional leader in the organization’s 128-year history, Ambroz will lead BGCB into its next chapter, supporting members and families across Boston and Chelsea.

Ambroz begins his term Monday, April 5, 2021.

Ambroz brings deep experience in equity, diversity, and engagement in the corporate, public and philanthropic sectors, and comes to BGCB from Walt Disney Television (WDT) where he served as Executive Director, Corporate Social Responsibility since 2012. While at Disney, Ambroz led the company’s social responsibility and philanthropic efforts, aligning charitable giving and pro-social activities with business

and brand objectives and establishing programs and initiatives to drive employee engagement while advancing diversity and inclusion. Among his achievements at WDT, Ambroz developed a production assistant intern program across all WDT networks, creating a talent pipeline, recruiting individuals from underrepresented communities into shows and production, and advancing depictions of diverse talent.

“At the core of my life is a drive to empower the youth from the communities where I come from, places full of potential but unequal opportunity,” said Ambroz. “The Nicholas President and CEO role is a chance for me to serve the children and communities of Boston, with the full breadth of resources in people and knowledge that BGCB brings. I’m eager to build on the incredible strength already in place.”

Ambroz is the co-founder of FosterMore,

a national awareness campaign for foster care and adoption influenced by his own childhood experience of homelessness, and time spent in foster care, a role for which he was awarded President Barack Obama’s Champions of Change award. He is also the President of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, a position appointed by the mayor, and previously served as Executive Director of the Los Angeles City College Foundation, where he raised and managed a multimillion-dollar endowment.

“David is a strategic, visionary thinker who will be a terrific leader during a time of great change for the organization. I am excited to welcome him to Boston,” said Dave Johnson, Executive Chair of the Board. “For nearly 130 years, BGCB has lived up to its mission to be there for our members and families, no matter what, and this year has proved no different. David’s life experiences mirror the challeng-

es faced by many of the youth we serve, leading to an unquestionable passion for providing opportunity for kids who might otherwise not have it. As we continue to work with our communities and program partners to navigate the challenges of the pandemic, David is a cross-functional leader who will help BGCB grow in the years ahead through his deep experience embedding innovation into philanthropic programming.”

“Boston is lucky to have David Ambroz. I know Ambroz will bring strategy, ambassadorship, innovative thinking, and most importantly his ceaseless energy in service to others—especially children—to his new role at BGCB,” said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who named Ambroz to the LA City Planning Commission in 2013, where he continues to serve.

A nationwide search was led by Spencer Stuart under the aegis of the BGCB CEO Search Com-

mittee which included Johnson and fellow Board members, Trustees, and Club alumni. The committee was further supported by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and prioritized finding a candidate with a passion for BGCB’s mission and a clear commitment to the well-being and development of its members, along with the strategic leadership skills needed to foster partnerships and cement BGCB’s position as a leading force in the city.

“I look forward to David bringing his personal and professional experience, fundraising skills, demonstrated civic work, and ability to forge and maintain strong partnerships to BGCB. Boston is a city in transformation, with new leadership all around,” said BGCB Director Michele Courton Brown, a member of the search committee. “As a leading nonprofit with high standards, a distinguished history of service to its members and won-



(PHOTO BY KOURY ANGELO)
David Ambroz, Nicholas President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

derful opportunity ahead, BGCB is a tentpole of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. I have no doubt David will harness that magic for our members.”

Ambroz received a juris doctorate degree from the UCLA School of Law and has a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY.

US Attorney Andrew Lelling to leave Boston office on February 28

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling announced last week that, effective Feb. 28, he will step down as United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

Lelling tendered his resignation to the President of the United States earlier this week.

The announcement marks the end of Lelling’s 20-year career in the Department of Justice, starting in 2001 as a senior official in the Civil Rights Division, followed by positions as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney’s Offices for the Eastern District of Virginia and, since 2005, for the District of Massachusetts. In September 2017, with the support of Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey, President Donald J. Trump nominated Lelling for the position of United States Attorney. In December 2017, the United States Senate voted unanimously to confirm him.

“It has been an honor to lead this office,”

said Lelling. “Over the last 15 years, I have had the privilege of working not only with the best federal prosecutors in the country, but with the federal, state and local law enforcement officers who put themselves at risk to keep Massachusetts safe. My goal as U.S. Attorney has been to do this job without fear or outside influence, and to make clear that everyone – regardless of wealth, status, or position of authority – will be treated the same under the law. Massachusetts deserves nothing less.”

Under Lelling’s leadership, the U.S. Attorney’s Office brought successful, high impact cases in a number of areas.

- The office launched the most significant federal enforcement action in U.S. history targeting corruption in college admissions, an effort that sparked a national conversation on fairness and equality in the admissions process. Fifty-six people were charged in the college admissions case, 42

of whom have been convicted to date.

- In the first federal racketeering case targeting senior corporate executives for their role in exacerbating the opioid epidemic, in 2019, seven senior executives of Insys Therapeutics, Inc., including its CEO, John Kapoor, were convicted at trial.
- Lelling spearheaded a nationally recognized anti-opioid media campaign focused on preventing first time use, especially among teens. The campaign used social media and nontraditional platforms with targeted messaging developed using focus groups of teens and others. It was first of its kind in the country and reached millions of people in the Commonwealth and beyond.
- In a push to tackle public corruption in the Commonwealth, since late 2017, under Lelling’s leadership the office has charged: 11 current and former members of the Massachusetts State Police and 10 current and

former members of the Boston Police Department for fraudulent overtime practices and other corruption; State Representative David Nangle for alleged fraud; and a state district court judge for alleged obstruction of justice.

- Continuing the office’s longstanding role as a leader in national healthcare enforcement, since late 2017 the office’s civil prosecutors have recovered nearly \$1 billion from major pharmaceutical companies for violations of civil anti-kickback laws.
- Leading a coordinated group of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Attorney’s Office prioritized rooting out drug trafficking and violent offenders in Lawrence, Mass., a city in which crime has dropped 46 percent in the last two years.
- Since late 2017, Lelling’s gang and organized crime prosecutors have convicted dozens of members of the violent transnational gang MS-

13, and indicted more than 70 members of the Latin Kings gang, substantially dismantling both gangs in Massachusetts.

Under Lelling’s leadership, the U.S. Attorney’s Office was also a national leader in federal civil rights enforcement:

- The Office’s “pattern and practice” investigation of the Springfield Police Department was the only such investigation opened in the country under the Trump administration.
- During Lelling’s tenure, the Boston U.S. Attorney’s Office was the only one to use the Americans with Disabilities Act to require nursing facilities and county jails to provide medically assisted treatment to recovering addicts.
- Lelling’s office continues to pursue a federal civil rights investigation of allegations of mismanagement and neglect at the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home during the pandemic, a situation that resulted in the deaths of over 75 elderly

veterans.

- Lelling’s office continues to negotiate with the Massachusetts Department of Correction to improve treatment of inmates requiring mental health treatment and reduce the use of restrictive housing.

Lelling added, “This is a unique and powerful job – there is no flesh-and-blood client, but only an unshakable obligation to be fair and to work in the public interest. I know that my colleagues, in the U.S. Attorney’s Office and in the law enforcement agencies we work with, share my belief that this is a calling. I look forward to new challenges in the years ahead, but I will miss the sense of mission that comes with working for the U.S. Department of Justice.”

Following Lelling’s departure, First Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell will assume the role of Acting U.S. Attorney.

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Chelsea’s GreenRoots to get \$200K in AG’s Biopharma settlement

Staff Report

A global biopharmaceutical company has agreed to pay \$600,000 and limit its emissions of harmful air pollutants to settle allegations that it violated the Massachusetts Clean Air Act and regulations at its Lexington facility, Attorney General Maura Healey announced last week.

Of that amount, \$200,000 will fund a project to purchase air filters for more than 500 homes in Chelsea, an environmental justice community that suffers from poor air quality due to numerous nearby sources of similar air pollutants, including industrial facilities, heavy highway and road traffic, and Logan Airport.

“This company knowingly caused air pollution by failing to comply with regulations intended to protect public health,” AG Maura Healey said. “This settlement holds the company accountable and will result in long-term benefits to the air quality in hundreds of homes in Chelsea, a community in which vulnerable residents have been hard hit

by the pandemic and subjected to a long history of environmental injustices.”

AG Healey’s Office has made protecting clean air a priority. In her May 2020 brief on the environmental factors that compounded the COVID-19 pandemic’s disparate impact on environmental justice communities in Massachusetts, AG Healey discussed the high rates of air pollution in lower-income areas and communities of color – including Chelsea – and identified pursuing enforcement cases in such communities as an important step to address the longstanding impact of environmental injustice on the state’s families. As a part of that initiative, the AG’s Office has prioritized directing settlement funds from appropriate enforcement actions to support environmental justice communities.

The consent judgment, filed in Suffolk Superior Court and approved last week, settles allegations that Shire Human Genetic Therapies, Inc. (Shire) violated the state’s Clean Air Act and its regulations when Shire’s Lexington facility exceed-

ed applicable emissions limits for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) established by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). VOCs are dangerous air pollutants that pose severe risks to public health, including through their contribution to the formation of harmful ground level ozone, or smog, which can increase susceptibility to and exacerbate respiratory ailments and illnesses including asthma. Ozone also causes toxic effects in plants and degrades materials such as rubber and fabric.

“Shire is required to obtain air quality permits to regulate its operations, consistent with other pharmaceutical facilities operating in the Commonwealth, and when the company failed to do so, they potentially endangered the environment and the public health,” said Eric Worrall, Director of MassDEP’s Northeast Regional Office in Wilmington. “I am pleased that this settlement will include a supplemental environmental project where the company will provide air quality

benefits to residents of the environmental justice community of Chelsea with the installation of more than 500 whole-house air filters.”

The AG’s complaint alleges that, in 2014, Shire began increasing its use of surface disinfectants in its expanding manufacturing operations at its Lexington facility without first seeking or obtaining a permit to do so from MassDEP, as is required under applicable law. Surface disinfectants contain VOCs, which evaporate and escape into the surrounding environment. The complaint alleges that since 2014, Shire exceeded its emissions limits at least 100 times, with 28 of those times being more than double the allowed limit. The complaint alleges that Shire failed to comply with numerous recordkeeping and reporting requirements as well.

Under the settlement, Shire is required to apply for a new permit that will cap VOC emissions from the Lexington facility at a level that will both allow expansion at the facility and help keep the public safe from dangerous

pollutants. In addition to imposing \$400,000 in civil penalties, the settlement requires Shire to pay \$200,000 to fund a project being conducted by GreenRoots, Inc., a community-based organization dedicated to improving and enhancing the urban environment and public health in Chelsea and surrounding communities. These communities face “significantly com-

promised” indoor air quality, in part due to VOC emissions. GreenRoots will use the funds to purchase air filters for more than 500 homes in Chelsea. In collaboration with health institutions and private and public partners, baseline and long-term air monitoring will be conducted to evaluate improvements, and the project could be implemented in other areas in the future.

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A notice is hereby provided of a public hearing to be held on March 9, 2021 at 6 PM via Zoom Video Conference regarding grant of location for a small cell tower at 91 Garland Street.

The public is invited to attend and to be heard. Anyone who would like to participate or submit questions should email Rebecca Wright at rwright@chelseama.gov. Comments must be submitted by 12pm March 9, 2021 via email to Rebecca Wright at rwright@chelseama.gov or via U.S. mail to Rebecca Wright, Assistant Engineer, Department of Public Works, Room 310, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150.

Rebecca Wright
Assistant Engineer
2/18/21, 2/25/21

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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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2021-03

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, March 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Iglesia La Luz de Cristo For Special Permit seeking approval for the construction of a driveway and off-street parking lot on both Clark Avenue and Broadway side of the building at the premises known as: 738 Broadway and 47 Clark Avenue 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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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stephen Dunn, aka Stephen R. Dunn, to Sovereign Bank, said mortgage dated April 4, 2006, and filed in the Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 719190 and noted on Certificate of Title No. C212-31, and now held by Santander Bank, N.A., f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A., f/k/a Sovereign Bank, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on February 26, 2021 at 1:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, directly in front of the building containing said unit, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: That certain piece of parcel of land, and the buildings and improvements thereon: In the Town of: Chelsea County of: Suffolk And State of: Massachusetts And being more particularly described in a deed filed in Book Page As Document No. 576117 and noted on Certificate of Title No. C212-31 Of the Suffolk County, City of Chelsea Which property is more commonly known as 124 Addison Street Apt. 11, Chelsea, MA 02150 More Particularly Described as: A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON SITUATED IN CHELSEA, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, KNOWN AS 124 ADDISION STREET APT 11, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE UNIT KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 11, OF ADDISION PLACE CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 183A, BY MASTER DEED RECORDED WITH THE SUFFOLK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS DISTRICT OF THE LAND COURT AS DOC. NO. 430062, AS AMENDED BY INSTRUMENTS DULY RECORDED

WITH SAID REGISTRY. THE UNIT IS SHOWN ON FLOOR PLANS OF THE BUILDINGS RECORDED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH SAID MASTER DEED AND A COPY OF THE PORTION OF SAID PLANS ATTACHED TO WHICH IS AFFIXED THE VERIFIED STATEMENT OF A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IN TH FORM REQUIRED BY SECTION 9 OF SAID CHAPTER 183A. THE UNIT IS CONVEYED TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST AS SET FORTH IN THE MASTER DEED (a) IN THE COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES OF ADDISION PLACE CONDOMINIUM AS DESCRIBED IN THE AMSTER DEED, AND (b) IN THE ADDISION PLACE CONDOMINIUM TRUST, RECORDED WITH SAID MASTER DEED IN SAID REGISTRY OF DEEDS, AS SUCH MAY BE AMENDED BY INSTRUMENTS OF RECORD, AND WITH THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN SAID MASTER DEED. FOR REFERENCE TO TITLE, SEE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 212031, AND DOCUMENT NO. 576117 The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor’s Title, see deed dated December 9, 1998, and filed as Certificate of Title No. C212-31 and Document No. 576117 with the Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court. Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND

(\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for Santander Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Sovereign Bank Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 2/4/21, 2/11/21, 2/18/21

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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2021-04 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, March 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Robert Saenz For Special Permit and Variance for the construction of an eight residential dwelling unit structure within a 5,000 square foot lot which does not meet the current minimum zoning requirements for side and rear yard setbacks, lot size and number of parking spaces and which also exceeds maximum density, lot coverage, number of stories, building height and floor area ratio at the premises known as: 856 Broadway 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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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 “Alarm and Monitoring Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, March 4, 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 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. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 2/18/21

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CITY OF CHELSEA PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Act, MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5 and Chapter 34, Section 34-4 of the City of Chelsea Code of Ordinances, that the Chelsea City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 to discuss proposed zoning amendments changes including: * Proposed Zoning Amendments * Rezone parcels along Revere Beach Parkway to Retail Business 2 (BR2) * Marijuana Establishment * Municipal Harbor Plan A copy of the ordinance, maps, and other materials may be reviewed at the Chelsea City Council Office, City Hall, 500 Broadway #306, Chelsea MA 02150 during City Hall business hours. Or email fmelara@chelseama.gov to request materials. Roy Avellaneda President Chelsea City Council 2/11/21, 2/18/21

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Man charged for having illegal firearms at Encore

A New Hampshire man has been indicted in connection with illegally possessing two firearms and three large capacity magazines and allegedly intending to sell narcotics at Encore Boston Harbor, Attorney General Maura Healey announced today.

Matthew Gorman, 32, of New Hampshire, was indicted Thursday, Feb. 11, by a Middlesex County Grand Jury on Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm (2 counts), Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device (3 counts), Possession of a Firearm Without a License Outside Home Or Business (2 counts), and Possession of a Loaded Firearm (2 counts), as well as Possession with Intent to Distribute a Class B Substance (Methamphetamine) (1 count).

He will be arraigned in Middlesex Superior Court at a later date.

Pursuant to an investigation by the Massachusetts State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit at Encore Boston Harbor, Gorman was stopped in a motor vehicle on the casino premises and found to be in illegal possession of two semi-automatic pistols and three large capacity magazines. Gorman is also alleged to have been in possession

of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, which authorities allege he was intending to distribute.

All of these charges are allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

AG Healey’s Gaming Enforcement Division has a dedicated group of prosecutors and investigators who enforce the state’s Expanded Gaming Act of 2011 and investigate and prosecute illegal activity such as gaming-related financial crime, organized crime, corruption and money laundering, including the majority of criminal activity occurring at the state’s casinos.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Emil A. Ata and Assistant Attorney General Kristyn Dusel Kelly, both of AG Healey’s Gaming Enforcement Division, with assistance from Digital Evidence Analyst Jobal Thomas of the AG’s Digital Evidence Lab. The case was investigated by the Massachusetts State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit at Encore Boston Harbor with assistance from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Encore Boston Harbor, Everett Police Department, and Middlesex District Attorney’s Office.

MS-13 member pleads guilty

An MS-13 member pleaded guilty on Friday, Feb. 12, in Boston federal court and admitted to his participation in a 2018 murder in Lynn.

Eliseo Vaquerano Canas, a/k/a “Peligroso,” 21, a national of El Salvador, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, more commonly referred to as RICO or racketeering conspiracy. As part of his guilty plea, Vaquerano Canas admitted that his racketeering activity involved the July 30, 2018 murder of a 17-year-old boy in Lynn. U.S. Senior District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf scheduled sentencing for June 18, 2021.

MS-13 is a transnational street gang operating in Massachusetts and numerous other states, as well as countries such as El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. MS-13 members follow certain core rules and principles, including that members attack and attempt to kill members of rival gangs, and members do not act as informants or cooperate with law enforcement.

MS-13 is organized in Massachusetts and elsewhere in the form of “cliques” or smaller groups that operate under the larger mantle of MS-13. Vaquerano Canas was a member of the Sykos Locos Salvatrucha clique of MS-13. Court documents showed that Vaquerano Canas had “homeboy” status in MS-13, which is generally achieved by committing a significant act of violence.

Vaquerano Canas was indicted in federal court in 2018 following an investigation into the murder of a teenage boy whose body was found in a Lynn park on Aug. 2, 2018. The injuries to the victim’s body indicated that the victim had been stabbed dozens of times. As part of his guilty plea, Vaquerano Canas admitted that on or about July 30, 2018, he participated in that murder while a member of the MS-13 gang.

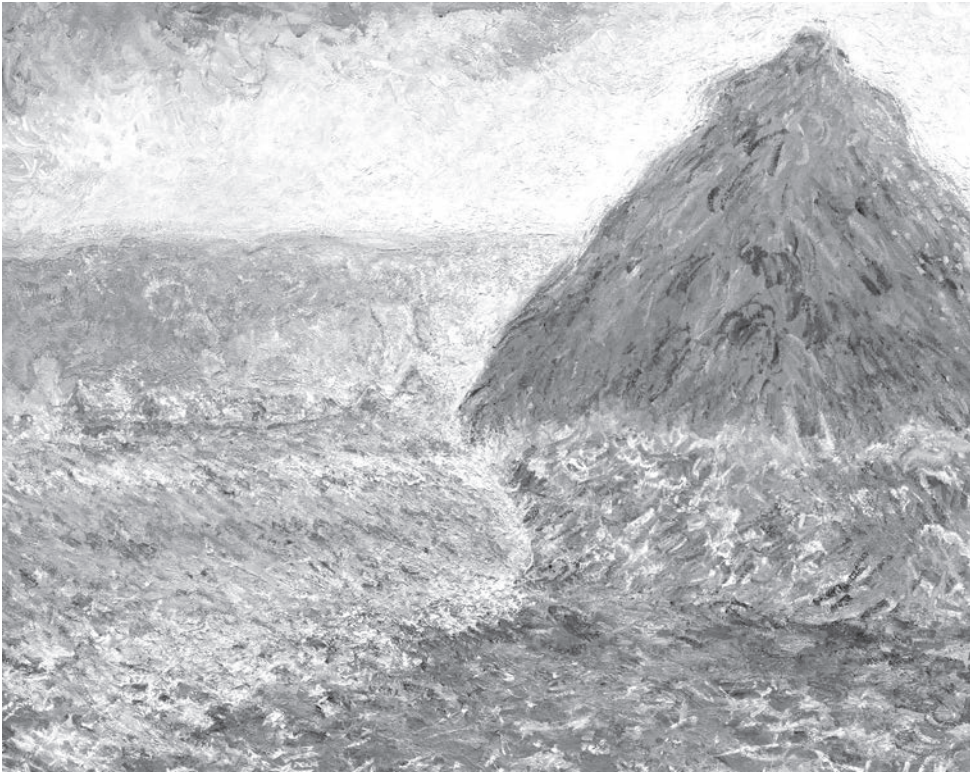
Vaquerano Canas faces a sentence of up to life in prison. He will also be subject to deportation upon the completion of his sentence.

Monet exhibit continues at MFA

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), has announced that “Monet and Boston: Lasting Impression” has been extended through March 28.

The popular exhibition, which offers a once-in-a-generation chance to see all 35 of the Museum’s oil paintings by Claude Monet (1840–1926), has sold out its entire run to date. March tickets went on sale Feb. 16 at noon for MFA members, and February 17 at 10 a.m. for nonmembers.

Monet found extraordinary beauty in settings both mundane and majestic, and he shared that vision—that enthusiasm for the here and now—in paintings that changed the course of art. Perhaps no other artist has captured Boston’s imagination as enduringly as the beloved Impressionist master. On view together for the first time in a generation, the MFA’s 35 Monet paint-



Grainstack (Sunset), 1891, Claude Monet. Oil on canvas.

ings are joined by select loans from private collections and works from the MFA’s broader holdings, including 19th-century Japanese woodblock

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MALDEN CATHOLIC HOLDS ROLLING RALLY FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Malden Catholic High School (MC) held an Accepted Students Rolling Rally on February 13 to welcome the incoming Class of 2025. Families paraded in line through the back parking lot, honking their horns in celebration to begin the spirited festivities that included triumphant music and a performance by the MC cheerleaders.

“This has been an outstanding enrollment season,” announced Mr. John Thornburg, Headmaster. “We are up to 140 students enrolled.”

Scholars filed individually through a line of applauding cheerleaders as their names were announced. With a burst of confetti, Mr. Thornburg presented each student with a certificate of admission on stage.

“Malden Catholic is the only school in the area that has continued to hold in-person classes,” explained Mr. Thornburg. “What Malden Catholic has to offer cannot be delayed.”

Students received a special \$500 waived registration fee, and Malden Catholic backpack gift for registering.



Peter Walsh, holding his certificate of admission, with Headmaster Thornburg.



Valentina Tate, of Revere, walking through a line of cheerleaders.



Isabella Mejia receiving her MC backpack gift for registering



Isabella Mejia, of Revere, with her family, sitting in the parade line of cars for the Accepted Students Rolling Rally.



Morgan Hardy, holding her certificate of admission.



Lopi, as the Lancer mascot, and juniors, Khloe Camblin and Lily Baglio, bursting confetti into the air as each student walked on stage



Headmaster, Mr. John Thornburg, welcoming the Malden Catholic Class of 2025.



Cheerleaders performing during the opening celebration of the Accepted Students Rolling Rally.

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