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National Guard to assist with vaccination in Chelsea

Staff Report

After spending significant time with food relief efforts in Chelsea last spring, the National Guard has announced it will be returning with a medical mission to help support vaccination sites here.

As part of the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, the Massachusetts National Guard has begun providing support of vaccination initiatives. Beginning last week, 10 medically qualified Guard members are partnering with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) to administer vaccines in East Boston.

Medically qualified soldiers and airmen began assisting with vaccine administration. Their assistance at EBNHC is expected to continue for at least three weeks to support four vaccination sites throughout EBNHC's service area including East Boston, Chelsea, Revere and the South End. The mission is federally funded. The Guard will continue to make qualified personnel available to the

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Eastern Minerals looking at off-shore wind business

By Seth Daniel

The ownership of Eastern Salt on Marginal Street said this week they are looking into expanding their business to provide a supporting role for the emerging off-shore wind industry in Massachusetts.

Joe McNamee of Eastern Salt appeared at the Council meeting on Monday to advocate for some zoning changes for Marginal Street that would allow for uses to accommodate the potential new business.

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With La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega and City Manager Tom Ambrosino in the background, EBNHC Director Manny Lopes (above) announces the rollout of a vaccine clinic inside La Colaborativa on Broadway. The clinic is a three-pronged partnership between the organizations and will be able to ramp up to as many as 500 vaccines a day if demand is there. Meanwhile, after being vaccinated, Ramelo Frometa (right) raised his arm to the sky and said "Hallelujah!"



EBNHC, La Colaborativa work together to vaccinate Chelsea

By Seth Daniel

If Gladys Vega comes knocking anytime soon, it just might be to give you a COVID-19 vaccine – like it or not.

Vega, director of La Colaborativa, joined Manny Lopes of East Boston Neighborhood Health

Center (EBNHC) and City Manager Tom Ambrosino last Thursday to announce a partnership to vaccinate residents of Chelsea at the Broadway headquarters of La Colaborativa.

Lopes said EBNHC had requested 4,000 doses from Gov. Charlie Baker, and he sent them exactly

what they asked for, which allowed them to move out quickly into the communities they serve to stand up vaccine clinics – now only for that 75 and older but eventually for others as the state approves more groups.

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Way To Grow, Chelsea Kiwanis

Local service club experiences a surge in its memberships

By Cary Shuman

Anybody who watched Sylvia Ramirez build Chelsea Pop Warner into one of the premier youth football organizations in eastern Massachusetts knew the Chelsea Kiwanis Club would be in good hands.

Ramirez, the high-energy president of the Kiwanis Club, revealed that the club has enjoyed an increase in membership to a total of 25 members overall. The new members of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club are Carolyn Boumilla-Vega, Mirna Diaz, Alexandria Christmas, Veronica Dyer

Medina, Sharlene McLean, Elizabeth Novak, Cassandra Thompson, and Noel Velez.

"We have welcomed eight new members to our club," Ramirez said humbly. "I'm extremely happy and excited and so proud of our members for doing membership outreach. We started talking about membership early in the fall. We're a small club and some of our long-standing members are starting to retire and we need new leadership in our club, which is one of the reasons we did this membership drive."

Ramirez said the club

hosted a virtual wine tasting and trivia night and the response among members was that the event was "very enjoyable and fun."

Seventy-one people – a sizable turnout during the COVID-19 pandemic that has impacted work and social schedules - participated in the wine tasting and trivia night. "It was unbelievable – we even had people from other clubs outside of Massachusetts," said Ramirez.

But the best response came in the form of prospective members reaching

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Un-addressed Subletting market a shady pinch-point in housing crisis

By Seth Daniel

In Chelsea, there is often what is supposed to happen, what is written on paper, and then there is always what really happens – the unvarnished truth of life that occurs at the ground level.

Nothing could be more emblematic of that than the culture of subletting apartments and rooms, and how that is causing havoc, and a potential avalanche, in the eviction crisis – an invisible piece of a crisis that overall has gotten great attention.

Subletting is the practice of one person renting an apartment, then charging rent to others – mostly undocumented residents without social security numbers – for the apartment or for rooms in the apartment. In many cases, the person renting the apartment never lives in the apartment, and the landlord sometimes doesn't even know that other people are living in his or her property.

It's a tried and true situation that has existed for probably 10 years or more, but has really come out of the shadows as the eviction crisis looms over the city. While much has been written and said and done for those that go through the official channels at Housing Court, those in a sublet situation don't show up on statistics but they are no less in need of help.

"Chelsea is unique because there is a ton of subletting," said Mark Rossi, who runs the Chelsea Legal Services clinic for the City at La Colaborativa. "You have one person who has the apartment and has the social security number for the apartment and they sublet that to undocumented folks and it could be 10 or 15 people in one unit. The person renting the apartment is collecting rent from the sublets and then paying, or not paying, the landlord. The people living there and

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Pillars of Change

Housing Court moves fast to change processes during COVID-19

By Seth Daniel

Facing what many believed would be a catastrophic situation with evictions and Housing Court proceedings due to COVID-19, the state's Housing Court reinvented it's way of doing business last summer and fall and now – since re-opening for filings last October – have a system that is more user-friendly and provides more protections for all parties.

It's even a system that has modernized the court in short order, and many of the changes could continue long after the pandemic, said Chief Justice Tim Sullivan.

"It really is incredible how COVID-19 protocols have forced us to do things differently, but also opened our eyes to some possibilities for the

future," said Sullivan in a recent interview. "After we get through this difficult time, we're already starting to talk about some things that are improving access...We've had to think differently and accommodate the litigant population in ways that before the pandemic were probably unthinkable. Some procedures may remain and may be implemented long-term."

Deputy Court Administrator Benjamin Adeyinka said a lot of changes that were made over the past few months will make things easier for landlords and tenants to access the Housing Court divisions. Though there was some early pushback, most everyone now agrees the changes have helped smooth out the process in the wake of the pandemic.

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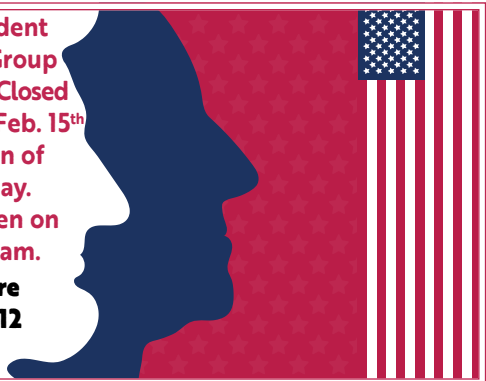
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Former State Senator Ben Downing announces candidacy for Governor

By John Lynds

On Monday afternoon East Boston resident Ben Downing is inside Mi Pueblito Restaurant in Orient Heights Square picking up some tacos for lunch. “The chicken jalapeno here is also really good,” Downing tells me as he pays for his lunch.

It’s been a busy morning for the Western Mass native that served 10 years as a State Senator from Pittsfield before stepping down in 2017 to work full-time in renewable energy.

Downing has been on the phone all morning tapping into his network of supporters, potential donors, friends and family.

On Monday morning, Downing released a video announcing he is formally entering the 2022 race for Governor of Massachusetts.

“Growing up in Pittsfield, I lived what it meant to be an afterthought in the state’s political power circles,” said Downing. “Now, as an East Boston resident, I’m part of a new community just as familiar with being written off. From one side of Massachusetts to the other, I have spent my life in communities that have had to fight harder than they should to get fair representation, equitable access to resources, and attention from Beacon Hill. So I know what a difference state leadership makes. And I know we need better than what we are getting right now.”

Downing was one of the youngest state senators ever elected in Massachusetts history in 2006 at the age of 24. During his tenure at the State House Downing emerged as a leading climate advocate.

Downing moved to Eastie five years ago with his wife, Micaelah Morrill, and are raising their two young sons Malcolm, age 3, and Eamon, age 9 months, in the neighborhood. However, Downing’s roots in Eastie are strong and the family got their start in the neighborhood at the turn of the last century. In fact, there’s a hero square on the corner of Sumner and Cottage Street in Jeffries Point that was dedicated by Mayor Martin Walsh in 2019 in honor of Downing’s great great-granduncle Albert Henry Downing of Eastie who died during World War I.

While living in Eastie Downing has seen first hand the inequities that have existed for quite some time but have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I think the major issues right are going to be the COVID response and the lessons we’ve learned from COVID,” said Downing. “What did it expose? What did it show? I think what it showed was something a lot of us already knew existed. We have these widening economic and racial gaps in Massachusetts around income and wages, around wealth and gaps be-



Ben Downing on the campaign trail.

tween communities in parts of the state that have grown and have benefited from economic growth in recent decades. So the focus will be how do we close those gaps, how do we address economic and racial justice and, while doing that, take the urgent steps that we need to take to address climate change. We know that the most scarce resource when it comes to climate change is time. We only have really a decade here to take the steps we need to build a sustainable society and I don’t think our actions at the state level have reflected that.”

Downing argues that most of the uegrecny over climate change has percolated up from members of the legislature, there needs to be more sense of urgency from the executive branch of government.

“We need more of a sense of urgency,” said Downing. “We know communities like East Boston, Chelsea and even Pittsfield were targeted for the development of fossil fuel infrastructure and have the asthma rates and other public health indicators to reflect that. We know a transition to a clean energy economy and the spillovers from that are positive. We have more jobs to create by putting solar on roofs, building energy storage, doing energy retrofits of homes, building offshore wind---there’s a lot of jobs there.”

Since 2017 Downing has served in a leadership role at Nexamp, a leading renewable energy company. In that role, Downing led efforts to improve accessibility within the green economy, expand to new markets outside of the northeast, and deploy cutting-edge energy storage solutions here at home. He serves on the board of the Environmental League of Massachusetts and is a leading advocate for climate action in the Commonwealth.

“I’ve come away from Nexamp more optimistic,” said Downing. “The naysayers will say, “Oh it’s big pie in the sky stuff” and it’s not going to really do anything with the economy. I think the most exciting thing for me is to see the solutions that we have to climate change that are at our fingertips--whether that’s solar energy efficiency, battery storage, offshore wind--they’re there to be tapped. What’s been missing is leadership that’s ready to tap into that potential and set a higher standard for all of us. All too often you see Governor

Baker echo talking points from the real estate lobby and others who say these will cost too much and slow down development. We’ve heard those concerns every step along the way when it comes to the climate change debate in Massachusetts. But every step along the way those talking points have been proven wrong. Yes, there are costs but the benefits far outweigh the costs. We’ve seen that time and time again and the great thing about these jobs is they will be done in Massachusetts, the work has to be done here, and they’re good blue collar jobs that can be done in every corner of the state.”

Another focus said Downing will be to invest in transportation that can help cut down on carbon emissions.

“A big part of addressing climate change issues is making transit more reliable and you look at governor Baker’s record; it’s a record of cutting the budget at the MBTA,” said Downing. “We need to increase ridership and make it more reliable but we need to do the same with the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) because the BRT just isn’t relevant but we need it to be. We need people to see that as a viable option that gets them out of their cars. It is a significant undertaking but it’s that much tougher to do without leadership from the corner office.”

As a state Senator, Downing represented the largest district in the state, comprising 52 cities and towns. Over a decade in office he led legislative efforts to accelerate our clean energy development and respond to climate change, rebuild our urban and rural economies, reduce poverty and hunger, strengthen our state ethics laws, and expand protections for transgender individuals.

“I’m running for Governor to build a fairer, stronger Massachusetts,” said Downing. “I believe there is no limit to what we can accomplish here. But the leadership needed to unlock this potential is sorely lacking. As we recover and reimagine our future in the months and years to come, we need a Governor who sees, feels and understands the gravity of this moment and how we got here; who is not content with accumulating power but who is ready to use that power to respond boldly to the dire impacts of the pandemic, rising racial inequality, and the urgency of climate change.”

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Executive Office of Health and Human Services for deployment to facilities requesting assistance.

The National Guard has personnel with a range of applicable expertise within its ranks, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, emergency medical technicians, and medics. These individuals have already administered the vaccine to 1,000 eligi-

ble Massachusetts soldiers and airmen, and now shift their focus to assisting in clinical settings for eligible members of the public.

The Massachusetts National Guard’s first priorities are to save lives and protect property, and Guard personnel have assisted the Commonwealth since the earliest days of the crisis, providing a wide range of services to state agencies and local author-

ities. As a diverse and highly trained force whose members live and work in communities across the Commonwealth, the Guard has a proven track record of success supporting civilian authorities during and after state emergencies, and its units frequently train side-by-side with state and local first responders, making them well-suited for domestic operations.

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“There was some trepidation at first,” he said. “However, through time people have commented that this is a good way to do business. People have adapted. If you think of individuals that have to take a bus or a train to get to a court house, this is a safer way...We’re getting great feedback.”

The courts in Massachusetts are perennially one of the most difficult to change their procedures, as they are time-honored, and legal matters are spelled out in state law. Changes can’t happen without great discussion or contemplation – and great amounts of time. However, that all changed during the pandemic when courthouses could not open, but life also had to move forward. A series of Standing Orders have helped to usher in new ways of adapting.

Chief Sullivan said the first change was actually made prior to the pandemic, when they made e-filing mandatory for some cases in January 2020.

“Little did we know we would depend on it so much and need to expand it,” said Sullivan.

That was followed by creating a virtual clerk’s counter online to assist tenants and landlords – a new system that sought to replicate the in-person process that has played out for generations inside the courthouse. Using Zoom, court employees were able to assist in any manner that they would in person in all divisions of the court.

“That’s really been a big help,” said Sullivan.

Other changes included getting cell phones for all employees, including leadership and staff; implementing language interpretive services via Zoom; and relaxing filing requirements so cases could be submitted by e-mail and documents could be deposited in a drop box at the courthouse. In a work of major transparency, they also established a Dashboard online for all courts, including housing court, to see up-to-date statistics about evictions cases by zip code and courthouse. No statistics readily available existed prior to that Dashboard.

At the same time, they have collaborated in an unprecedented way with other stakeholders, such as community organizations that are on the ground in places like Everett and Chelsea. That has also included a cooperation between the three courts that can handle eviction cases, those being Housing Court, Superior Court and the District Courts – a partnership

which has maintained vigilance across the judicial landscape on housing matters.

“It’s been quite an experience for everyone in the courts and in the litigant population as well,” said Sullivan. “We’re trying to encourage these changes as much as possible to increase access and remain user-friendly... It’s really been a time of great work and enormous change in a short period of time. We’re really now trying to help landlords and tenants get up to date on all these changes.”

However, some of the most impactful changes have come from the Post Pandemic Planning Committee chaired by Housing Court Judge Fairlie Dalton, and including others such as Clerk Magistrates, Housing Specialists and other judges. They started their work in May to prepare for what COVID-19 might bring in terms of economic disruptions that could unlock a waterfall of eviction – known as Summary Process – cases coming into Housing Court.

One of the changes was to create a two-tiered trial date system. Instead of day one in Housing Court being your trial date, the court moved to a two-tiered system to help mediate cases before actually going before a judge. If it cannot be mediated, day two becomes the trial date.

“Day one now becomes a status day and not a trial day and it allows litigants to sit down on Zoom with landlords and tenants and a housing specialist, which can help mediate their case if there’s an opportunity,” said Sullivan. “If there’s a resolution, it’s written out and signed electronically and approved by a judge. If there’s no resolution, day two becomes a trial day and that happens within two weeks.”

Sullivan and Adeyinka said that has given both parties the opportunity to work cooperatively with Housing Specialists from the court, and to identify resources that can be applied to the situation. Many times, the first hearing can be a way to steer both parties to a local court partner that can help both to apply for the state RAFT rental assistance program – or other resources as well.

Overall, it’s been a great change that has probably helped to head off many cases before they progressed too far, and helped both the landlord and tenant to find a fair middle.

Another new piece has been the now-required Attestation Form mandated

by the state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). If a landlord wants to file for non-payment of rent, this new form has to be delivered to the tenant before a case can be accepted at Housing Court.

“We cannot even enter a case if we don’t have proof they delivered their Attestation Form,” said Adeyinka.

Sullivan said, so far, they are down about 50 percent in case filings across all divisions, but they realize that is likely because of the moratorium on filings that was in place until October. They also realize there has been an uptick in filings since that time. Some areas have seen more filings than others, and places like Everett and Chelsea have seen fewer filings than other areas outside of Greater Boston.

Sullivan said there’s no real way to tell why that has happened, but he did say that the further out one goes, the fewer resources that are available in the community to help curtail evictions. He pointed to the agreement by landlords in many Greater Boston communities to hold off on evictions if possible – to look for mediation, which he said they do see that in the court.

“I will say there seems to be a very healthy appetite by landlords and tenants to settle cases by agreement,” he said. “The lion’s share of cases coming in are being resolved by agreement.”

The quick pivot by a traditionally slower moving institution like the courts is a testament to the staff, Sullivan said. He said he is immensely proud of how Housing Court staff have moved online and moved to be fair to everyone.

“It’s amazing how much the work of our staff has been able to help people,” he said. “I’ve learned a lot about people’s ability to adapt in these circumstances. I’m very proud and uplifted by what our staff at every division has been able to do and has done so by maintaining impartiality.”

And as far as keeping some of the “silver linings” that have emerged in Housing Court during COVID-19, Sullivan said they are already beginning to talk about that as well.

“We’ve not gotten to a decision yet, but it’s an initial conversation we’re having now and when COVID lifts, we will probably have a more substantial conversation with our leadership,” said Sullivan.

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Cromwell announces latest CBC Chelsea Trailblazer Award recipients

Chelsea Black Community (CBC) President Joan Cromwell has announced the recipients of the Black History Month Chelsea Trailblazer Awards.

This year the CBC is recognizing community leaders and local organizations for their important contributions and vital response to the COVID-19 pandemic and racial injustice.

The prestigious awards will be presented at a virtual tribute Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

The ongoing pandemic forced the CBC planning committee to hold events virtually as opposed to in person this year. In the past the CBC has held a community dinner for residents in need at a local church. The Trailblazer Award celebration has served as a tremendous finale to the month-long observance. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, City Manager Tom Ambrosino, and Councilors Leo Robinson and Calvin Brown have led a slate of dignitaries that have attended CBC events and honored

the community.

President Cromwell personally thanked Chelsea residents “for taking time out of your schedule to join CBC during our kickoff event this past Wednesday as we explored the life of Fannie Cary Fairweather with Karen MacInnis.

“It was amazing to have the entire community connect and reflect virtually,” said Cromwell.

Following is the list of Chelsea Trailblazer Award recipients:

2021 BLACK HISTORY MONTH “CHELSEA TRAILBLAZER”

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MGH

Chelsea Beth Israel

Deaconess Health Center

Housing Court

COMMUNITY LEADERS HONORED DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Chelsea Police Officers Garrison Daniel and Maria Barbosa proudly display the official citations they received in recognition of their outstanding service to the Chelsea community. The awards were presented in coordination with the nation’s observance of Black History Month.



Chelsea Police Officers Maria Barbosa and Garrison Daniel and local business owner Paul Smith were honored with official citations at the City Council meeting during Black History Month. Pictured, from left, are Councilor Judith Garcia, honoree Officer Maria Barbosa, Councilor Calvin T. Brown, Councilor Yamir Rodriguez, Councilor Giovanni Recupero, honoree Paul Smith, honoree Officer Garrison Daniel, Council President Roy Avellaneda, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and Councilor Enio Lopez.

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out to Sylvia Ramirez to join the club.

“Right after that event, we had eight new members join us, which is absolutely a huge accomplishment for our club,” added Ramirez.

Ramirez said the club is participating in Black History Month with a reading event in coordination with the Chelsea public schools. On March 2, the members will take part in Dr. Seuss National Red Across America Day.

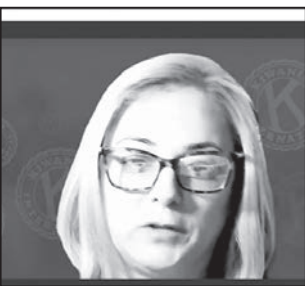
Ramirez, who is the operations and evaluations manager at La Colaborativa, said the new members were installed by the Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor and Chelsea Kiwanis Club meetings are held remotely on Thursdays.

The biographies of the new members of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club follow below:

Carolyn Boumila Vega: She is a lifelong Chelsea resident, 49 years to be exact. Carolyn is a Licensed Social Worker with South Bay Community Services. She enjoys watching reality TV, cooking, volunteer, and staying on top of Social Media. I have been involved in so many community events and organizations, too many to mention. I want to be as useful as I possibly can and one of my most proud achievements is receiving a Social Work master’s degree at age 45. I am bilingual even though people may not think so, proudly Latinx

Mirna Diaz: She has worked in Chelsea for 10 years. Mirna has a private law practice in Chelsea. I enjoy riding my bike, volunteering with my daughter, and reading fiction and thriller books. My goal is to be more involved in the community, I know being part of the Kiwanis club of Chelsea will allow me to do that. I want to have an opportunity to create new ideas and opportunities to help the club expand.

Alexandria Christmas: Alexandria has been a Chelsea resident for over 20 years. She works as the payroll manager for Zerto, a tech company in Boston. Alex is extremely involved in the community, in groups such as: St. Luke’s Food Pantry, First Congregational Church



Chelsea Kiwanis President Sylvia Ramirez.

produce packaging, Community Garden, Transit justice, Youth group mentorship, she is part of the Library Board of Trustees, Chelsea Bike and Ped Committee and hosts the Chel-Yea Woman who wine Facebook group. Her hobbies are cycling, running, camping, gardening, skiing and motorcycles. Alex hopes to bring her organizational and event planning skills for fundraising events and/or service projects.

Veronica Dyer Medina: Veronica has lived in Chelsea her whole life, 40 years this May. She is part of the Chelsea Public Schools Administration office, as the Superintendent and the Clerk for the Chelsea School Committee. She loves cooking and feeding people. Loves a good mystery/drama movie or book, enjoys dancing and listening to much and arts and crafts with her two children. Her Kiwanis goal is to raise awareness of the great work Kiwanis does. Bringing community organizing and advocating skills to help engage children in our community who need to be directed to the righteous path.

Sharlene McLean: Chelsea resident for 20 years. She works for WilmerHale LLP as a Patent Assistant/Legal Secretary. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, crochet and baking. Sharlene brings to our club her passion for the community and is not afraid to say what she thinks and believes in.

Elizabeth Novak: Chelsea resident for 12 years, works as a Marketing Executive recruiting and retention for the Army National Guard. She enjoys reading, cross stitch, camping, canoeing, travel and playing all sorts of games. Interesting fact is that, when younger, she



Noel Velez, new member of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, with his sons.

was an award-winning classical pianist and avid horseback rider. She is the Chair of the Chelsea Library Board of Trustees and an organizer of Chelsea Hill Community’s Safety and Clean up walks. She enjoys being active in the community. Joining Kiwanis, she wants to give back to the community and her main goal is by far to be an active volunteer in service projects.

Cassandra Thompson: Cassandra grew up in Chelsea and has lived her for 34 years. She works in HealthCare for Mass General Brigham as an Administrative Coordinator/Project Coordinator. She enjoys baking, hiking, fitness and traveling. Her main goal by joining Kiwanis is to get more involved in community events and volunteer her time. She is most proud of being a mommy of two girls, 9 & 4. She brings to the club her organization skills, event planning, creative design, and people person.

Noel Velez: He was born and raised in Chelsea. He works as the Financial Analyst for Chelsea Public Schools. His hobbies are collecting memorabilia from sporting events, wrestling and coming books. I also enjoy making music and playing video games with my boys. My goal with Kiwanis is to assist our community of Chelsea any way possible. I have been extremely committed to our community, especially children and youth. One of my most proud accomplishments is my marriage and children. I bring to Kiwanis public speaking skills, great writing capacity to request funding and support with fundraising ideas.

NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

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

PROVIDER VACCINE CONTACTS

Patients of MGH, Cambridge Health Alliance or Beth Israel, health care provider may contact patients with information on their own vaccination efforts.

Below are some contacts for them.

•Beth Israel Deaconess HealthCare

Patients can call 781-744-8000 to schedule an appointment. BIDH will host a vaccination site at 1100 Revere Beach Parkway next to Home Depot in Parkway Plaza Shopping Center starting on Thurs. Feb. 4.

•CHA (Cambridge Health Alliance)

Patients will get contacted by CHA to schedule an appointment. Patients can schedule their appointment themselves on CHA’s MY-CHART. If a person is age 75 or older and has a primary care doctor at CHA, but does not get contacted, they can call the CHA vaccine hotline at 617-665-1995 to make their first vaccine appointment.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU, BRIAN SULLIVAN

We know we join with many long-time Chelsea and Lynn residents in offering our congratulations to Brian Sullivan upon his retirement from the state judicial system and thanking him for his 35 years of service to the people of the Commonwealth.

Brian began his outstanding career as a probation officer in the Chelsea District Court and continued as an Assistant Clerk Magistrate under the leadership of Clerk Magistrate Kevin Murphy.

He was briefly Acting Clerk Magistrate in Cambridge before being appointed by Gov. Charlie Baker in December, 2018, to the position of Clerk Magistrate of the Lynn District Court.

Brian is a graduate of Saint Rose School, Malden Catholic, and Northeastern University and was a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus in Chelsea.

He became the Grand Knight of that well-known organization, whose headquarters were on Broadway, a block from the new Chelsea District Court building.

Brian's parents, the late Vincent Sullivan, Assistant Commandant of the Chelsea Soldiers Home, and Eleanor, a long-time schoolteacher, and his siblings were among the most-respected families in our city.

Brian, who is married to the former Paula Hansbury, a Chelsea High graduate, was regarded by all who knew him as a very personable and hard-working individual who always held a special place in his heart for Chelsea.

We know we join with all of the many friends and colleagues of Brian and his family in the city in wishing

Paula and Brian the best in their golden years.

WINTRY BLAST IS NOT SO HARD TO TAKE

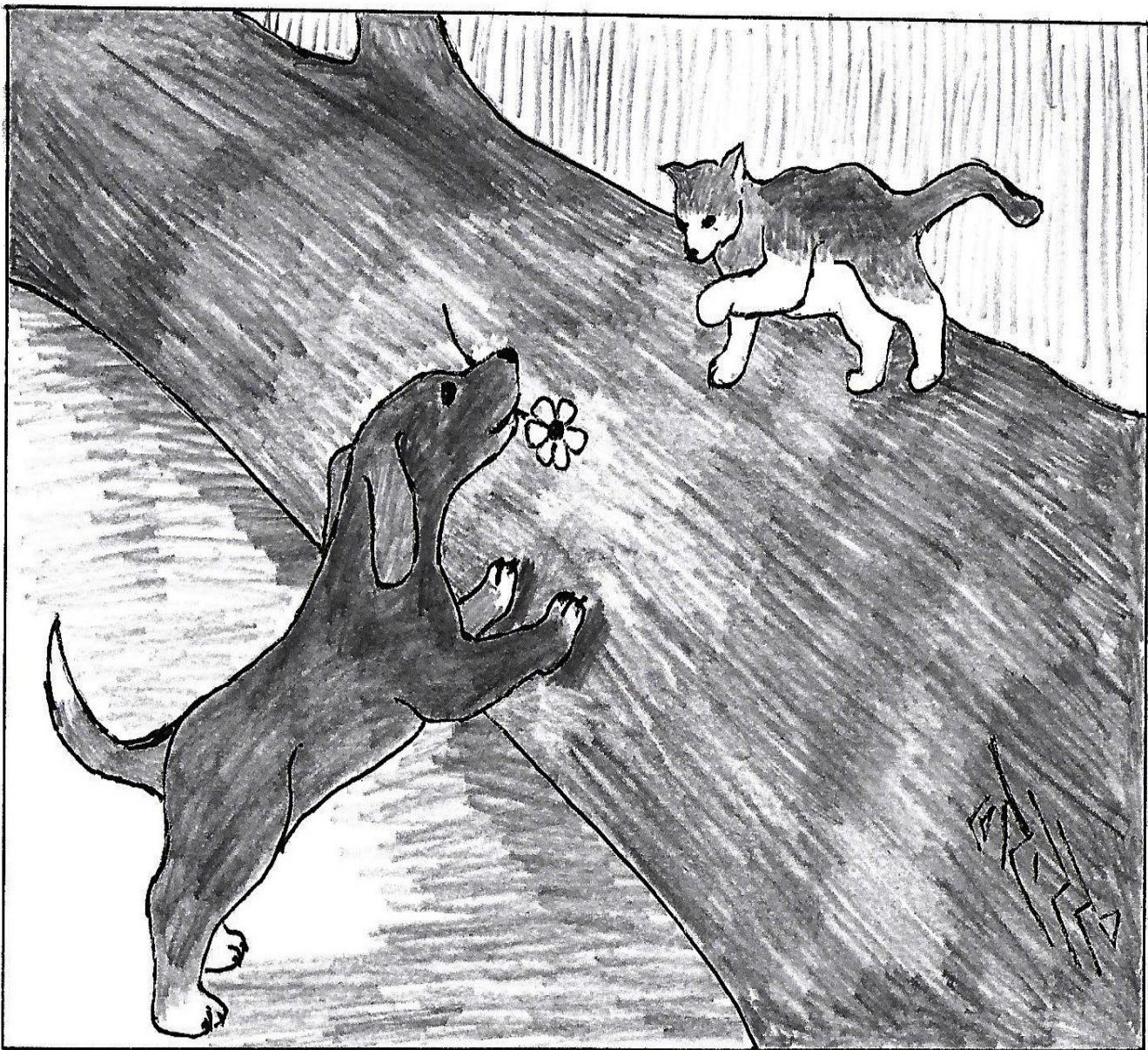
The polar vortex once again has spun out of control, as it has done often in recent years. Instead of remaining in a tightly-wrapped circular motion around the Arctic, the vortex has been weakened by record-high temperatures in the Arctic in recent years because of climate change, thereby loosening the vortex's centrifugal force and allowing waves of cold air to drift from the Arctic to the continental United States.

We have to admit however, that the cold air has been refreshing. We're not suggesting that we want the sort of cold that is gripping the midwest with below-zero temperatures and -50 wind chills, but what is winter without a little spell of cold weather?

We think all would agree that Sunday's snowstorm, with those huge flakes of snow floating down upon us, was wondrous. Catching them in your mouth (as we did while out for a run before the Super Bowl) was something to be appreciated by all of the senses.

Sure, milder winters are easy on our heating bills and we don't have to worry about freezing pipes, slippery roads, and all of the other difficulties that come with winter weather.

But it is precisely the harshness of winter that makes us appreciate summer all the more. It won't be long before the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are here and these days of sub-freezing weather will barely be a memory.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

LETTERS to the Editor

GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT

To the Editor,

The year 2020 was a historically challenging and, for many people, devastating period where families and households coped with the loss of jobs, income, in some instances their homes, and in the worst cases the lives of loved ones. But together – as communities, as a Commonwealth and as nation – we did not lose hope.

The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division and our Chelsea Corps Community Center is grateful for the support, compassion, volunteerism and financial assistance that the Chelsea community helped provide to those most in need during the past year.

Raising funds through The Salvation Army's traditional "Red Kettle" campaign was especially difficult, and in some areas impossible during the 2020 holiday season. But people in this and other communities responded to our Rescue Christmas initiative, as we found creative alternatives for raising funds between Thanksgiving and Christmas Day that will support our programming during the entire year.

People responded. Across Massachusetts, we were able to serve more than 14.5 million meals to our neighbors in need, provide shelter, utility, and other emergency assistance to individuals and families, and make sure that thousands of chil-

dren had a real Christmas with gifts, decorations and a traditional holiday meal. Many were in the hard hit City of Chelsea. Statewide, The Salvation Army saw requests for assistance increase by more than 150% this year and thanks to support from our communities...we have been able to meet those needs.

But the great need is with us all year round. And so we ask that you keep those in mind who may still need help as we begin 2021 with renewed hope and optimism. Whether you need support or want support, The Salvation Army is still here serving. Thank you.

**Major Marcus
Jugenheimer
General Secretary,
The Salvation Army
Massachusetts Division**

I THANK ALL WHO PARTICIPATED

To the Editor,

I want to thank Joan Cromwell, Dakeya Christmas and the members of the Chelsea Black Community organization for welcoming the Governor Bellingham~Cary House Association to be included in the CBC's robust, thought provoking programs in honor of Black History Month 2021. The Feb. 3rd event about Fanny Cary Fairweather (1764-1844) was truly history in the making.

Chelsea residents shared the computer screen with an immigrant from India and a Boston

native living in Portugal along with people from different towns in Massachusetts who ranged in age from 2 weeks old to 96 years of age. The historical facts presented were met with questions and opinions, and plans for more discussions in the future.

We don't live in the past but we can learn from it. We can honor it and remember those who came before us. Everyone wants to be heard and on behalf of myself and the members of the G.B.C.H.A. Board of Directors, I thank all who participated in letting Fanny's voice continue to resonate.

**Karen Mac Innis,
President
Governor Bellingham~
Cary House Association**

VACCINATE THE POSTAL WORKERS

Dear Governor Baker:

We, the undersigned members of the Massachusetts General Court, are writing to respectfully request that you prioritize United States Postal Service workers to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, as recommended by the CDC's national Advisory Council on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These workers are currently designated in the CDC's Phase 1b recommendation, but have not been specifically named in the state's eligibility criteria for Phase 1 or Phase 2. This has led to confusion, and a plea for assistance from postal workers in our respective districts.

Postal workers have been on the front lines throughout the entire pandemic, and sometimes do not receive the credit they so rightly deserve. As the old adage goes, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds," and in 2021, this motto should be updated to include

the words "nor pandemic." Every day since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, letter carriers and postal workers have shown up to ensure our mail gets to its destination. Postal workers interact with the public regularly, whether it is when delivering mail to a person's home or in the post office when citizens are buying stamps or mailing packages. Further, as a result of the pandemic, the USPS experienced a major increase in workload, as the agency handled millions of mail-in ballots during the 2020 elections, as well as a surge in package deliveries through the holiday season.

Ensuring that these workers remain healthy is essential to averting backlogs that have plagued the USPS since the onset of the pandemic. As State Representatives and State Senators, we know the postal workers in our districts, and we share their concerns both for their health and their ability to continue their essential work. We urge you to acknowledge the public health value of their role, and explicitly name these workers in the state's eligibility criteria as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Jessica A. Giannino
State Representative
16th Suffolk District**

**Brandy Fluker Oakley
State Representative
12th Suffolk District**

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DiDomenico files bill to provide free universal school meals

Sen. Sal DiDomenico has once again joined forces with anti-hunger organization Project Bread in sponsoring new legislation to provide free school meals to all children in the Commonwealth. SD519/HD1161, An Act relative to universal school meals, would allow every student who wants or needs a school breakfast or lunch to receive it—at no cost to their family and with no requirement to sign up or provide income or other information. Just as no student is required to pay fees at public schools when they enter the classroom, there would be no financial barrier in the school cafeteria.

Senator DiDomenico partnered with State Representative Andy Vargas, his former co-sponsor of Breakfast After the Bell legislation, in filing this legislation to provide universal schools meals. Last week, the legislative duo joined with Project Bread and the Feed Kids Campaign— a state-level legislative campaign comprised of the most influential and dedicated anti-hunger partners in the state— to officially launch the campaign, announce their newly filed bill, and emphasize the need for this critical legislation.

“Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, too many in our Commonwealth were struggling to meet their most basic

needs. Today, the COVID crisis has shed a stark light on the state of hunger in Massachusetts, especially for kids, with twenty percent of households with children being food insecure. That is unconscionable,” said DiDomenico. “We have a moral responsibility to take immediate action to end childhood hunger in Massachusetts, and we simply cannot do so without providing universal school meals to every child, free of charge.”

Right now, 1 in 5 Massachusetts families with kids is hungry, and 27 percent of children experiencing food insecurity in Massachusetts are not eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. However, as a result of flexibilities granted in response to the pandemic, every student in Massachusetts currently has access to free school meals. The barrier presented by cost and paperwork was temporarily removed at the federal level because this crisis put a spotlight on the need to ensure the right to the most basic of necessities—food—for all kids. Consequently, for the past 10 months, thousands more Massachusetts children and teens have been able to get free breakfast and lunch at hundreds of meal sites across the Commonwealth.

Despite this important step forward, without state-level legislation in

place, there is a possibility that barriers to school meals will return once the waivers expire post-pandemic. To keep school meals accessible for all students, Senator DiDomenico, Representative Vargas, and the Feed Kids Coalition joined forces seeking a bold solution to end childhood hunger by ensuring that every student receives the nutrition they need while they are in school.

“Our priority in Massachusetts, must be to feed our kids, full stop, and School Meals for All will do that,” says Erin McAleer, CEO of Project Bread. “Now more than ever, we need to be intentional about meeting the basic needs of students. We’ve seen during the pandemic that it’s possible to expand access to school meals for the benefit of all children. Every child and every community is better off when all students are nourished and ready to learn. Massachusetts has the opportunity right now, to invest in the health and future of our kids, and to lead the nation in providing School Meals for All. It’s a necessary step to solving hunger permanently.”

This is the first legislative session this bill has been filed. More information about the bill and the Feed Kids Campaign can be found at the FeedKids-Ma.org.

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Afterward, he said they are looking into this new opportunity for their Chelsea properties.

“Yes we are excited to begin exploring opportunities for Maritime support to the Off Shore Wind Industry,” he said. “We are in the early stages, so I do not have a lot to report.”

The zoning changes come within a package that looks to create a new Waterfront Upland Dis-

trict along Marginal Street and McNamee was advocating for special permit status for fabrication and storage; marine construction; marine intermodal; bulk storage of cargo and freight; and container operations/marine cargo.

By allowing those uses by special permit in the district, it could open up off-shore wind opportunities for Chelsea.

“In doing so it would

keep the door open to the opportunity of the emerging Off Shore wind business to locate some of its maritime needs in Chelsea and good paying jobs that are associated with this business,” he said.

While there is nothing firm to report on the matter, McNamee said he’s hopeful there could be good news in the coming months.

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the landlord have no idea what’s going on.”

Rossi said no one has really known how large the sublet market is in Chelsea, but the pandemic and its housing complications have laid it bare.

“It hasn’t been an issue before,” he said. “There is no way to quantify it. It’s impossible. It’s been in the shadows so long. It’s only now out of necessity that people are seeing this and we might be just at the tip of the iceberg right now, realistically.”

Council President Roy Avellaneda, who is also a real estate professional, said this is a problem that should have been addressed years ago. He said so much effort has been made to build more affordable housing, that no one has wanted to take the time to stop and address what’s going on in the existing housing stock.

“There is a black market out there that hasn’t been addressed and should have been,” he said. “It’s a business. You have people who don’t own real estate and go out and get apartments and then sublet them to a bunch of people and that’s their business. They are tying up the apartments and driving up the rents. They’ve exasperated the existing housing stock.”

The evidence is very clear.

As Avellaneda says, any laundromat in Chelsea will have a flier up on the bulletin board advertising rooms for rent.

“Go into any laundromat in Chelsea and there will be fliers up,” he said. “Look at enough of them and you realize it’s the same land, the same phone number and it’s not the landlord...You have a person renting all these apartments from landlords who don’t know or don’t care. Then you have an apartment that costs \$2,000 a month and they’re making \$3,000 a month subletting it and they own their own house

across town.”

Avellaneda said he’s even seen people recently renting rooms in shifts. One man he knew had a bed to sleep in at a sublet for eight hours and then he had to leave. He went to work while another sublet slept in the bed for eight hours. Then, once that shift was over, the man could return to the sublet for his shift again.

It’s those folks that Avellaneda, Rossi and members of La Colaborativa worry about the most when it comes to the eviction crisis because they have no protections or know they do. In large numbers, they slip between the cracks and find themselves in very vulnerable positions – homeless and hungry and literally nowhere to go.

“People getting kicked out of sublets aren’t going to show up at Housing Court or before a judge,” said Avellaneda. “It’s a totally different group of people. How do you attack that?”

That’s exactly the question Norieliz DeJesus of La Colaborativa has sought to answer. Working exclusively on evictions, housing and sublet issues, she and her team often go door-to-door. They hit places where official filings have happened, and they also act on areas where sublets are popular.

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

She said much of the housing problem now is there are tenant subleases, and extended family situations, and other non-traditional living arrangements that disintegrate in the stress of COVID-19.

“There are a lot of

people that sublease in the community and who out of fear abandon their homes before they get to court,” she said. “They often leave because they’re getting harassed by the landlord at times...It’s really hard to categorize the situations we see because there are so many dynamics, and they don’t show up on paper.”

Meanwhile, a number of those situations do trickle in to the Legal Clinic that Rossi operates with other volunteers as part of Chelsea Legal Aid. They see a lot of sublet issues at La Colaborativa because in the pandemic many have nowhere else to turn.

Rossi said their case is not hopeless.

“All of this doesn’t meant the sublets don’t have rights,” he said. “That person has the right to receive what they bargained for. It’s against the sublessor. The landlord would take a different stance, but it is not a case that is dead on arrival from an advocacy standpoint. I wouldn’t say in a court of law we would win, but we have a basis to seek relief from that standpoint.”

He said taking the matter to court, or mediation, can often allow the landlord to work with the sublets to work out a safe exit strategy or connect to resources that can help pay the rent if the sublessor will not – such as RAFT or the City’s Rental Assistance Fund.

“The takeaway for me is that kind of case is not dead on arrival,” he said.

Said Avellaneda, “We talk about building more affordable housing. However, we are not even talking about taking care of the existing housing stock and those that live there in these situations.”

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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 I

The Department of Housing and Community Development, in conjunction with its contractor, Chelsea Restoration Corporation, is overseeing Phase I of the Homeowners Stabilization Program. Funded by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Phase I 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 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.

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Pre-register online and save time.



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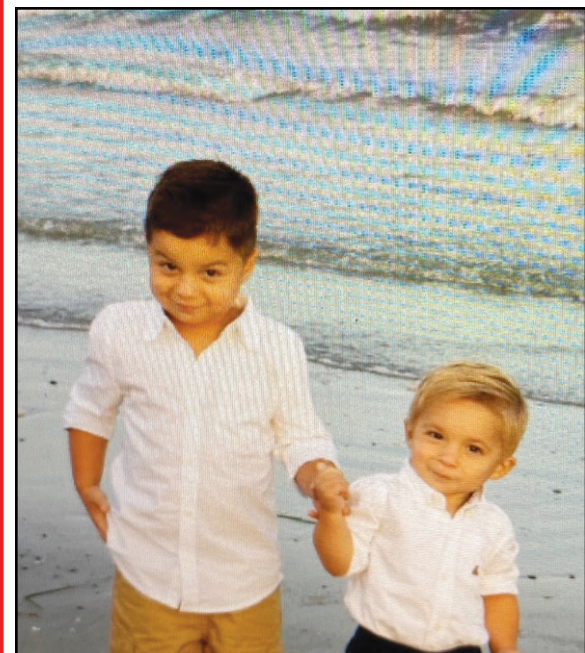
Happy Valentine's Day



We love you Robertito and we can't wait for everyone to meet you and love you too! —Papá (Roberto Jimenez Rivera) and Mamá (Sarah Neville)



Happy Valnetines day Nonna we love you very much and can't wait to give you a BIG HUG! — Ava & Sophia



Happy Valentine's Day Christopher & Vincent



Happy Valentines Day Gabriella & Anthony! Auntie loves you



Gulianna and Mario, mommy loves her little sweeties! Happy Valentines Day



Happy Valentine's Day Love Hanna



Happy Valentines Day Nani, Abuelito and Abuelita Love your Little Luna xo



Happy Valentine's Day Papa! We love you even though you are annoying, love Mia & Maddie



Happy Valentine's Day to our family and friends! Love, Anthony & Gulianna Merlina



Happy Valentine's Day from Alex Danny Joshua, Yuliana & Emma



Happy Valentine's Day Jayden, Mel, Elijah, and Alessandra!

VIVIAN EPSTEIN CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

Long-time Chelsea resident Vivian Epstein celebrated her 100th birthday on December 22.

Vivian is a graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1938, and Burdett College, Class of 1942.

She is the daughter of the late Harry and Lena Zolot. She was married to the late Jacob Epstein and has three children, Beverly Burack and her husband Mark, Larry Epstein and his wife Mavis, and the late Cynthia Epstein.

She has seven grandchildren, Corey Green and his wife Marnie, Barry Burack and his wife Gina, Lisa Burack, Brandon Epstein, and Sydney Epstein.

She also has seven great-grandchildren, Chris Green and wife Liz, Alana Runge and husband,



Vivian Epstein celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 22.

Ezra, Ryan Burack, Lily Burack, and Haylee Burack.

Vivian resides at Bear Mountain of Reading nursing home in Reading.

Councillor Taylor wants \$300 fireworks fine

By Seth Daniel

Last summer’s firecracker frenzy that kept the City – and really the region – up for days at a time will not get an encore is Councillor Todd Taylor has his say, along with thousands of residents that called him and other councillors last summer.

At Monday’s Council meeting, Taylor proposed a new amendment to the City’s noise ordinance that would all for a \$300 fine on the first offense for anyone shooting off fireworks in the City. Such fines could be given out by the police, fire or ISD departments.

“We do not want to have a repeat of last year,” he said. “We need to make the ordinance stronger to discourage this. I do think this was a major problem for our residents last year. I think I got dozens and dozens and dozens of calls, some in the same

day about fireworks going off until 3 a.m. or later in the morning. There is ample will in the public to do this.”

Councillor Calvin Brown agreed with the matter.

“It was the spirit of the time,” he said. “People were locked in and then we had George Floyd. I would say \$300 is a lot, but if that’s what it takes, then ok.”

Councillor Naomi Zabot said she received many calls about the fireworks last year, particularly from veterans and people with PTSD – not to mention essential workers that needed to sleep and people with pets.

Councillor Damali Vidot said she understood the issue, and agreed it needed to be dealt with. However, she said \$300 is too much and people who are trying to have a good time need to be considered as well.

“I get it’s something we need to address,” she said.

“I also feel like we live in a City and if we want quiet we should probably move to the ‘burbs,” she said. “I’m not saying I’m against this, but I’m trying to give another side because there are people in the community that think giving such a hefty fine is a bit ridiculous, especially when we won’t fine people for not wearing masks in the midst of a pandemic. We’re telling people that are unemployed, laid off, aren’t paying rent or mortgages, and we’re talking about fining them \$300 for having a good time.”

She said the matter needed more discussion and probably further discussion about the amount of the fine.

The amendment to the ordinance was moved to a Committee on Conference.

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EBNHC stood up four sites in two days, and decided to partner with La Colaborativa in Chelsea to help ease any skepticism people might have about the vaccine.

“Today, more than 100 people from Chelsea will be able to get the vaccine,” said Lopes. “We’ll be able to ramp up to 500 a day at this space alone... We’ll look at increasing the hours and staff as long as there is demand.”

He said when they got the vaccine they really wanted to focus on Chelsea as one of their four sites, but they also wanted to partner with someone that was trusted in the community – as there is a great deal of skepticism in Chelsea about the vaccine right now. Finding a trusted face who has served tirelessly during the pandemic was critical, he said. “This is an example of how we address these issues with our partners and Gladys and her team has trust in the community when it comes to social justice and health care,” he said. “We will be messaging this early and messaging this often.”

Lopes said they will bring the pull of the health center with them to La Colaborativa, but they will also bring the knowledge that they’ve learned from vaccinating their staff. More than 75 percent of their staff in multiple locations have now been vaccinated, and more than 50 percent of that staff lives in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop.

Right now, the aim is to keep the site reserved mostly for Chelsea residents, and in that spirit they have kept the site off the state website – though it is and has to be open to everyone in the state.

Vega said now she and her staff are going to be hitting the community hard with a message to get vaccinated, and that will include door-knocking and information sharing at all of their service locations.

“When we have a community that is fully vaccinated, that’s when we can celebrate,” she said. “This is the beginning today... When we decided to do



City Manager Tom Ambrosino said they wanted to open a vaccine site with trusted partners and in the heart of the downtown.

this as an organization, it became our responsibility to make this our project. We lost so many people and Chelsea was the epicenter. We lost so many people because they lived in crowded conditions and the cost of living is so high in Boston. We had to double up and triple up in housing situations. That what caused this to spread. We can’t go back.”

She said if they have to go knock on doors, convince people on their doorsteps and drive them to get the vaccine, they will.

“That’s what we do,” she said.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said when the partnership was forming, the City wanted to locate the clinic somewhere well-known and in the heart of the city. They didn’t want to put it out on Everett Avenue or further up Broadway.

“We’re opening this facility in the heart of downtown Chelsea,” he said. “It’s convenient for our residents. What’s also important is it’s being hosted by trusted partners in the community of Chelsea. These are organizations people know. There is skepticism out there and hesitancy for this vaccine. Our goal is to vaccinate as many resident as quickly as possible.”

Shortly after the rollout of the program, the first person to get vaccinated at the Colaborativa site was Ramelo Frometa. In about 10 minutes, he got the shot with very little problems.

“Hallelujah,” he said, raising his arms to the sky and thanking God, after getting the shot.



La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega said they will knock on doors if they have to in order to get residents of Chelsea vaccinated. She said when they opened their doors, they made it their priority project.



Ramelo Frometa answers questions from reporters after being the first Chelsea resident to get vaccinated at La Colaborativa last Thursday.

MCU to merge with GMCU

Metro Credit Union (MCU), Massachusetts’ largest state-chartered credit union, today announced that it will merge with Gloucester Municipal Credit Union, founded in Gloucester, Mass in 1941, on February 26. Metro, which recently surpassed \$2.3 billion in assets, will absorb GMCU’s nearly 500 members and \$2.3 million in assets. Metro’s newest members will have access to an expanded line of products and services as well as its 14 branch locations.

“I’m thrilled to welcome members of the Gloucester community to

the Metro family,” said Robert Cashman, CEO and president. “I encourage both existing members of GMCU and others who are or were previously employed by the city of Gloucester to take advantage of the many opportunities Metro has to offer our members.”

When considering a merger, GMCU turned to Metro due to its strong reputation, digital and technological advancement, and obvious commitment to its more than 220,000 members.

“Metro will offer our members additional benefits and opportunities that

we have not been able to provide, including digital access, mortgages, home equity loans, and more,” said Lawrence Ingersoll, board president, Gloucester Municipal Credit Union. “We are particularly grateful to partner with a credit union that we know will treat our members with compassion and care and offer them the security and trust they deserve.”

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Margarita Carols, 88, was the second person to be vaccinated at the site last Thursday. She is seen here with Tenaira Garcia and City Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado.

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NEW DEVELOPMENT PITCHED FOR MAVERICK STREET

EAST BOSTON - Zoning Attorney Jeff Drago pitched his client’s plans for 28 units of housing on Maverick Street along the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.

At a Friends of the Mary Ellen Greenway Council meeting last Thursday, Drago said his client, City Realty, has purchased the parcels at 167-169 Maverick St. that once housed the Saints and Angels Ceramic Store and wants to renovate the existing three-story brick structure and erect a five-story addition for a total of 28 housing units with 11 parking spaces at the ground level.

“Those of you who are familiar with those parcels know it was the former Saints and Angels Ceramic Store and the adjacent three unit brick building to the left,” said Drago. “So we’re proposing to combine those parcels and raze the small one story commercial structure because it really is not in the best of shape.”

Drago said his client wanted to meet with the Greenway Council because of the project’s close proximity with the park.

“We’ve met Gove Street Citizens Association members for an initial meeting and now the Greenway Council,” said Drago. “This is going to go through the Article 80 Small Project Review process just because of the size of the proposal and we will also have to meet with the Parks Department because we’re abutting the Greenway as well. This is really the early stages of the project and we wanted to talk to folks early on. We have had a pre-file meeting with the city, but we have not officially filed anything with the BPDA yet.”

During his presentation Drago pointed to the recently city-approved project at 173-177 Maverick St., which he said has a similar height as City Realty’s proposal.

With flooding a continuing problem on the Greenway due to rain runoff Drago said City

Realty has come up with a plan to eliminate rain runoff from the proposed building onto the Greenway.

“All of the rainwater and all of the rain runoff from the building will be stored in a holding tank,” said Drago. “Rain water would be collected from the building, go into this holding tank that is under the surface parking in the rear of the proposed building, and then the excess rainwater will be slowly distributed and re-introduced into the storm water system. Right now there isn’t anything like this so all of the rainwater goes down downspouts and eventually makes its way down into the Greenway adding to the existing flooding problems. But as part of this project we’ll be harvesting and mitigating all of our rainwater.”

Due to the projects close proximity to the Greenway City Realty, a shadow study was conducted and concluded the worst time for shadowing is the winter with the building casting little shadow impact onto the Greenway during the other three seasons.

Greenway Council member Karen Maddalena said her major concern was having only 11 proposed parking spaces

“If you could consider having more parking spaces that would be great,” she said.

Drago said the project hopes to take advantage of the city’s Compact Living Program so the proposal is limited on how many off-street parking spaces can be included.

“If you are part of this compact living program you are limited to how much parking you can actually have,” said Drago. In order to qualify a project for this program, Drago said the proposal has to be walking distance to a train station.

“It is designed to encourage those folks moving here to use other modes of transportation,” said Drago. “The developer has to make space available for bike parking--space would otherwise be used for off-street parking. So if you are going to take part in the compact living program you actually are prohibited from having more parking. Now, this

is something we wanted to see what people’s thoughts were. Obviously, this could evolve over time but if we were to add more parking we would have to remove this project from the compact living program.”

SUMP PUMPS FAIL, CAUSING GREENWAY FLOODING

EAST BOSTON - Members of the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch (MEW) Greenway reported that two sump pumps that were installed years ago to curb flooding on a section of the Greenway have failed. The failure of the pumps has caused recent flooding on the stretch of the MEW Greenway between the Maverick Street Bridge and Marginal Street after heavy rain.

“Both of them failed,” said MEW Greenway member Karen Maddalena.

Reading from a letter city officials sent to the group, Maddalena said the Parks Department has ordered the new pumps and is working to fix the problem. Maddalena added the work should take about four to six weeks.

The sump pump failures came after the Walsh Administration appropriated \$400,000 in the city’s budget last year to protect the MEW Greenway from sea level rise. A few years back the city purchased a deployable flood wall that can be used to keep storm surge waters from the Harbor from entering the low-lying greenway.

However, MEW Greenway member Patricia D’Amore said the latest flooding is not related to sea level rise concerns.

“This flooding has nothing to do with sea level rise...it’s the rain,” said D’Amore. “Sea level rise is going to be a problem but this other flooding problem is much more immediate. Every time we have a heavy rainstorm we have flooding.”

D’Amore said years ago the city identified silted drain pipes as the culprit for rain water flooding. The city corrected the issue and added the sump pumps as an added level of protection but D’Amore expressed her

FUNDING FOR CAMP FIRE NORTH SHORE



Camp Fire North Shore received a donation from Camp Lions and the Lynn Lions Club for \$50,000.00 for capital improvements. Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation also donated \$25,000.00 as well as the Gerondelis Foundation who will donate a \$100,000.00 over a three year period. This total donation amounts to \$175,000.00 for the initial improvements. Camp Fire Executive Director Laurie Hamill was so excited to begin the overdue renovations to the camp located on Cain Road. She continued to explain, “Thank you to these amazing benefactors; we can move forward on the first phase of the project to allow us to serve more North Shore youth and allows us to offer year round programs.” The future improvement program will provide a safe and inclusive curriculum helping young people to become “caring and confident leaders”. Pictured, the \$50,000 check presented to Camp Fire North Shore – (L-R) Richard Alfonsi, John Baker, Sean Crowley, Camp Fire Executive Director Laurie Hamill and Camp Fire Board Members Steve Antonakes, Lynn Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, and Matthew Lamothe.

frustration.

“It’s one thing after another with the city,” she said. “As far as this flooding is concerned, we just can’t seem to get it resolved. Every single rainstorm is a problem.”

COVID-19 CASES DECLINING

EVERETT - The numbers of COVID-19 cases in Everett backed off again last week from a major surge coming after the holidays, going down from the 600 range two weeks ago to the 200 range this week and last week.

The percent positive rate is also on the decline this week, at just over 10 percent.

The numbers of COVID-19 cases has dropped steadily over the last three weeks, signaling that the holiday surge of cases has come and gone now. There were 272 cases reported last week, and that has now dropped to 225 this week.

The most recent numbers are as follows:

- Tuesday, Feb. 2 - 23
- Monday, Feb. 1 - 20
- Sunday, Jan. 31 - 31
- Saturday, Jan. 30 - 49
- Friday, Jan. 29 - 16
- Thursday, Jan. 28 - 33
- Wednesday, Jan. 27 - 40
- Tuesday, Jan. 26 - 13

On Monday, Jan. 4, Everett moved its test-

ing full-time indoors at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center on Elm Street. Testing is done Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday and Saturdays, testing is done noon to 6 p.m.

RAGUCCI RETIRES AFTER 38 YEARS

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria and a small group of City leaders joined former mayor – and retiring Assistant City Clerk – David Ragucci for last-day ceremony on Jan. 28 in the Council Chambers.

“The moment was bittersweet as I was honored to wish former Mayor David Ragucci a happy retirement after 38-plus years of public service,” said Mayor DeMaria. “David is a true son of Everett and his love for this city knows no bounds.”

Ragucci has had many titles besides being the former Mayor of Everett. He was also an Everett Alderman, City Councilor, Assistant Clerk of Everett, Member of the Everett Redevelopment Authority, State Investigator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and he was the Stoneham Town Manager.

“That is an amazing list of accomplishments and titles but I must say the title I am most proud to address him as is friend,”

said DeMaria. “I wish him the best of everything as he takes time to enjoy life after such a dedicated career in public service.”

EVICCTIONS LESS THAN ANTICIPATED

REVERE - As a result of the efforts of Mayor Brian Arrigo and well-executed rental assistance and mortgage assistance programs through a partnership with the Metro Housing agency, Revere had fewer evictions than other communities in the state during the COVID-19 health crisis in 2020.

It’s a piece of good news in what has been a huge worry for elected officials and advocates over the past several months, with many worrying that joblessness as a result of the pandemic could lead to massive numbers of people without homes. So far, that hasn’t come true in the official stats, to relief of everyone.

In Housing Court, to begin an eviction process one must file a Summary Process Eviction for non-payment of rent. It is a standard process for most landlords and tenants, but the process has frozen until last fall when Housing Court opened back up for evictions in October.

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Worcester led the state with 874 filings as of Jan. 1 for all of 2020. Springfield had 711. Fall River had 604 and Brockton had 315. Lynn had 286. All were well above Revere’s numbers (154). Chelsea had 129.

Mayor Brian Arrigo attributed the lower number of eviction filings to “a rental assistance program and a mortgage assistance program that’s been really helpful.”

Arrigo has coordinated the administration’s efforts on rental assistance with Valentina Moreno, the city’s housing stability officer.

“She has done amazing work in terms of getting residents and tenants connected with our program,” lauded Arrigo. “That rental assistance program was done as a partnership with Metro Housing and we’ve worked with them to be able to provide assistance to residents. The way that assistance works is that the rent goes directly to the landlord.

“Essentially, the landlord is forgiving the rent because we’re paying it on the tenants’ behalf, and the deal is that if the landlord takes that, they cannot evict that tenant,” explained Arrigo.

Arrigo said people on all sides of the issue appear to be pleased with the results.

“It’s worked out really well,” added Arrigo. “The landlords are happy because they’re getting rent. People who are paying rent are happy because their rent is getting paid. And we’re happy because people aren’t getting evicted.”

ZBA APPROVES CHANGES FOR AVIS LOT

REVERE - The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) granted a variance at its January 27 meeting to R&S Realty Trust, the owner of a single lot at 14 Charger Street, to reduce the minimum frontage requirement from 150 feet

to 75 feet that will create two new lots.

The variance allows the owner to have one lot comprising six acres and a second lot comprising 2.6 acres. Both lots will be used by Avis car rentals to house more than 900 cars for car storage only, with no on-site repairs or maintenance to be allowed.

The hours of operation for the lots will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to transport cars to the Avis lot at Logan Airport. The storage of the cars in Revere will mean more than \$750,000 in excise taxes for city coffers.

“This is a good project,” Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino said. “There will be minimal use on the lot, as well as an improvement to what is there.”

City Council President Anthony Zambuto added his support for the variance, which was approved unanimously by the ZBA.

In other matters, a request to re-subdivide a lot on Dedham Street was brought before the Board.

At present there are two lots at 25 Dedham St., consisting of 5,300 sq. feet, and a second lot at 29 Dedham Street, consisting of 2,687 square feet, according to a 1936 plot plan. The house that had been located at 25 Dedham Street was destroyed by a fire in 2017.

David and Margaret Mellon, the owners of the property, came before the board seeking variances for two lots, one for a new address of 27 Dedham St., for a two-family house, and the second at 29 Dedham St. for another two-family house. Both of the reconfigured lots would consist of 4,000 square feet and required variances pertaining to minimum lot size, lot frontage, minimum side yard setback, minimum height, and minimum landscaping in the front yard.

The owners, after meeting with neighbors

prior to appearing before the ZBA, had changed the location of the two structures to increase the distance from the abutters from five feet to 11 feet.

“I spoke to the neighbors and they are excited about the project,” said Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe. “Both the developer and property owners have worked it out with the neighbors.”

Board member Arthur Pelton spoke of a concern that had been expressed by one of the abutters, but her concerns were addressed.

The ZBA unanimously granted the variances.

Anthony Cacciola sought a variance to be able to park in the front yard and construct a single-family home at 191 Endicott St. The lot consists of approximately 5,000 square feet and would include two parking spaces in the front that would measure 18-by-18 feet for two cars.

Robert Salvo, an engineer for the project, noted that many houses on Endicott Ave. have front-yard parking because the homes are on a hill and are set back. He also noted that locating the parking spaces in front of the proposed new home would be less disruptive to the neighborhood because placing a driveway on the side of the proposed new home would require much more excavation.

Michael Tucker, the ZBA chairman, requested that the depth of the parking spaces be increased to 20 feet to allow a larger car to park without overhanging the sidewalk.

Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna supported the projects and the variance was granted unanimously. It now heads to state plan reviews.

Two inches can make all the difference. That is what contractor Pasquale Guarracino found out when he applied for a variance to exceed the maximum grade requirement for outdoor parking

at 279 and 287 Suffolk Ave.

Guarracino said that being built on a hill, the siting for the house on the lots was off and this resulted in the driveway not meeting code for maximum allowable grade.

Council President Zambuto spoke on the matter, saying, “I visited the site and would never have known that the driveways were off. It would be more disruptive to the neighborhood to tear up the driveways and start over again.”

Ward 4 Councilor Keefe echoed Zambuto’s thoughts, adding, “There will be goodwill from the contractor with the neighborhood for his other projects on Suffolk Avenue.”

The variance was granted unanimously.

In the last matter before the board, Najeeb Badar and Sundus Najeeb Badar were seeking variances for minimum front and rear yard setbacks in order to build a 498 square-foot, one-level addition and back and front porches at 38 Grover Street.

The Badars, who have lived there for 13 years, were seeking the enlargement of their single-family home to accommodate their growing family as well as their parents. They had spoken to all of the neighbors who supported their request.

“I am excited to speak for this and I am truly most supportive of their request,” said Councilor Serino.

The variance was unanimously granted.

Three other matters were continued until the board’s February meeting: The variances for 951 Revere Beach Parkway, seeking to construct an addition over a city easement; variances for 33 Cambridge Street to change a single-family dwelling into a two-family; and a request to approve making one lot into two lots at 149 Breeders Lane.

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

CHELSEA STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO UBMS

Congratulations to Chelsea High School students Paola Barrera and Rosalinda Rojas for being accepted into the Boston University Upward Bound Math Science program (UBMS)!

UBMS is a college prep program designed to prepare students for college success and expose them to fields in science, technology, engineering and math. While in the program, the students will take classes, do enrichment activities, and receive mentoring and tutoring throughout high school. Paola and Rosalinda are two of five students new students beginning the program this spring.

LOCAL RESIDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC HONORS

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local students were recently named to the University’s dean’s list for the Fall semester, which ended in December 2020.

* Chelsea resident Wen yuan Ding, majoring in business administration

* Chelsea resident Barbara Ferreira, majoring in business administration

To achieve the dean’s list distinction, students must carry a full program

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Estate of: Frederick J. Kalapinski Date of Death: June 20, 2020 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Robert E. Kalapinski of Mukilteo, WA.

Robert E. Kalapinski of Mukilteo, WA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representatives of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of

administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, the Chelsea Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing via WebEx video conference Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 6:00 PM, to review the Notice of Intent submitted by The Neighborhood Developers for the construction of a residential building at 25 Sixth Street. To join the meeting, submit your name, address, and email to jdepriest@chelseama.gov. A copy of the Notice is available for review at https://www.chelseama.gov/conservation-commission/pages/25-sixth-street-notice-intent-noi. Per Order Stephen Sarikas Chair

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NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on January 25, 2021, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council hereby accepts the provisions of M.G.L. c. 60, §3F for the purpose of creating a Veterans Assistance Fund and operating such Fund in full accordance with the statute. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council hereby accepts and approves the grant from the Nature Conservancy in the amount of \$25,000 to enhance task and deliverable related to the Island End River Flood Resilience Project. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

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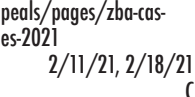


NOTICE OF HEARING

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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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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Premises: 124 Addison Street, Unit No. 11 of Addison Place Condominium, Chelsea, Massachusetts 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, 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: Massa-

chusetts 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 ADDISON STREET APT 11, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE UNIT KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 11, OF ADDITION 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 ADDISON PLACE CONDOMINIUM AS DESCRIBED IN THE AMSTER DEED, AND (b) IN THE ADDITION 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 Condo-

minium 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, 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

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OBITUARIES

Angela “Auntie Angie” Panarese

Devout Catholic who played a big role in the life of her family

Angela “Auntie Angie” Panarese of Chelsea left this world on February 9. She was 97 and died peacefully at home surrounded by family. Angela was a lifelong resident of Chelsea and graduated Chelsea High Class of 1941.

Angela loved and cared for her Essex Street community, she was always there to help a neighborhood family and was a devout catholic in the St Rose congregation.

She worked professionally, traveled the world and was an expert seamstress. Auntie Angie could make or mend anything! In retirement she volunteered her quilting skills to local fundraisers and the Chelsea Senior Center.

She is survived by her devoted sister, Ida Rudolph of Chelsea and was pre-deceased by her brother Genaro and his wife, Virginia, sister Philomena (Tibaudo) and her husband, Albert of Lynnfield.

Angela was the Beloved “Auntie” to 27 nieces and nephews across generations. And she played a big role in our family life.

She is lovingly remembered for her renowned frugality as well as her caring generosity and of course, her homemade Ravioli.

Family and friends are kindly invited to attend Visiting Hours in the Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Avenue, Chelsea on Friday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Due to the current health crisis, Funeral Ser-



vices and Interment will be private for immediate family only.

Those attending are reminded that face coverings are required, social distancing must be practiced, contact tracing information will be taken and those visiting are to enter, pay their respects and are asked to exit due to occupancy limits imposed by the state, allowing other guests to enter.

To send a message of condolence to Angela family please visit www.smithfuneralhomes.com

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Carlos Adan Martinez

July 09, 1961 - January 21, 2021



Carlos Adan Martinez passed away on Friday, January 29 at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center from Covid-19 related illnesses. He was 59 years old. Born and raised in his beloved Acajutla, Sonsonate, El Salvador, he was one of seven children born to Martina Sanchez de Martinez and the late Fernando Martinez.

He received his early education in El Salvador and began to raise his own family in El Salvador. Seeking a better life for his family, he immigrated to the United States in 1985 and settled in the Boston area.

He immediately began working to reunite his young family and have them join him. He worked as a cook in some of Boston’s popular Italian eateries. During this time, he learned to love Italian food and excelled in preparing many Italian dishes.

Five years later, he brought his family together and resettled in Somerville.

It was his spirit and calling to be self-employed and work independently to provide for his family. From his Somerville home he established “Colchas Primor y mas” selling home décor and jewelry items from his garage.

He moved his family to Chelsea and in 2008 he opened Colchas Primor y mas on Broadway in Chelsea. The store soon became a popular shopping place for many residents. Six years later he expanded to open a second successful location on Broadway in Revere. This true entrepreneur expanded again, this time acquiring Castillo’s Electronics in Chelsea 18 months ago.

His family was his first devotion, providing for them as a self-employed entrepreneur was his passion seconded only to his love for Italian food. He enjoyed cooking the meals and sauces from scratch as he learned earlier during his time working in restaurants.

He will be forever remembered as the man who cared more for others than himself, a man who would give you the shirt off his own back. He worked tirelessly to help others seek the American Dream. Yet, he never forgot the family and friends he left in El Salvador. Remembering the hardships he endured, he was constantly doing whatever he could to aide those in need remaining in the land of his birth. Less than a year ago, Carlos was predeceased by his father, Fernando. He is survived by his beloved spouse of 40 years, Rosalia Hernandez de Martinez. He was the forever loved and devoted father of Veronica Martinez of Maryland, Wilman Martinez and his wife, Wendy Burgos of Lynn, Marlon Marti-

nez and his wife, Tabitha Clark of Wakefield, Ever Hernandez and Yesenia Hernandez, both at home in Chelsea; the loving son of Martina Sanchez de Martinez, dear brother of Alejandro and Guadalupe, Fernando and Sidia Martinez, Fredy and Martha Martinez. Walter and Maria Martinez, David Martinez, Elba Martinez and a predeceased sister, Delmi Martinez. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and by many extended family members. Funeral services were held on Saturday, attended by family and friends. Services concluded with Carlos being placed to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit: www.WelshFH.com.

en Chelsea. La tienda pronto se convirtió en un popular lugar de compras para muchos residentes. Seis años más tarde se expandiría para abrir una segunda ubicación exitosa en Broadway en Revere. Este verdadero empresario se expandió de nuevo, esta vez adquiriendo Castillo’s Electronics en Chelsea hace 18 meses. Su familia fue su primera devoción, presuendo para ellos como empresario autónomo fue su pasión secundada sólo por su amor por la comida italiana. Le gustaba cocinar las comidas y salsas desde cero, como aprendió antes durante su tiempo trabajando en restaurantes. Será recordado para siempre como el hombre que se preocupaba más por los demás que por sí mismo, un hombre que te daría la camisa de su propia espalda. Trabajó incansablemente para ayudar a otros a buscar el Sueño Americano. Sin embargo, nunca olvidó a la familia y amigos que dejó en El Salvador. Recordando las dificultades que sufrió, constantemente hacía todo lo que podía para ayudar a los necesitados que permanecía en la tierra de su nacimiento.

Hace menos de un año Carlos fue precedido por su padre Fernando. Le sobrevive su amada esposa de 40 años Rosalía Hernández de Martínez. Fue el siempre amado y devoto padre de Verónica Martínez de MD, Wilman Martínez y su esposa Wendy Burgos de Lynn, Marlon Martínez y su esposa Tabitha Clark de Wakefield, Ever Hernández y Yesenia Hernández ambos en casa en Chelsea. Hijo amoroso de Martina Sánchez de Martínez. Querido hermano de Alejandro y Guadalupe, Fernando y Sidia Martínez, Fredy y Martha Martínez, Walter y María Martínez, David Martínez, Elba Martínez y una hermana predececa Delmi Martínez. También le sobreviven 9 nietos, muchos familiares y amigos. Los servicios funerarios se llevaron a cabo el sábado, a laue asistieron familiares y amigos. Los servicios concluyeron con Carlos siendo colocado para descansar en el Cementerio Woodlawn, Everett. Se dieron arreglos para el cuidado y la dirección de la Funeraria Welsh, Chelsea. Seguimos animando a familiares y amigos que deseen, a ofrecer condolencias en este momento a través del libro de visitas en línea o a enviar una visita personalizada a la tarjeta de condolencias; www.WelshFH.com.

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Edwin Frank

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Edwin Frank, 95, of Chelsea, formerly of Malden and Revere, beloved husband of the Harriet (Berger) Frank died on February 8 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House, Danvers.

Born in Malden, the son of the late David and Rose (Levine) Frank, he was raised and educated in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School. Edwin worked as a hearings officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias Crescent Lodge and former board of directors’ member of the Chelsea Revere Jewish Community Center. Edwin loved listening to classical music and watching sports. When he was a kid, he used to sell tip sheets for Wonderland Dog Track.

Edwin is survived by his son, Eric Frank and his wife, Donna of Nashua, NH, his granddaughter, Hannah Frank, who was the light of his life, and his niece, Diane Frank. He was predeceased by his brother, Philip Frank and a nephew, Rick Frank.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic private graveside services will be held in Lynn. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Katzman Family Center for Living 17 Lafayette Ave. Chelsea, MA 02150. Sharing written remembrances and condolences during this time will be essential in helping the Frank family reminisce, celebrate and heal. We encourage you to share your memories by visiting www.torffuneralservice.com.

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Donald Eugene Miller Mass Highway Dept. retiree and Boston Harbor Islands volunteer tour guide

Donald Eugene Miller, 85, entered eternal rest Thursday, February 4 at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Oklahoma, the son of the late John Panarese and Vera Miller, when Donald was 2 years old, his family settled in Chelsea, which is where he grew up, attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School with the Class of 1953.

Donald began his working career as a meat cutter at Landy Beef in Boston. He later switched careers and worked in the Highway Department for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He retired in 2011.

Donald enjoyed his family and friends and he had the wonderful ability to engage everyone in conversation. During his retirement Donald volunteered at the Boston Harbor Islands as a tour guide.

A long time Chelsea resident, he moved to Everett, which is where he has lived for the past 26 years. He will be greatly missed by all who love him.

The beloved husband of Marcia J. (Whalen) Miller, he was the beloved step-father of Sandy LaPointe and her husband, Ed of New Hampshire, brother of the late Barbara and Katherine Miller and dear cousin of Andrew Belsky of Attleboro and John Belsky of Seekonk. He is also lovingly survived by three



granddaughters: Danielle LaPointe of Cambridge, Andrea Waldron and her husband, Chris of Boscawen, NH and Nicole Dizer and her husband, Shane of Sandown, NH and two great grandchildren, Autumn and Collin Dizer.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea, on Friday, February 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. Donald's funeral services will follow in the Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

Per COVID-19 State Regulations, the Funeral Home is allowed a 35 person capacity limit. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter. We encourage family and friends to visit www.carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Legacy Lifecare to provide management services for Wellesley Campus of the Sisters of Charity-Halifax

Legacy Lifecare announced that it will provide management, operational development and consulting assistance to Sisters of Charity-Halifax's campus in Wellesley, which includes the Elizabeth Seton Residence, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility, and the Marillac Residence, a Level IV Rest Home. Legacy Lifecare, a nonprofit management resources collaborative, also manages Chelsea Jewish Lifecare of Chelsea and Peabody, JGS Lifecare of Longmeadow, and Deutsches Altenheim in West Roxbury. Legacy Lifecare began providing management services on January 1, 2021.

"We are excited to partner with Legacy Lifecare," said Sister Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, Congregation-

al Leader of the Sisters of Charity-Halifax. "By joining a network of nonprofit elder care organizations, we are better prepared to deal with today's increasingly complex healthcare landscape while retaining our mission and community focus. We are confident this collaboration will strongly benefit our residents, employees, and surrounding community."

With this new partnership, the Sisters of Charity-Halifax (Wellesley) will continue to oversee their branding, strategic planning, and fundraising. Legacy Lifecare will provide executive leadership, day-to-day support, and general management services. Both the Marillac Residence and the Elizabeth Seton Residence are highly regarded entities in

the Greater Boston area.

"Like all our members, Sisters of Charity-Halifax (Wellesley) is committed to providing the highest possible caliber of care," said Adam Berman, President and CEO of Legacy Lifecare. "We are thrilled to partner with this esteemed nonprofit organization. I look forward to working with their talented leadership team, headed by Lori Ferrante, administrator of the Elizabeth Seton Residence and Sister Judith Breen, administrator of the Marillac Residence."

The Sisters of Charity-Halifax have devoted themselves to a life of joyful service, through education, health care, social service and pastoral ministry. Their sisters have served in hospitals, schools and parishes, across Canada

and in Massachusetts and New York, Peru and the Dominican Republic.

Originally built for Sisters who needed nursing care, the Elizabeth Seton Residence opened its doors to the public when it was granted a license to operate a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility in 1980. Marillac Residence, formerly a Rest Home for religious women only, was granted a license to open its facility to the general public in 2017. Both are proud to welcome people of all religious traditions, cultural, ethnic and racial backgrounds to its residences. Their shared mission calls them "to provide compassionate, caring service and to create an atmosphere where all feel welcome and respected."

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CHA resident, Fidele Rodriguez gets his Moderna Covid-19 Immunization shot, with his second due in 28 days.



EMT Field Supervisor and technician from Brewster Ambulance Service, Gregg Davis was busy February 4th at the CHA building on Bloomingdale Street. All recipients of the vaccine were carefully monitored for any reaction to the immunization.



Margarette Rivera, an 84-year-old resident on 14 Bloomingdale Street was the first to receive her vaccine in her apartment. Margarette is confined to a wheelchair and was not able to get to the common area where the vaccine was to be given. For her safety a Chelsea firefighter stayed with her, for the allotted 15 minutes for any reaction to the vaccine. EMT technician Gregg Davis, from Brewster Ambulance Service administered the immunization shots.



Ready for the residents to arrive, Geraldine Portillo and from Brewster Ambulance Service Antonia DeVincitis.



Chelsea Firefighters, Jim Ruiz and Tony Martinez are shown with President of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, Richard MacKinnon Jr. at Chelsea's senior housing development on Bloomingdale Street.



John Chen (right) President of Mascon, Inc is shown with Paul and Tracy Nowicki. This program is designed to bring fast, convenient and safe Covid-19 immunization to Massachusetts' most vulnerable residents.

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