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Ambrosino
proposes
\$16 million
Capital
Improvement
Plan

By Seth Daniel

The COVID-19 pandemic hasn't slowed down the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as it did last year, with City Manager Tom Ambrosino proposing a \$16 million plan with 40 projects at a Council subcommittee Monday night.

"This is a big investment and we have the funding for all of these projects," Ambrosino told the Council.

The projects in the CIP range from the mundane – such as routine replacement of police cruisers and DPW dump trucks – to more high ticket projects like re-tooling the DPW City Yard and enhancing a flood mitigation project on Willow Street.

One of the requests if for \$750,000 to upgrade the drainage system in the Central Avenue and Willow Street area – part of a \$9 million project that will lay the groundwork for the mixed-income redevelopment of the Innes Public Housing Apartments.

Ambrosino said he was very excited about that portion of the CIP, and especially being able to do more than already planned to help with flooding.

"We'll be doing a lot of work on Central Avenue and Willow Street in and around the Innes Development," he said. "I'm excited about that. It has been an area of recurring flooding issues and we hope we can improve that."

That project has a \$5 million state grant, and the City – if the extra \$750,000 is approved – will have put in \$4 million.

Another key project in the CIP is addressing the DPW City Yard. There had been ideas about demolishing the Yard on Beacham Street and building new elsewhere. Instead, Ambrosino said he wants to invest \$1 million into improving and renovating the Yard. He said he would also like to invest more next year and be able to keep it going there for another 10 years.

Other highlights in the proposed CIP include:

- \$350,000 to match a \$400,000 PARC Grant that would renovate

AIR QUALITY METER NETWORK



Federal, state and local officials came together with GreenRoots on Earth Day, April 22, at Highland Park to celebrate the official unveiling of an air quality monitor and a network of nine air quality meters throughout the City. The monitor keeps careful measurements of air quality levels in the area, and the network of meters takes readings in real time and broadcasts them on a public website for residents to monitor at will. Here, those gathered include City Manager Tom Ambrosino, GreenRoots Director Roseann Bongiovanni, Jossie Valentin from Sen. Ed Markey's Office, Council President Roy Avellaneda, EPA Regional Administrator Deb Szaro, DEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg, DEP Deputy Commissioner Stephanie Cooper and State Rep. Jessica Giannino. Meanwhile, the DEP's Tony Pikul shows off the new monitoring equipment, which measures VOCs and particulate matter in the air. See Page 7 for story and more photos.

Chelsea Black Community
assists at vaccination clinics

By Cary Shuman

The Chelsea Black Community (CBC) is assisting at the COVID-19 vaccination clinics being held at the Chelsea Senior Center.

CBC President Joan Cromwell and board member Henry Wilson joined representatives from FEMA, the City of Chelsea, and Cataldo Ambulance at the clinic held last Saturday.

"The Chelsea Black Community is here today and we're immunizing Chelsea High students (ages 16 and up) and staff as well as the community at-large," said Cromwell, adding that more than 1,000 residents have attended the clinics the past two weekends. "The clinics are going very well and we're happy to step up for our residents. We have a great relationship with the City, FEMA, and Cataldo Ambulance."



he Chelsea Black Community is assisting the City of Chelsea, FEMA, and Cataldo Ambulance at vaccinations clinic being held the Chelsea Senior Center. Pictured at last Saturday's clinic are, from left, Chelsea High teacher Miguel Hernando, CBC President Joan Cromwell, COVID-19 health ambassador Kimberly Contreras, CBC board member Henry Wilson, COVID-19 health ambassador Mikey DeJesus, Executive Assistant to the City Manager Lourdes Alvarez, and COVID-19 health ambassador Jakelyn Joya.

Porch fire minor, but raises major questions about safety

By Seth Daniel

A minor back porch fire on Garland Street last week has sparked a warning from Chief Leonard Albanese to be careful about activities on back porches.

All over Greater Boston, and in Chelsea over the last year or two, porch fires have been a great concern to the department – and last week's fire was no better time to remind people about the dangers.

"This again brings attention to the dangers

Body cameras
may be used
by local police

By Seth Daniel

One Chelsea Police union has agreed in principle to wearing body cameras on the job, and the second union is also expected very soon to agree to the practice as well – paving the path for the Administration and Chelsea Police to begin the process of implementing body-worn police cameras for every officer.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino reported the Chelsea Police Superior Officers Union had agreed to body cameras in its most recent contract negotiation, and an ongoing negotiation with the Patrol Officers Union would also likely result in the approval of that process too.

Chelsea Police would become the first department in the area to implement the practice department-wide.

"The Superior Officers have agreed to it and the Patrol Officers are in negotiations for that now," said Ambrosino. "When we implement that, I don't know, but this gives us the authority to move in that direction. I think it's safe to say we could have them in the next fiscal year."

Police-worn body cameras have been controversial for some time in the public and in the police department, but Ambrosino said that is becoming less of an issue and there wasn't a lot of "grumbling" from the membership, he said. Mostly, he said many feel that it will become a requirement everywhere very soon.

"I think they feel inevitably it's going to be mandated, so they wanted to be able to bargain for something now," he said. "I think there is an inevitability to it. I think five years from now, you'll have to have them on. There wasn't a lot of grumbling and we reached an agreement."

Ambrosino said in the previous contract, the top priority had been to negotiate for residency requirements for police. In this contract, he said they focused on body camera

Shipyard parcels sell to Somerville
research and development company

By Seth Daniel

Four parcels of land associated with the Fitzgerald Shipyard have sold for \$6 million to Science Research Labs (SRL) of Somerville, a government contractor that has been in business since 1983.

A limited liability corporation (LLC) controlled by Dr. Jonah Jacob of SRL purchased the properties recently from Yankee Marine RET, which is held by Peter Fitzgerald of the Shipyard. The parcels are on Winnisimmet Street and Williams Street.

Several messages sent to Jacob via email and by phone were not returned, and no one is quite sure what the intentions are of the new ownership.

Sources close to the situation said they have heard there are no immediate changes planned, but a lot of the small businesses that operated in the Yard may not be operating any longer.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said the City was aware of this significant purchase on the waterfront, but they haven't heard from the new owner and have no idea what the plans might be.

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Baker relaxes COVID-19 restrictions

Staff Report

On Tuesday, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries effective May 10, and put plans in place for further reopening on May 29 and August 1.

The Administration continues to take steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy with public health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction. This includes drops in average daily COVID cases and hospitalizations. Massachusetts remains first in the nation for first vaccine doses and total doses administered per capita, among states with more than 5 million people. The Administration will also relax the Face Coverings Order for some outdoor settings, effective this Friday, April 30.

•Face Coverings Order:

Effective April 30, the Face Coverings Order will be relaxed for some outdoor settings.

*Face coverings will only be required outside in public when it is not possible to socially distance, and at other times required by sector-specific guidance.

*Face coverings will still be required at all times in indoor public places. Face coverings will also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors and whether held in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking.

*At smaller gatherings in private homes, face coverings are recommended but not required. The \$300 fine as an enforcement mechanism will be eliminated.

•Phase IV, Step 2 Industries and Gathering Changes:

On March 22, Massachusetts loosened capacity restrictions and advanced to Step 1 of Phase IV of the reopening plan. Since then, case rates dropped by 20%. The positivity rate has dropped to the lowest levels recorded since last summer.

Effective Monday, May 10:

*Large venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open as part of Phase 4, Step 1 at 12% will be permitted to increase capacity to 25%.

*The Commonwealth will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries including amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks that will be permitted to operate at a 50% capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.

*Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.

*Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high risk sports.

*Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

•Effective May 29:

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and private settings.

•Subject to public health

and vaccination data, additional Phase 4, Step 2 industries will be permitted to open including:

*Street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals, at 50% of their previous capacity and after submitting safety plans to the local board of health.

*Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, will be subject to restaurant rules with seated service only, a 90 minute limit and no dance floors.

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, the restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to 10.

•Effective August 1:

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, remaining industries will be permitted to open including:

*Dance clubs, and nightclubs

*Saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs and other facilities

*Indoor water parks

*Ball pits

*All industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries, with businesses encouraged to continue following best practices. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

*Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the Administration may consider re-evaluating the August 1 date. The Department of Public Health will also continue to issue guidance as needed, including guidance to still require masks indoors.

For more information, visit mass.gov/reopening.

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as, which was something that had been brought up as a priority by the Chelsea Black Community and others.

“The last contract it was residency and this time we focused on body cameras,” he said. “The Chelsea Black Communi-

ty during their discussions with the City indicated they thought it would be a good step forward for the City and we were cognizant of that. I do think it is the wave of the future.”

Implementation is not an easy task, as it would likely cost around

\$200,000 or so to outfit the department, and there are a lot of technical issues to work out.

That will lie in the lap of Chief Brian Kyes, who Ambrosino said is working on a policy for cameras and an implementation plan as well.

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of rear porch fires in the city and the entire metro region,” said the chief. “Porch fires have the potential to burn undetected and cause rapid fire spread. Residents should not cook or smoke on rear porches. If they do smoke, submerge the butts in water to extinguish. Never throw butts from a porch to the

yard. Cooking is only permitted at ground level and at least 15 feet away from any structure. These safety precautions may save your neighborhood.”

The fire on Garland Street last Thursday afternoon started on the rear porch in the floor joist between the first and second floors, said the chief.

Firefighters made a quick attack and kept the fire out of the house. The house sustained residual damage only. There were no civilian injuries and one firefighter sustained a minor injury.

The fire is under investigation and doesn't appear to be suspicious, said Albanese.

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American Superintendent 2020 Decennial Study now available

Copies of the American Superintendent 2020 Decennial Study, which examines historical and contemporary perspectives of our nation's school system leaders, are now available through AASA, The School Superintendents Association, and Rowman & Littlefield, the organization's co-publishing partner.

The latest edition is an extension of national decennial studies of the American school superintendent that began in 1923.

“As the leaders and chief spokespersons of America's public school systems, superintendents have critical insights and consequently, a responsibility to influence local, state and federal decisions to shape the future of the nation's public schools and the students they serve,” said Daniel A. Domenech, executive director, AASA, in the volume's foreword. “The 2020 edition of the AASA Decennial Study is a tool to complement this important work by collecting and analyzing the landscape of the American superintendency and marks the first time PDK International has joined us in this endeavor.”

Some of the report's key findings include:

The average superintendent was a married white (91.38%) male, who had prior experience as a principal, with two to eight years of experience being a superintendent.

The percentage of female superintendents increased slightly from 2010, when it was 24.1%, to 26.68% in 2020. The percentage of women in the top leadership position in education

is well above the 5.4% of S&P 500 companies led by a woman. Only 5% of the Russell 3000 companies have a woman in the top position.

In terms of political affiliation, superintendents remained a diverse group, with approximately 33% identifying as Republican, 32% independent and 31% Democrat.

Approximately 59% of the respondents said they planned on being a superintendent in the next five years. This represented an increase, compared to 51% of the respondents in 2010.

Almost 34% of superintendents specified they would retire within the next five years, compared to 50% of superintendents in 2010.

As in 2010, about 3% (2.71%) of the respondents in this study were employed in very large districts in 2020, whereas 11.76% were employed in districts with enrollments of 300 or less, representing a slight increase from 9% in 2010.

The racial/ethnic diversity of districts in which superintendents worked increased since 2010. Only 34% of respondents worked in districts in which less than 5% of the students were non-white, compared to almost 50% in 2010. The percentage of respondents employed in districts with high racial diversity (i.e., more than 50% non-white students) remained at 15%.

The research was conducted in late 2019 and early 2020. Just as findings from previous decennial studies suggested, job-related situations of superintendents vary greatly.

They can be influenced by a number of factors including district enrollment, demographic characteristics of the superintendents, and characteristics of the students and communities they serve.

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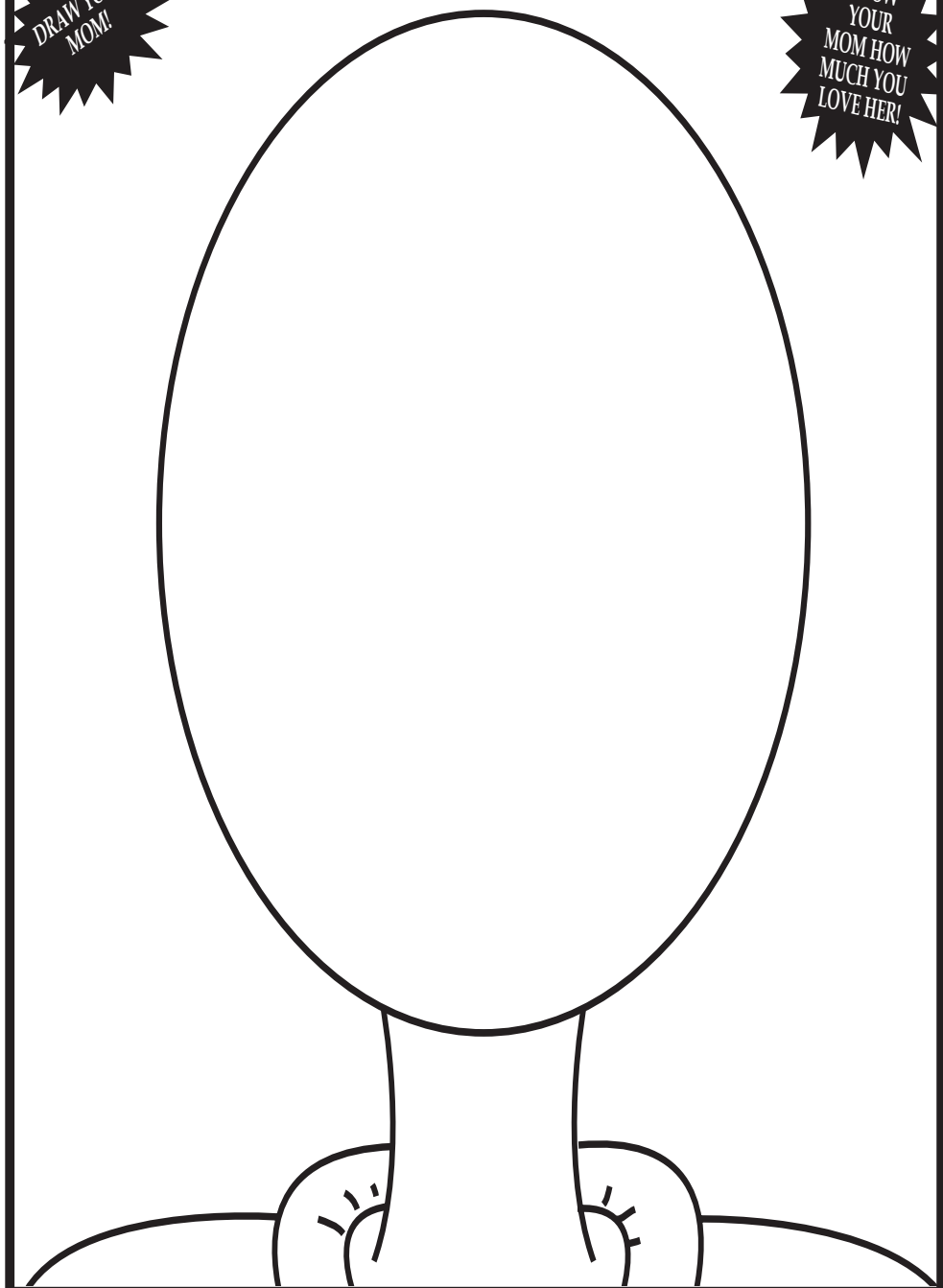
Joshua Starr, chief executive officer, PDK International; and

Christopher H. Tienken, associate professor of education leadership, management and policy, Seton Hall University.

AASA and PDK have partnered in a series of podcasts to coincide with the availability of the 2020 published edition. The first episode features Starr, Gregory Hutchings, superintendent of Alexandria (Va.) Public Schools, and Jennifer Cheatham, senior lecturer, Harvard Graduate School of Education, in a conversation about race and equity in K-12 public schools. The second episode features Starr, Al-mudena (Almi) G. Abeyta, superintendent, Chelsea (Mass.) Public Schools, Deb Kerr, retired superintendent and AASA immediate past president, and Carol Kelley, superintendent, Oak Park Elementary (Ill.) School District 97, in a conversation about women in school leadership.

For specific questions or information about ordering copies of the survey, please contact AASA's Chris Rogers at crogers@aasa.org.

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BIDEN’S CLIMATE CHANGE BILL: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?

President Joe Biden’s ambitious proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 50 percent (from their 2005 levels) by 2030 marks a dramatic moment in the environmental movement.

Those of us old enough to remember the first Earth Day -- 51 years ago this past week -- know how difficult it can be to induce American consumers and businesses to adopt environmentally-friendly habits.

The first Earth Day was inspired by the images a few months before of Cleveland’s Cuyahoga River catching fire when the chemical pollutants which industries poured into the river (which in turn streamed into Lake Erie) were ignited by a spark from the shore.

The shocking river fire and the Earth Day movement in turn led to the creation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the full support of then-President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.

The EPA soon initiated policies that began to improve America’s air and waterways, most notably with the elimination of lead in gasoline.

However, despite the tangible accomplishments of the EPA over the past 50 years, our air and water -- the essentials of life for all living things -- have remained as harmful to our health as ever.

A recent study by the American Lung Association concluded that almost 50 percent of all Americans still breathe polluted air.

The 1967 movie, The Graduate, predicted the rise of plastics (“Benjamin...I have one word for you: ‘Plastics.’ There is a great future in plastics.”) in everyday life. But what the movie did not anticipate was that within a few decades, micro-plastics not only would contaminate the oceans around the world, but also would be found in every major organ in our bodies.

And of course, there is the matter of global warming, which soon is set to reach a point that will make life as we know it unsustainable in many parts of the world, including our own, where rising sea levels will inundate the Massachusetts coastline.

However, what is encouraging about President Biden’s plans is that for the first time, major U.S. companies are supportive of policies that are good for the environment. Although we would like to think that they are doing so for the right reasons, the reality is that these companies realize that climate change will have a catastrophic effect on their business interests.

The U.S. military has warned for the past decade that climate change poses a major threat to our national security and now private industry finally has jumped on the bandwagon. According to an article in the New York Times last week, “Rising temperatures are likely to reduce global wealth significantly by 2050, as crop yields fall, disease spreads, and rising seas consume coastal cities...The effects of climate change can be expected to shave 11 percent to 14 percent off global economic output by 2050 compared with growth levels without climate change, according to a report from Swiss Re, one of the world’s largest providers of insurance to other insurance companies.”

So we applaud President Joe Biden’s dramatic pro-environment policies, which incorporate many aspects of the Green New Deal put forward by our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, in tandem with New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

And we are heartened that American business is fully on-board with the president’s proposals.

Hopefully, the shift in our national policy will not be a case of too little, too late.

On the other hand, for those of us who celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970, we have to say, “Better late than never.”

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PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

Dinora Torres

(The following is one in a series of sneak peeks at the upcoming People of Chelsea additions by Photographer Darlene DeVita. The new work will ultimately appear on the fence of the Chelsea Public Library (CPL) this fall in a collaboration between the People of Chelsea project and the CPL.)

By Darlene DeVita

I’ve been living in my home in Chelsea for one year. My children were born in the U.S. My grandmother and other family members live here too, and we were all living with her when my children were born. Before we lived in Chelsea, we lived in East Boston.

I came from Mexico City. I came to the US alone, to Boston. I came in 1996, and had my family

here. I am a single mother.

I worked downtown in Haymarket, at a restaurant. I have now been without work for 5 months because of the pandemic.

I am very happy living in Chelsea. Very grateful for all the services, for all the hospitality, and for all the help that has been given to us. Because of that, we haven’t been without food or diapers for the children. Because of that help we’ve received, I really feel supported by Chelsea 100%.

There are good people here. I really like everything about the community of Chelsea, the humility, the unity of the people.

There aren’t that many Mexicans here, a few, some restaurants. Most come from Central America. I came for a better life, a more secure future, and there are more possi-



Dinora Torres with Leyla Nuñez, 4 years old and Byron Nuñez, 2 years old.

bilities here than in one’s home country. Especially now, with the rate of delinquency [in Mexico], one feels safer here. I feel

my children are safer.

My brother is here too, and another son of mine who is 20, and a 2-month-old grandchild.

Senator DiDomenico calls for action on wage theft

Staff Report

On April 15th, Senator DiDomenico joined with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and labor leaders from across the Greater Boston Area to take part in Boston Tax Fraud Day of Action. Together, they called for urgent action on legislation to crack down on the rampant epidemic of wage theft here in Massachusetts. Senator DiDomenico is the lead sponsor of S.1179, An Act to prevent wage theft, promote employer accountability, and enhance public enforcement, which would give the state greater power to go after corrupt employers and provide additional tools for the Attorney General’s Office to hold violators fully accountable.

“Each year that goes by without action on this bill means that more and more workers—many of whom are immigrants—

fall victim to wage theft and thousands of dollars are stolen from our economy,” said Senator DiDomenico, speaking at the rally. “Wage theft takes many different forms, but they all have the common denominator of hurting hard working men and women and our tax payers. Enough is enough. We must take action by passing S.1179 to crack down on corrupt employers and ensure our workers get the pay they rightfully deserve.”

Wage theft- the illegal practice of not paying employees for all of their work— has become a pervasive problem throughout the Massachusetts economy. One of the most prevalent of these practices is payroll fraud, via misclassifying employees as independent contractors or paying workers “off-the-books” in cash-only arrangements. As a result, some em-

ployers avoid paying taxes and into critical safety nets for workers— like unemployment insurance, workers compensation, Social Security and Medicare benefits—putting an unfair burden on Massachusetts tax payers and the Commonwealth when employees have a legitimate right to utilize these programs. Wage theft also hurts legitimate businesses by putting law-abiding companies at a competitive disadvantage when they lose contracts to companies that charge less for their work by cheating their workers out of their pay.

To increase accountability in labor contracting and subcontracting, the bill holds lead contractors accountable for the wage theft violations of their subcontractors if there is a significant connection to their business activities or operations and enhances the enforcement power

of the Attorney General’s Office by allowing it to bring wage theft cases directly to civil court. The Attorney General would also gain the ability to issue a stop work order in response to a wage theft violation.

To protect employees affected by a stop work order, the bill requires that employees be paid for the period that the stop work order is in effect or the first 10 days the employee was scheduled to work had the stop order not been issued.

The Massachusetts Senate has twice passed Senator DiDomenico’s wage theft bill during previous legislative sessions with nearly unanimous and bipartisan support. Today, the bill is currently pending before the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce development where it awaits a favorable report.

Census 2020 data shows growth; all members of Congress kept

The federal government released statewide Census 2020 data on Tuesday, and it showed that Massachusetts had grown in the last 10 years by 473,825 people to a total of more than 7 million residents, and that the state would keep all nine members of Congress – avoiding what was expected to be a messy redistricting process if a seat had to be eliminated as was done in 2010.

The official apportionment population of Massachusetts was 7,033,469 people as of April 1, 2020 – known as Census Day. That was a dramatic increase from the Census 2010 numbers, where Massachusetts had 6,559,644 people, and the state lost its 10th member of Congress. Though there

were gains in the state, it wasn’t enough to add back a member of Congress.

That said, Massachusetts was able to keep all nine members of Congress, and avoid what many considered a very possible shrinkage to eight members. That would have required the elimination of district and the re-drawing of lines to accommodate that loss. Many speculated prior to the release of the statewide data that the district most likely to be reconfigured was District 7 – which is the district that encompasses Everett, Chelsea Charlestown, Somerville, Cambridge, other parts of Boston and communities south of Boston. That, now, will not be necessary.

Historically, Massachusetts is at an all-time low for representation.

In 1910, the state had 16 members of Congress, but that has steadily declined over the decades to nine members.

Nationwide, population growth once again spiked in the west – particularly Texas, which gained two Congressional seats on top of the four that state gained in 2010. Gaining one new seat were Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon.

Seven states lost one seat, including California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Those states, minus California and West Virginia, all lost seats in 2010 as well.

Nationwide, the new population count, including Puerto Rico, was 334,735,155 people – which was an increase

over 2010, but did show a slowing of population growth from recent years. The total population in 2010 for the United States was 312,471,327.

Apportionment is the process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states. At the conclusion of each Census, the results are used to calculate the number of seats to which each state is entitled. Each of the 50 states is entitled to a minimum of one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The City and Town data for Chelsea and other communities – as well as neighborhood and Census tract data – is expected to be released in the early summer months, maybe as early as May.

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Middle School students allowed to return five days a week, high school next month

By Seth Daniel

Wednesday morning marked another group of students allowed the option to return to school in-person for five days a week – what many would have simply called “school” prior to March 2020.

On Wednesday, middle school grades of 6-8 were given the option to come in person to the City’s three middle schools – the Browne, Wright and Clark Ave/Seigel.

Per state order, the district had to give students the option to return five days a week by April 28, and that was completed on Wednesday for Chelsea.

Meanwhile, this week Education Commissioner Jeff Riley announced that the state was requiring that high school students will be required to have the option of returning



Crossing Guards and kids were a rare sight for 13 months, but now school is back and students are walking to school again.



Supt. Almi Abeyta was on hand at the Browne Middle School on Wednesday to welcome back grades 6-8 in the Chelsea Public Schools re-opening plan. Here, she welcomes back 8th grader Alexis Rivera to the classroom after more than a year out of the building in remote learning.



At the Clark Ave/Seigel Middle School on Wednesday, students returned to their seats in the classroom for the first time in more than a year. High school students are now slated to return to school on May 17.

She said they have done parent surveys recently at the high school and have found about 50 percent of the parents would send their kids back in person five days a week, and 50 percent want to remain remote.

That is consistent, and in some cases higher, than other districts surrounding Chelsea. It has been a pattern in the small Gateway Cities for student return to be lower in the older grades.

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Symptoms	Coronavirus' (COVID-19) Symptoms rang from mild to severs	Cold General onset of symptoms	Flu Abrupt onset of symptoms	Seasonal Allergies Abrupt onset of symptoms	Asthma Gradual or abrupt onset of symptoms	Síntomas	Coronavirus' (COVID-19) Los síntomas varían de leves a graves.	Resfriado Inicio gradual de los síntomas	Gripe Inicio abrupto de los síntomas	Alergias temporadas Inicio abrupto de los síntomas	Asma Inicio gradual o abrupto de los síntomas
Length of Symptoms	7-25 days	Less than 14 days	7-14 days	Several weeks	Can start quickly or last for hours or longer	Duración de los síntomas	7-25 días	Menos de 14 días	7-14 días	Varias semanas	Los síntomas pueden aparecer rápidamente o durar horas o más.*
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Common (mild)	Common (usually dry)	Rare (usually dry unless it triggers asthma)	Common (can be dry or wet/productive)	Tos	Frecuente (normalmente seca)	Frecuente (leve)	Frecuente (normalmente seca)	Raro (normalmente seca a menos que desencadene asma)	Común (puede ser una tos seca o productiva)
Wheezing	No	No**	No**	No**	Common	Sibilancia	No	No**	No**	No**	Común
Shortness of Breath	Sometimes	No**	No**	No**	Common	Falta de aire	A veces	No**	No**	No**	Común
Chest Tightness/pain	Sometimes	No**	No**	No**	Common	Dolor/presión en el pecho	A veces	No**	No**	No**	Común
Rapid breathing	Sometimes	No**	No**	No**	Common	Respiración rápida	A veces	No**	No**	No**	Común
Sneezing	No	Common	No	Common	No***	Estornudos	No	Frecuente	No	Frecuente	No***
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common	No***	Congestión o goteo nasal	Raro	Frecuente	A veces	Frecuente	No***
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes (usually mild)	No***	Dolor de garganta	A veces	Frecuente	A veces	A veces (normalmente leve)	No***
Fever	Common	Short fever period	Common	No	No	Fiebre	Frecuente	Corto período de fiebre	Frecuente	No	No
Feeling tired and weak	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes	Fatiga o debilidad	A veces	A veces	Frecuente	A veces	A veces
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common	Sometimes (related to sinus pain)	Rare	Dolor de cabeza	A veces	Raro	Frecuente	A veces (relacionado con dolor sinusal)	Raro
Body aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common	No	No	Dolor corporal	A veces	Frecuente	Frecuente	No	No
Diarrhea, nausea and vomiting	Sometimes	Rare	Sometimes	No	No	Diarrea, náusea y vómitos	A veces	Raro	A veces	No	No
Chills	Sometimes	No	Sometimes	No	No	Escalofríos	A veces	No	A veces	No	No
Loss of taste or smell	Sometimes	Rare	Rare	Rare	No	Pérdida del sentido del gusto u olfato	A veces	Raro	Raro	Raro	No

Your symptoms may vary. *Information is still evolving. Many people may not have symptoms. *If your quick-relief medicine is not helping your asthma symptoms, or if you are in the Red Zone on your Asthma Action Plan, call your health care provider or seek medical attention immediately. **Allergies, colds and flus can all trigger asthma which can lead to shortness of breath, chest tightness/pain and rapid breathing. COVID-19 is the only one associated with shortness of breath in its own. ***If you have allergic asthma, you may have symptoms of both asthma and allergies at the same time.

Sources: Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. edited 8/25/20 • aafa.org/covid19

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RED DEVIL HOOP GREATS GATHER AT THE BROWN JUG



The stars of the mid-1960s Chelsea High School basketball teams (and the former Chelsea Wild Animal League at the YMHA) gathered at the New Brown Jug to reminisce about their exciting games in the old Greater Boston League and playing at the State Armory before large hometown crowds. Former Red Devil greats pictured, front row, from left, are Ronald Robinson, Leo Robinson, David Mugford, and Donald Domoretsky. Back row, from left, are Golden "Rico" Tyre, Davey Hill, Dale Johnson, Stuart Feinberg, and Bobby Long.



Davey Hill, Stuart Feinberg, and Dale Johnson arrive for the Chelsea High basketball alumni dinner at the New Brown Jug.



Mike Matrisko, owner of the New Brown Jug and a former Chelsea High basketball player (Class of 1971), welcomes Ronald Robinson (left) and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson (right) to his popular restaurant.

MassDOT announces \$5.3 million funding in shared winter streets

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the award of \$5,318,845.57 in the fifth round of funding from the Baker-Polito Administration's Shared Winter Streets and Spaces program.

The program, which was launched on November 10, provides technical and funding assistance to help Massachusetts cities and towns conceive, design, and implement tactical changes to curbs, streets, and parking areas in support of public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce, with a special focus on the challenges of winter.

The awards made will provide funding to 36 municipalities and two public transit authorities for 40

projects. Of the awarded municipalities, 50% are designated Environmental Justice communities and 18% are considered high-risk for Covid infections. A total of 58% of today's winners have never received a Shared Streets and Spaces award before.

Since the inception of the program in June of 2020, the Commonwealth has invested \$26.4 million in municipal Shared Streets projects.

The Shared Winter Streets and Spaces program provides grants as small as \$5,000 and as large as \$500,000 for municipalities and transit authorities quickly launch changes for safer walking, biking, public transit, recreation, commerce, and civic activities. These improvements can be intentionally temporary or can be pilots of poten-

tially permanent changes. MassDOT is particularly focused on projects that respond to the current public health crisis and provide safe mobility for children, for elders, to public transportation, and to open space and parks.

The local list of cities and towns awarded Shared Winter Streets and Spaces grants in this funding round are:

- Chelsea received \$148,500.00 to implement new bicycle- and pedestrian-oriented roadway treatments along Division Street and Winnisimmet Street, as well as the deployment of mobile barriers at Winnisimmet Street to block vehicular traffic during community events.
- Winthrop received \$40,000.00 to purchase and install four new bus shelters.

Chelsea celebrates Earth Day by unveiling real-time air quality meter network

By Seth Daniel

There was a time when members of GreenRoots and that organization’s predecessor would ride around Chelsea on bikes with air monitors trying to get readings in various areas of the City.

Concerned for years about air quality, rarely did they get cooperation from federal or state officials to measure the pollutants from the airport, heavy industry, the highway and other toxic uses in the overburdened City.

So, they took it on the road.

Now, with cooperation abounding, they no longer need pedals and push-power to measure the air quality in the City. Now, it’s as easy as touching a button on the computer.

“For years and years and years we monitored air quality in a make-shift fashion,” said Roseann Bongiovanni of GreenRoots, during an in-person event on Earth Day (April 22) to celebrate the siting of a permanent air quality monitor and nine satellite monitors throughout the city. “We did air quality monitoring with equipment while riding bicycles. We are now so happy to collaborate with the Department of Environmental Protection and the EPA on this monitor. This is a really great opportunity. There will also be nine purple air quality monitors throughout the city so we know we can know in real-time what is in the air we breathe every day.”

The air quality monitor is permanently located in Highland Park and uses complex equipment to measure Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and particulate matter – which are often associated with air pollution emissions. That monitor is taken care of by the DEP – specifically Santiago Camero – and data is collected frequently. Meanwhile, with help from the federal delegation and unparalleled cooperation from the EPA and DEP last year, nine smaller monitors have been sited throughout the city and they take air quality readings in real time. That system is able to report its readings to a website so that residents can instantly know the air quality in several parts of Chelsea at any time.

Council President Roy Avellaneda is actually hosting two of the portable monitors on his properties, and said he is grateful of the quick action and the recognition that Chelsea is severely overburdened environmentally.

“We have had a history in communities like Chelsea that are smaller in getting the attention of agencies,” he said. “It is very easy to get overshadowed by neighboring cities like Boston, Cambridge and Somerville when we advocate. To get something like this in our city is a victory. We don’t take it for granted.”

EPA Regional Administrator Deb Szaro said Chelsea is overburdened and this monitor will allow the community to find out the real quality of the air and then to take action on mitigating it.

Both the DEP Commission Martin Suuberg and Deputy Commissioner Stephanie Cooper were also present, spending their Earth Day in Chelsea



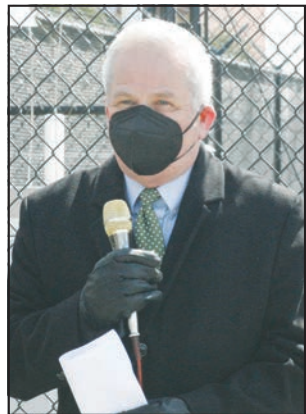
State Rep. Jessica Giannino said few things are more important than the air we breathe.



GreenRoots Director Roseann Bongiovanni explained the need for real-time air quality monitoring.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino said Chelsea deserved to have this kind of equipment to measure its air.



DEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg said he was very happy to be able to work with the federal authorities to get action so quickly on the new equipment last year.



Deputy Director of Air Assessment Sean Dunn shows off the new air quality monitor in Highland Park to Councillor Giovanni Recupero, Council President Roy Avellaneda and City Manager Tom Ambrosino.



DEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg chats with GreenRoots Director Roseann Bongiovanni.

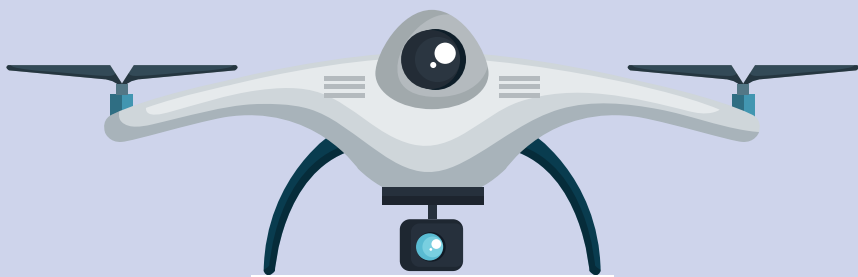


Deputy Director of Air Assessment Sean Dunn explains the new citywide system to EPA Regional Administrator Deb Szaro.



Council President Roy Avellaneda is hosting an air quality monitor on his home and on one of his businesses.

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Merging the waterfront, and the fruits of labor in public art

Special to the Record

The Island End River is a small tidal tributary off the Mystic River close to where it empties into the Boston Harbor. At its terminus sits the New England Produce Center, a sprawling wholesale regional food market that is an essential part of the entire surrounding region's food distribution infrastructure. This low-lying area built atop a salt marsh and tidal flood-

plain remains extremely vulnerable to flooding, and was identified as a priority area in the City of Chelsea's 2018 Municipal Vulnerability Plan. As the City of Chelsea works to address coastal flooding through a redesign and improvement of the Island End River Park, the City is also focused on improving park accessibility and placemaking, enhancing the natural shoreline, and providing equitable water-

front access to its diverse communities, which have been among the hardest hit in the state by the Covid-19 pandemic. As part of this effort, the City has partnered with three artists to engage with youth on public art and creative placemaking to involve the community in the planning process. Lead artist Carolyn Lewenberg along with Ruth Henry and Eileen Riestra and a youth team from La Colaborativa installed a giant pineapple sculpture in the intertidal zone near the Island End Park, using absurdity to get people's attention and draw people into conversation about climate change impacts and what is being done to protect the community. A trail of stencil art designed by youth with support from the artist team lead people from the Mystic River at Mary O'Malley State Park along the Island End River to the site. Youth



Public art at Island End River is telling an important story about the resilience of a city and its climate. Three artists and a youth team from La Colaborativa have built and installed a huge pineapple (above and left) to draw conversations about resilience and its role in protecting the New England Produce Center.



are exploring themes of personal and community resilience in their designs. The team will create a self-guided walking tour to explain how the stencils represent their expe-

riences of resilience. The stencils begin behind the tennis courts at Mary O'Malley State Park and end at the giant pineapple at Island End Park. The tour will be scheduled

for early May. This project is supported by the Chelsea Cultural Council - Heritage Celebrations Grant Funding.

Prattville section to be highlighted in tour

Staff report

Chelsea, a city rich in history and diversity, will launch the first of six tours showcasing historical and contemporary themes, on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. The first tour in the series will center on Prattville. The Prattville Tour will be presented by Lee Farrington who conducted the research. Lee has lived in Prattville for 17 years and is absorbed in learning about Chelsea's rich and colorful history. She is a former trustee of the Governor Bellingham Cary House. The Prattville neighborhood's rich and colorful history began with the Native American Pawtucket

and Sagamore tribes. In 1695, Thomas Pratt inherited a 390 acre farm. Through this tour, you'll learn about the contributions over 300 years of generations of the Pratt family to this neighborhood, the city of Chelsea and the nation. Over the coming weeks details additional tours will be announced. These include two historical tours: resident Pepper Fee explores Chelsea's waterfront and cultural anthropologist Ellen Rovner tells the story of Chelsea's Jewish history. Two public art tours take different approaches to their subjects. Artist Carolyn Lewenberg and the youth La Colaborativa will guide visitors for

a stroll from Mary O'Malley Park to a sculptural installation at Island End River that reflects on Chelsea's response to climate change. In the downtown, see the murals that have been springing up over the past two years and find out about those planned for installation this summer. A crowd-sourced effort with the community unearthed a big collection of sites where movie and TV production crews used Chelsea locations. This tour will be all virtual to allow for links to the video clips. The tours were developed under the umbrella of the City of Chelsea's Chelsea Prospers program. It facilitates events, public art and human-centered

infrastructure projects in the city with the goal of weaving community connections and a healthier, happier and more prosperous city. Find all the details on these tours in the Chelsea Prospers at ChelseaProspers.org. Each of these tours is available in a self-guided virtual format. Find archival images and information on each of the sights of the tour and follow along using the digital map. You'll find there updates on the tour schedule with links to secure free tickets to a tour. "Each of these tours was created by a member of the Chelsea community. It turned out to be an exciting process to pull each of them together as they uncovered so many interesting stories about the city. By highlighting Chelsea's history and culture we hope to both share the enduring strength that makes Chelsea a resilient city and build an even stronger community," notes Mimi Graney, coordinator of the project and Civic Design and Engagement Strategist for the City of Chelsea. Learn more about Chelsea Prospers: Nurturing resident participation in community life, building civic identity, and advancing the local economy in the City of Chelsea through the design and active use of the public realm.

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Concert pianist tours Massachusetts with a piano, to perform in Chelsea

Staff Report

Boston-based concert pianist Miki Sawada will tour across Massachusetts with a piano in tow from May 6 - May 30 as part of the Gather Hear Tour. Sawada will perform for free in 13 towns and cities across the state, presented by various small businesses, non-profit organizations and city entities – with one stop in Chelsea Square.

The concert in Chelsea will be at Chelsea Square on May 13 at 6 p.m., presented by Chelsea Pros-pers. All concerts will take place outdoors and masks are required. For the Chelsea Square show attendees are encouraged to bring their own chair or blanket.

Through the Gather Hear Tour, Sawada is on a mission to perform in all 50 states, inspiring human connection across political and socioeconomic divides. The project was launched in 2017 in Alaska, when Sawada performed 25 concerts in cafes, bars, lodges, galleries, schools, and parks. By taking classical music outside of concert halls and into beloved commu-

nity gathering spaces, presenting it in a friendly and inclusive manner, Sawada aims to break down typical barriers of entry to classical music and create occasions for us to feel connected and human.

The Gather Hear Tour was founded directly in the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election, when Sawada despaired over the reality of American life that was bared, and looked for ways to use classical music as a positive force. The project chronicles Sawada’s travels and encounters in a blog and vlog series, documenting American life through the lens of a musician.

In Gather Hear Massachusetts, Sawada will tour with a program that reflects the past year in pandemic-age America. Florence Price, a Black composer who attended Boston’s New England Conservatory and was the first woman of color to have a piece performed by a major American orchestra, will be represented through her Piano Sonata. Also on the program is Franz Liszt’s Piano Sonata, arguably one

of the most virtuosic and dramatic pieces for solo piano. A commission by Boston-based musician Ariel Friedman rounds out the program, with a piece titled “Before I Die,” inspired by artist Candy Chang’s public art project of the same title which places murals in public spaces and invites passers-by to complete the sentence, “Before I die, I want to...” with a piece of chalk.

Sawada says of Gather Hear Massachusetts, “This will be a once-in-a-lifetime tour. I hope there’s no other time like this where I’m forced to take a 14-month performing hiatus, and for the public to be deprived of the joy of hearing live music together, which can’t be replicated by any technology. We’ve all grappled with the same issues in the last year - of the Black Lives Matter and Stop Asian Hate movements, the presence of death all around us, the war on truth throughout the election process. We’ve all been waiting for the time to gather and start to heal together, and I hope these concerts will



PHOTO BY ANDREW RIZZARDI
Pianist Miki Sawada is an international concert pianist based in Boston who has performed in North America, Europe, and Asia – and on May 13, in Chelsea Square.

be an uplifting experience to do just that.”

The Gather Hear Tour is a project fiscally sponsored by Fractured Atlas. Gather Hear Massachusetts is supported in part by multiple Local Cultural Councils, local agencies that are supported by the Mass Cultural Council. The commission of Ariel Friedman’s “Before I Die” is supported by a grant from New Music USA.

Sawada is a international concert pianist based in Boston who has performed in North America, Europe, and Asia at venues and occasions such as: Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Roulette Brooklyn, Helsinki Music Centre, The Arctic Philharmonic (Norway), Oneppo Chamber Music Series at Yale, Toronto Summer Music Festival, Music on Main (Vancouver), Chicago Symphony Center’s Macy’s Day of Music, the Banff Centre, and radio stations WQXR (NYC), WFMT (Chicago), All Classical (Portland), and KUAC (Fairbanks). In the summers, she serves as a faculty member of the Heifetz Institute. Sawada holds degrees from Yale School of Music, Eastman School of Music, and Northwestern University.

To make an appointment, individuals should call Cambridge Health Alliance’s COVID-19 vaccination hotline at (617) 665-2100. Appointments are required and walk-ins will not be accepted.

Encore Boston Harbor to become a COVID vaccination site

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor will now not only feature slots, but also shots.

The resort casino in Everett was confirmed on Monday to be a new mass vaccination site for the state, locating a COVID-19 vaccination program, in collaboration with Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) and the City of Everett, at an empty ballroom to serve employees of Encore and the general public.

As an added convenience for the public, the Encore runner shuttle can be used to get free transportation to and from the casino vaccination program, with a stop in Chelsea at the Market Basket Silver Line Station.

The vaccination center is located in Encore Boston Harbor’s Picasso Ballroom near the Resort South elevators with direct access to the self-parking garage, where parking is complimentary for all visitors. The site will offer approximately 300 shots per day, which will ramp up to around 700 per day

as the program progresses.

The matter has been discussed quietly for a few weeks now, but was made official during the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) meeting Monday morning.

The casino kicked off the effort Tuesday at the resort.

“I do understand Encore has been designated a vaccination site starting (Tuesday) where vaccines will be available to the public and to their employees as well,” said Loretta Lillios, of the MGC.

Said MGC Chair Kathy Judd-Stein, “One development we just learned about was the designation of Encore as a vaccination site, which shows the great partnership with not only its host community of Everett, but for the entire Commonwealth...I think it will help employees but it is open to the public. Particularly for the surrounding communities, it will be available and hopefully they can take advantage of that access. That’s good news.”

Encore President Brian Gullbrants said it was a

chance to aid in the state’s health and economic recovery.

“We want to help residents of Everett and our surrounding communities receive the vaccine as quickly and conveniently as possible,” said Gullbrants. “We are looking forward to hosting this vaccination center in partnership with the City of Everett and Cambridge Health Alliance. Together we hope to aid in our state’s health and economic recovery.”

In early April, spokesperson Rosie Salisbury told the Independent they were happy to be considered and hoped the effort would lead to becoming a designated site.

“We are pleased to be considered for a potential regional vaccination site and we look forward to helping to serve our communities should this come to fruition,” she said on April 6.

Between then and now, there have been a number of things to come under consideration, protocols to follow and other matters to address. Finally,

this week, the casino was cleared to open for vaccinations.

Said Assaad Sayah, MD, CEO of Cambridge Health Alliance, “Cambridge Health Alliance serves many of the communities that have been

hardest hit during the COVID-19 pandemic. Helping local residents stay healthy is our priority, and we are grateful for the support from the City of Everett and Encore Boston Harbor to mobilize vaccination efforts in our

region.”

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to promote the air quality monitor as a form of environmental justice.

“Environmental Justice is important to talk about,” said Cooper. “COVID-19 has only underscored the importance of added environmental justice.”

Suuberg said the process with Chelsea has led to a new co-creation model that will be replicated across the state.

“We are planning to replicate this process everywhere,” he said.

Bongiovanni said the air quality monitor and the nine other monitors will be used in conjunction with indoor air quality monitors that were recently won as part of a settlement with AG Maura Healey’s Office. In that case, GreenRoots was awarded \$200,000 to pur-

chase air filters for more than 500 homes in Chelsea.

In collaboration with health institutions and private and public partners, baseline and long-term air monitoring will be conducted to evaluate improvements, and the project could be implemented in other areas in the future

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OBITUARIES

Cynthia Cormier

Graduate of Chelsea High School,
Class of 1971

Cynthia M. (McGill) Cormier of Hudson, New Hampshire, formerly of Lynn, Saugus and Chelsea, died on April 23.

Born and raised in Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1971, Cynthia passed away at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, New Hampshire where she was receiving supportive care in her courageous battle with cancer. Her working career as a clerical administrative aide for both municipal as well as private law firms was cut short due to illness in 1989. From then on she devoted herself to her family, cooking and enjoying dancing, reading, the outdoors and Sun and trips to Foxwoods.

She was the devoted wife of James M. Cormier, beloved mother of Angela Lepore of Chelsea, Kelly Lepore of Ft. Worth, Texas and step-mother of John Paul Mercer of Hudson, NH; sister of Carl McIver, Patricia Jedlikowski, Mickey McIver, Leslie “Buck” McGill, Maryann McKenna, Wayne McGill and the late Linda McGill; cherished grandmother of Antonio Reyes-Lepore, Brendan Lepore, Kyli



Lepore and Bridget Lepore and is also lovingly survived by her great grandchildren: Kaleb, Ascher and Melody as well as many nieces and nephews and her feline friend, Billy. Following her wishes, funeral services will be private. Those wishing to remember her may make memorial contributions in lieu of flowers to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02445.

For those who wish to leave a message of condolence to Cynthia’s family, please visit www.smith-funeralhomes.com

Mom says,
I Love you, Ciao for now
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Phyllis ‘Penny’ (Sheppard) Godbout “Happy Heavenly Birthday”

Phyllis ‘Penny’ (Sheppard) Godbout was born on April 29, 1959 and passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in New Port Richey, Florida on August 7, 2019. She was 60 years of age.

Raised in Chelsea, she was a beloved daughter of the late Edward W. and Phyllis M. (Regan) Sheppard. Penny was raised Catholic by faith and attended local schools. She graduated from Chelsea High School in 1978, resided for most of her life in her childhood home at 20 Tremont St in Chelsea raising her two sons.

Penny worked for many years as a gas station manager on Everett Ave in Chelsea. In 2003, she moved to Salisbury to be close to one of her sons. While in Salisbury, Penny worked as a sales associate at area Walmart’s in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Ten years later, she relocated to New Port Richey, Florida, living near another of her sons.

In her lifetime, she was most devoted to her boys and grandchildren, she enjoyed passing time reading, gardening and caring for her canine companions.

In addition to her parents, Penny was also predeceased by her grandparents, several aunts, uncles and cousins. Most recently, she was preceded by her uncle, J. Edward Arsenault and cousins; Francis L. Holland III and Linda Greene. Penny is lovingly and tenderly survived by her sons and

their families; Jason Godbout and his wife, Leah of Spring Hill, Florida and Joseph Godbout and his fiancée, Kathi Votour of Salisbury, the father of her boys, Richard Godbout of Lowell and her four cherished grandchildren. She was the dear sister and sister-in-law of Barbara and Richard Coolen and their family in Ft. Meyers, Florida and is also survived by a few aunts, uncles, several cousins and extended family members and friends.

All who loved and cared about Penny are most kindly invited to attend a memorial service and a celebration of her life on Saturday, June 5 at 1 p.m. for services to be conducted in Polonia Park, Tremont St., Chelsea (her beloved childhood neighborhood park). All services will be held in accordance with the Commonwealth of MA Covid-19 Phase-IV regulations.

Penny, you were gone too soon and too young. We can’t believe we will never hear your voice again, or see your sweet smile. Love and miss you; until we meet again!! Your loving Family and Friends.

Metro Credit Union receives certification for new safeguard checking account

Staff report

Metro Credit Union, Massachusetts’ largest state-chartered credit union, today introduced its Safeguard Checking account which is officially certified by the national Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund) as meeting the Bank On National Account Standards (2021 - 2022). By creating this product, Metro is providing a safe, accessible, and affordable checking account that mitigates the risk of overdraft to its membership.

“The Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund is delighted to award its national Bank On account certification to Metro Credit Union’s Safeguard Checking account,” said Jonathan Mintz, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cities for Financial Empowerment

Fund. “Safeguard Checking offers members who are looking to improve their finances a useful mainstream banking product. Metro Credit Union’s offering of this terrific account brings them into the forefront of national banking access efforts, and we thank them.”

Metro created Safeguard Checking in collaboration with Bank On Boston, where Metro Credit Union is one of 82 member organizations of the Bank On Boston Coalition. “The City of Boston is committed to equitable banking access for our residents,” said Boston Mayor Kim Janey. “Key to that effort is ensuring that those in need of banking services have safe, reliable accounts to choose from, without worrying about overdraft fees. Thank you to Metro Credit Union for their partner-

ship in this commitment and the creation of the new Safeguard Checking account.”

Many households in Metro’s Field of Membership do not have a checking or savings account and rely on costly check-cashing and other alternative financial services. For these residents, opening a safe, affordable and non-predatory checking account is an important step toward improving financial wellness. Safeguard Checking helps make that easier.

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“Metro is committed to providing our members with products and services that make them feel confident and secure in their banking decisions,” said Robert Cashman, CEO and president, Metro Credit Union. “We’re proud to offer this new checking account to our members to help those who need some help establishing their own financial stability. And to have it certified by CFE provides an additional layer of assurance to our members.”

For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit metrocu.org, or connect with us on LinkedIn.

MVES warns risk of Shingles increases with age

Staff report

Just recently, a Mystic Valley Elder Services consumer’s grandmother was diagnosed with shingles. She always thought that was an old-fashioned disease that no one got anymore. But shingles has never disappeared. In fact, each year, approximately 1 million Americans will develop this painful viral infection. Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox.

The risk for shingles increases with age. Half of all cases of shingles are in people over 60. People with weakened immune systems from illnesses such as cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, or HIV are at a higher risk of developing

shingles.

The good news is shingles can be prevented by getting a vaccination. More than 99% of Americans ages 40 and older have had chickenpox, even if they don’t remember getting the disease. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that healthy adults 50 years and older get two doses of the shingles vaccine called Shingrix, separated by 2 to 6 months, to prevent shingles and the complications from the disease. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about getting the vaccine.

Once you have chickenpox, the virus can stay dormant in your nerve tissues for years—even de-

cedes. In some people, the virus suddenly wakes up, forming blisters or rash on the chest, back, waistline, upper arms, or face.

The shingles rash will begin with tingling, pain, numbness, or itching. Within a few days, a rash will develop and may spread. Fluid-filled blisters that are very similar to chickenpox blisters will grow out of the rash.

The pain from shingles can be mild to intense. Some people will have mostly itching; others will feel pain, even from a gentle touch or breeze. Other symptoms of shingles can include fever, headache, chills, and upset stomach.

Shingles itself is not contagious. You can’t

spread the condition to another person. However, the varicella-zoster virus is contagious, and if you have shingles, you can spread the virus to another person, which could then cause them to develop chickenpox. If you’ve never had chicken pox, make sure not to touch open blisters until they scab over, or you’ll develop chicken pox yourself.

Shingles can last from two weeks to several weeks. Most people will only have one outbreak in a lifetime, but multiple outbreaks are possible.

To learn more about MVES programs and services, please call us at 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org

BHCC receives Skills Capital Grant award for nursing program

Staff Report

Through a Commonwealth Skills Capital Grant, Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) received \$400,000 to create a new nursing simulation lab to support its Registered Nursing students. Needed updates include the installation of a net-

worked web-based video capture system in all three nursing laboratory classrooms, allowing faculty to view and evaluate student performance.

The new simulation testing area and video capture system will help students build critically-needed obstetric and pediatric skills in a high-demand pro-

gram. “We are grateful to receive this funding to improve lab space and help more students develop important technical skills in nursing,” said Maryanne Atkinson, BHCC Dean of Health Sciences. “This will help students to transition to the nursing field more seamlessly after graduation.”

These competitive grants are awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with local employers, as well as align curriculum and credentials with industry demand to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the State.

MVES seek volunteers for Social Engagement Program

Staff report

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is seeking volunteers for its Social Engagement Program, a program vital to isolated older adults by supporting independence and fostering compassion.

The Social Engagement Program is designed to help improve the health and well-being of isolated older adults in the community by providing meaningful social connection—

whether it be through regular visits (when safe to do so), telephone calls, or email.

Many older adults already live with a deep sense of disconnection from their community but the pandemic and related social distancing measures have made their sense of social isolation and loneliness much worse.

There are three different options for program participants. Volunteers may choose one that is best for

them, or could be involved in two, or all three. Options include a Telephone Reassurance Program, where a volunteer calls the isolated individual and provides a social contact and friendly conversation; an Email Correspondence, for online engagement with others via technology; and a Friendly Visitor Program, in which the

consumer receives home visits (when safe to do so) that focus on in-person socialization and companionship.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering for the Social Engagement Program, please contact Leah Mulrenan at (781) 388-2375 or lmulrenan@mves.org.

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Baker signs Executive Order to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions

Staff Report

As part of the Baker-Polito Administration’s celebration of Earth Week in Massachusetts, Gov. Charles Baker last week joined state and local officials at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) bunker to sign a new Executive Order building on the Administration’s efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across state facilities.

The Order, Leading by Example: Decarbonizing and Minimizing Environmental Impacts of State Government, sets goals and requirements to accelerate the state’s decarbonization efforts in state agencies and public institutions of higher education, prioritizing electrification of buildings and transportation. The Order builds on the Commonwealth’s national leadership on climate change, including an announcement by Governor Baker that the Administration has met its commitment to invest \$1 billion in climate spending by 2022, surpassing that benchmark in April 2021.

“Addressing climate change requires bold, urgent action, which is why I am proud that our Administration has achieved an ambitious goal of invest-

ing \$1 billion in climate adaptation and mitigation efforts, an accomplishment we will continue to build on through this Executive Order,” said Baker. “The Leading by Example Executive Order will boost the state’s adoption of innovative clean energy strategies, and I’m grateful for the efforts of our state agencies and institutions to help us take on the challenge of climate change.”

The Executive Order reinforces Massachusetts as a leader in emissions reduction efforts through a variety of strategies. To reduce emissions and increase energy resilience, the Order underscores the need for significant energy efficiency measures across the state portfolio, as well as the deployment of renewable energy and energy storage at multiple facilities. Additionally, the Order:

- Requires all new construction at state agencies and campuses to meet stringent energy performance standards, install high efficiency heating and cooling systems, and meet DOER’s new Specialized Stretch Energy Code when it is promulgated.
- Requires all state fleets to buy zero-emission vehicles starting next year.
- Requires the dou-

bling of electric vehicle charging stations installed at state facilities by 2030.

- Establishes specific and measurable emission reduction targets associated with building and vehicle fossil fuels consumed by state entities.

- Requires agencies to incorporate emissions reduction strategies into all budgetary and planning efforts.

- And requires state agencies to appoint Leading by Example coordinators in support of the Executive Order’s goals.

Gov. Baker was joined by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides, Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Commissioner Patrick Woodcock, and Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) Commissioner Carol Gladstone. The MEMA bunker features a comprehensive energy efficiency and renewable energy project completed in 2020, overseen by DCAMM and partially funded by DOER’s Leading by Example Program.

Through the Leading by Example Program, state entities have collectively reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 35 percent from a 2004 base-

line, reduced heating oil use by 85 percent, eliminating more than 18 million gallons of fuel oil, and reduced energy use per square foot by 14 percent. Since 2015, state entities have installed 184 electric vehicle charging stations, deployed more than 20 MW of solar, created 42 new pollinator-friendly habitats, and completed 57 LEED Certified buildings, 35 of which achieved a Gold or Platinum rating.

The MEMA bunker is the site of a comprehensive energy efficiency and renewable energy project, which includes a state-owned 275 kW parking lot solar canopy. The project will generate 376,000 kWh of renewable electricity annually and result in an estimated \$100,000 in annual benefits to the site from electricity cost savings, Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program incentive payments, and demand charge savings. Over 20 years, the project is estimated to provide the site with roughly \$2 million in total cost savings and generated revenue. The project received a \$453,750 DOER Leading By Example grant, which reduced the construction cost by approximately 27 percent, reducing the project’s payback period by four years.

Kitty Connection spring online auction starts this Friday

Staff Report

Kitty Connection, an all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to rescuing and finding safe, loving homes for local cats and dogs, will hold an Online Spring Silent Auction from 8 a.m. Friday, April 30 through 8 p.m. Monday, May 3 at www.myminiauction.com/kittyconnection.

“Just in time for Mother’s Day, Kitty Connection’s Spring Silent Auction is a convenient way to find unique gifts for all the mothers and other special people in your life while supporting local pets in need,” Kitty Connection

President Marie Mazzeo said. “Our February online auction raised \$2,700 in one weekend and we are hoping our spring event will top that – providing much-needed funding to care and provide homes for the many cats, dogs and other companion animals we rescue and foster every day.”

Kitty Connection volunteers rescued over 700 cats and several dogs last year, many in need of major medical care. The organization provides critical high-cost medical care, including surgeries, for 30 to 50 cats annually, and provides funds for

low-cost medical care to 30 to 50 adopters following adoption of their pets. Volunteers provide foster homes for animals until they are adopted, and Kitty Connection ensures that pets are spayed/neutered, tested for common illnesses, and vaccinated prior to adoption.

In addition, Kitty Connection runs a low-cost spay/neuter program for pet owners in need and provides education and outreach in the community about the importance of responsible pet ownership. The organization anticipates restarting its feral cat trap/neuter/return

program when it’s safe for volunteers, after the pandemic has subsided.

Dozens of items will be up for bid during the Online Spring Silent Auction will allow bidders, including themed baskets and other gifts perfect for Mother’s Day. Auction items will appear on the auction website, along with guidelines and policies, at the auction start time (8 a.m. Friday, April 30). Please direct any questions to kcsilentauction@gmail.com. To learn more about Kitty Connection and pets available for adoption, visit: www.kittyconnection.net.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

LEGAL EXPENSES ARE IN RANGE

EVERETT - One week after some members of the City Council questioned the outside legal fees paid for the tax valuation case that took place for several years between the City and Exelon Power Plant, members of several City Departments said the expenditures since 2017 are not out of the ordinary. There is a need often to get attorneys specializing in unique areas of the law as many surrounding community cities have done, said City Solicitor Colleen Mejia. She also said that the notion that her department doesn't work or farms out all of the legal issues is not correct.

"It is absolutely not true that we're farming out all the legal work," she said. "We work all day every day - as well as nights and week-ends. Virtually every department head in the City calls us at night and on weekends. This isn't a 9 to 5 job. We use outside legal services to supplement and help us resolve issues we need help with. We don't know all the aspects of the law and sometimes legal research doesn't give you all the answers. I don't want it to be thought by residents and taxpayers that we just sit around and do no work."

City CFO Eric Demas said there has been a tremendous amount of change going on in the City over the last several years, and much of it has revolved around very specialized sections of the law like the power plant and the casino.

"I don't think it's out of line with what you might see in other com-

munities," he said. "Between the casino and the change in assessments, there's been a tremendous amount of activity going on in the last five years as the City continues to grow an flourish. We have to make sure we're doing everything we can to protect the residents."

As that has happened, Mejia said it has been smarter to use outside legal services rather than to hire new staff and have to pay benefits and a pension.

"I think it has been very responsible not to hire more employees and not have more unfunded liabilities with pensions and insurance and salaries," she said. "It doesn't make sense. If you average out all the costs we spend, it's still less expensive (than hiring someone)."

Both Demas and Mejia also pointed out that some fees paid to the City's outside counsel - KP Law - actually isn't paid by taxpayers. KP Law usually has an outside attorney present at most Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings, but some of that expense is picked up by developers.

Using the 53G accounts that can be charged to larger developers for transportation, engineering and legal services, the City is able to be reimbursed by developer dollars through those accounts for part of the KP Law fees.

Communications Chief Deanna Devaney, who is also an attorney, said in her experience working at other cities and towns, Everett outside legal fees are well-within the usual range.

"This is a common

practice using outside law firms," she said. "If we compared to other cities and towns outside Everett, I would say it's more than comparable...I believe Everett is very reasonable as to what they have for outside legal fees."

BRUSH FIRE SHOWS EXTENT OF PHRAGMITES

EVERETT - A massive brush fire, fueled by the ignition of Phragmites via a homeless encampment near the Gateway Mall, has brought an immediate effort to identify and clear the invasive Phragmites from Everett's waterfront and marsh areas.

The fire on April 6 came just as officials, including the City Administration, Fire Chief Tony Carli and State Rep. Joe McGonagle had been calling for the removal of the Phragmites near the Gateway Mall as a safety measure.

However, facing some pushback from the state, nothing had gotten done and soon after the blaze ignited and threatened many of the nearby structures - and potentially the lives of firefighters who were unknowingly in harm's way from the homeless encampment's stash of propane tanks.

"Deputy Cardinale did a great job getting to the area and knocking it down quickly - preventing it from spreading to the Mall," said Chief Carli. "We knew there were homeless people living along the River. We knew a couple groups of them were up closer to Malden. This encampment caught us by surprise because it was so close to the high-



On Monday, April 18 the Winthrop Vikings hosted Lynn English at the Winthrop Golf Club.

Shown above, Eli Wickham from the fairway on the second hole.

Shown left, Zachary Shea works his way out of a bunker.

way that you couldn't see it. Once we saw how quick that fire was moving, we got it down fast. Ten or 20 years ago, we didn't have too many structures near that area. It's just not good to have that interface between the vegetation and these structures."

Due to the concerning nature of the fire and the threat to nearby buildings, Chief Carli issued an emergency order to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) - with the sustained advocacy of Rep. McGonagle - that allowed for the Phragmites to be removed immediately as a public safety measure. With that, crews moved in immediately - with approval afterward by the Conservation Commission - to remove the invasive Phragmites along the Malden River and its tributaries. A longer-term plan for the Malden River has been to remove the Phragmites and other invasive species, and to replace them with native plants and shrubs that lived along the Malden River years ago. The fire has seemingly sped up that process.

Meanwhile, Chief Carli said another issue is the safety of firefighters as they moved in to put out the fire and didn't know of the homeless encampment. No one in the encampment was present or injured, but there were several propane tanks that were stored in the area that could have exploded and injured fire crews. Luckily, Carli said, that didn't happen.

"It really could have been a dangerous situation for the membership," he said. "There were probably in excess of 20 to 25 propane tanks down there. They could have exploded from the fire, but thankfully they didn't. When we show up at a fire like this, we don't expect to see that in that area. At a grass fire in a location like that, we don't expect to see humans there."

Chief Carli reiterated he issued the emergency declaration because the situation just wasn't safe.

"We want everyone to be safe, and that wasn't a

safe situation," he said.

EAST BOSTON PROJECT RECEIVES FUNDING

EAST BOSTON. - Acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey proposed her administration's recommended \$3.75 billion Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) operating budget and \$3.2 billion Fiscal Year 2022-2026 (FY22-FY26) Capital Plan. Janey said the budget focuses on providing the resources for the city's continued robust public health response to COVID-19, making strategic investments in Boston's neighborhoods and residents, and setting the stage for Boston's equitable reopening, recovery and long-term renewal.

One of those investments highlighted in the budget is \$19 million for the final phase of the Boston Housing Authority's Orient Heights Public Housing Development project.

Janey said she recognizes the importance of making sure that residents of all incomes are able to access quality, affordable and safe housing options that meet their needs, and this budget helps support additional affordable housing opportunities.

"Orient Heights has been a staple of the East Boston community for seven decades, and this investment will help to finish its redevelopment," said Janey Tuesday. "This investment preserves a vital housing resource and will secure a better quality of life for hundreds of East Boston families for decades to come."

Four years after kicking off the three-phase redevelopment of the Orient Heights Public Housing Development Trinity Financial began construction on Phase III of the project in January.

Like Phase I and Phase II, Phase III will tear down the old post World War II-era brick housing on Vallar Road and portions of Faywood Avenue and be replaced with 81 units of new public housing.

Eva Erlich, vice president of development for

Trinity Financial said an additional 42 units would be modernized as part of Phase III.

Phase III will also include the construction of a centrally located park for residents, the demolition of the existing community center and the expansion of open space.

The \$51.6 million Phase II portion of the project wrapped up last summer on Vallar Road. There, crews demolished 87 old units in four buildings and constructed 88 replacement state-funded public housing units in two townhouse buildings and one mid-rise building. Phase II also included improvements to the existing infrastructure and open spaces. Phase II leveraged \$10 million in proceeds from the sale of the Winthrop Square Garage, as well as \$1.83 million in Inclusionary Development Policy Funds, secured from the Davis Companies' 99 Summer Street development in East Boston.

Phase III is part of the larger effort to transform the 331-unit of BHA owned public housing development that was originally built in 1951. Trinity completed Phase I of the project in 2018 where 90 units of public housing were replaced with 120 units of public housing both in townhouse and apartment-style buildings.

"Orient Heights has come a long way in the four years since we first broke ground for phase one. Hundreds of BHA families have seen their quality of life improve as they've settled into newer, more modern homes," said BHA Administrator Kate Bennett Tuesday. "I want to thank Mayor Janey for her commitment to helping us finish what we've started and complete this critical work for our residents and for the neighborhood at large."

In January 2015, the BHA selected the development team of Trinity Financial and East Boston Community Development Corp. to work with BHA and Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) and finalize a redevelopment strategy for the site. This development team secured financing to implement the redevelopment, and will own and manage the buildings post-redevelopment.

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EDWARDS NAMED VICE CHAIR ON COVID-19 COMMITTEE

EAST BOSTON - Last week, City Council President Pro Tempore Matt O’Malley appointed At Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty and District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards as chair and vice chair of the Council’s new Committee on COVID-19 Recovery.

Last Wednesday, the Council unanimously voted in favor of O’Malley’s motion to amend the City Council rules to add the committee. The goals of the Committee are to exercise general oversight and make recommendations on the City of Boston’s distribution of state and federal COVID-19 relief funding and programs.

With the city poised to receive hundreds of millions of dollars in federal support, Edwards said the new committee makes perfect sense for oversight and transparency.

“This new committee will really help concentrate all of the conversations about COVID recovery, and the hundreds of millions of dollars that’s going to come to the City of Boston,” said Edwards. “Normally as federal grants come in we have them go to the assigned relevant committees and then we have a hearing about it and a vote. But here comes hundreds of millions of dollars and the question is how do we make sure we’re concentrated on COVID recovery and this funding doesn’t just get washed away on oth-

er things.” Edwards said the committee will work to strategically direct federal dollars so they can be used appropriately.

“I don’t want this funding to be used to fill the normal gaps that have to be filled,” said Edwards. “That’s not how this is going to work. We want to make sure we’re talking about real structural changes that need to happen--specifically, aid to individuals and to our businesses because they were hurt in a unique way for a long time by this pandemic. It’s hard enough for people to track where taxpayers’ dollars are going so the idea is if we have one committee where all of the COVID related dollars are going then it’s easier for us to be held accountable and be more transparent to the public. What we want to make sure we are not filling in budget gaps with these funds but really doing something new. If we’re not dedicating a majority of our efforts to bringing people who lost everything back, bringing jobs back, bringing homeowners and tenants back and just dedicating our efforts to business as usual we will fail the city and its citizens.”

With her home neighborhood of Eastie hit harder than nearly every other neighborhood in Boston by the pandemic, Edwards is in a unique position to bring some insight to the committee on how funds should be targeted.

“I have never been more proud of my neighborhood and district than during this pandemic and I know that we’re going to swing back stronger than ever,” said

Edwards. “I really think I’m uniquely positioned because my district has been hurt the most by this pandemic. So I want to help navigate a lot of these conversations towards how the funding can help the most and have the biggest impact on the lives of residents.”

These federal funds will support a national vaccination program, small businesses, provide emergency relief and resources for schools’ safe reopening.

“The purpose of the Committee is to elevate incoming federal and state funds, while ensuring there are community voices throughout the entire process ensuring that these funds are distributed equitably, fairly, and effectively,” said O’Malley. “As the city recovers from COVID-19’s devastating inequitable impacts on public health, housing, and the economy, we will work toward building a more resilient future for every Bostonian.”

While Flaherty said, “A critical benefit of having a stand alone committee focused on reviewing this funding is that the Council can now provide a singular public forum for residents to provide input on how the funding is spent. I am looking forward to engaging residents and stakeholders from every neighborhood in our City to make sure that this funding will have the greatest impact on the programs, services and communities that need it most.”

Aside from Edwards and Flaherty, committee members include Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, Chair of Public Health Committee, Councilor

Kenzie Bok, Chair of Ways and Means Committee, and Councilor Ed Flynn, Chair of City and Neighborhood Services Committee.


OFFICIALS COMPROMISE ON BEACH PARKING

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Jim Montgomery announced that Revere and Commonwealth of Massachusetts officials have reached an agreement to alter existing plans for a parking meter program at Revere Beach. DCR’s initial plans for the program included metered parking along Revere Beach Boulevard from Eliot Circle to Carey Circle. Under the agreement reached today, no meters will be installed on the west side of Revere Beach Boulevard from Revere Street to Carey Circle, and instead nearly 200, 24/7 resident only parking spaces will be created. Additionally, all of Ocean Avenue will be designated as 24/7 resident only parking to deter park visitors seeking to avoid meter parking. The City of Revere will also make changes to its existing City-run resident parking program and will implement seasonal 24/7 resident parking in

neighborhoods abutting Revere Beach. “Our top priority in collaborating with Commissioner Montgomery and DCR was to minimize the impact this program will have on our residents,” Mayor Arrigo said. “I want to thank Secretary Theoharides, Commissioner Montgomery and their teams for working with us to identify solutions that make sense for our community. I also want to thank Senator Boncore, Representatives Giannino and Turco, as well as our City Councilors for their continued advocacy on behalf of our residents.”

“I want to thank Mayor Arrigo, Senator Boncore, Representative Giannino, and Representative Turco for their willingness to collaborate on creative solutions to improve the Curbside Parking Meter Project in Revere, which will help us provide state park visitors with high-quality services and recreational opportunities,” said DCR Commissioner Montgomery. “DCR is proud of our historic partnership with the City of Revere, and looks forward to continuing to work with the City to enhance America’s First Public Beach.” “The resolution announced today will ensure continued access to America’s first public beach for both Revere residents and visitors alike,” said Senator Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). “I appreciate the collaboration with Mayor

Arrigo, the Revere State House delegation, and the City Council in meeting our shared goal to improve outcomes for our community.” “I am proud of the agreement reached today between the DCR and the City of Revere. I believe that this is a fair and reasonable balance that protects Revere residents and keeps our beach accessible to the people of Revere. By creating resident only parking along the residential/business side of Revere Beach Boulevard, as well as on Ocean Avenue, Revere residents who live on the beach will be able to continue parking in front of their homes while also allowing any Revere resident who wishes to utilize the beach the opportunity to continue to park for free in designated areas,” said Representative Jessica A. Giannino. “I thank the DCR for their reconsideration and for revamping their parking program in response to the concerns raised by local elected officials and the people of our great city.” “I applaud the changes to the DCR’s parking program. These changes will provide a significant amount of no-cost parking to the people of Revere,” said Representative Jeff Turco. “That said, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Legislature to make sure that monies raised on Revere Beach stay on Revere Beach.”



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RECEIVER’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION
PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, c. 111, §1271
By virtue of an Orders of the Eastern Division of the Housing Court Department dated September 11, 2018 and March 3, 2021, in Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Chelsea v. Thalwanti Maharaj Singh, Docket No. 18H84CV000341, in favor of James F. Creed, Jr., Receiver, and against Thalwanti Maharaj Singh, establishing a lien under G.L. c.111, §1271 on the real estate known as 136 Orange Street, Chelsea, MA for the purpose of satisfying such lien, real estate will be sold at public auction at 9:00AM on the 5’t h day of May, 2021, on, or near, the premises hereinafter described, all and singular the premises described in a deed. To wit: A certain parcel of land, with the dwelling house thereon situated at #136 Orange Street in said Chelsea, bounded and described as follows: NORTHEASTERLY on Orange Street, thirty (30) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY on land now or formerly of Levi F. Corcum, one hundred (100) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY on land formerly of Robert L. Rollins, thirty (30) feet; NORTHWESTERLY on other land nor or formerly of said Corcum, one hundred (100) feet. Containing 3,000 square feet of land. Said parcel comprises parts of lots 83 and 84 on a plan of land belonging to the Heirs of Joshua Carter drawn by John Low, dated October,

1853, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds Book 1002, Page 17, said parts being a strip ten (10) feet wide of lot 83 and a strip twenty (20) feet wide of lot 84. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) shall be paid by the purchaser in cash, certified, cashier’s or bank check at the time and place of auction sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash or by certified, cashier’s or bank check at the office of CREED & FORMICA, 733B Plain Street, Marshfield, Massachusetts within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. The premises may remain under Receivership until the property is brought into full compliance with the State Sanitary and Building Codes to the satisfaction of the City of Chelsea. In recognition thereof, the successful bidder will, upon request, and the bidder’s own risk, be authorized by the Receiver to apply for any and all permits to commence such work. Any fees and cost incurred by the Receiver after the sale shall be satisfied from the sale proceeds. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said deed shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Dated: April 12, 2021. James F. Creed, Jr., Receiver James F. Creed, Jr., Esq. CREED & FORMICA 733B Plain Street Marshfield, MA 02050 (781) 834-4441 4/15/21, 4/22/21, 4/29/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Moe Brothers, LLC. d/b/a Latinos Falcon Billiard & Bar, 158 Broadway, Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider revoking, suspending or modifying the Amusement & Entertainment License of Moe Brothers, LLC. d/b/a Latinos Falcon Billiard & Bar at 158 Broadway for violating City of Chelsea Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations, Section 2.11(b) which states no entertainment at the licensed premises may be conducted in a manner such that the noise from the entertainment can be heard outside the boundaries of the licensed premises. Compliant is attached. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 4/29/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-07
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 Zoom video conferencing on: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: 22 Willow Fee Owner, LLC Marginal Suffolk Fee Owner, LLC - attn: Bryan Blake For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to construct a freight forwarding facility which does not meet the current zoning regulations for building height and rear yard setback For at the premises known as: 250 Marginal Street 21&22 Highland Street 22 Willow Street All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2021 4/22/21, 4/29/21 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-08
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 Zoom video conferencing on: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Mikael R. Vienneau

For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to establish thirty (30) residential units by combining both lots, demolishing a rectory and constructing an addition to the existing former church and constructing residential units in the former church and in the new addition at the premises known as: 157-163 Chestnut Street All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2021 4/22/21, 4/29/21 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-09
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 Zoom video conferencing on: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Sergio St. Laurent For Special Permit for a driveway opening which does not meet current zoning requirements for side or rear lot lines at

the premises known as: 63 Harvard Street All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2021 4/22/21, 4/29/21 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-10
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 Zoom video conferencing on: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Gladys Vega For Special Permit for a driveway opening which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for front yard setback and within five (5) feet of side lot line at the premises known as: 116 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 4/22/21, 4/29/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Re: Beacham Realty, LLC. d/b/a Dennis K. Burke Oil, 410 Beacham Street, Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Petroleum Storage License application for Beacham Realty, LLC. d/b/a Dennis K. Burke Oil, 410 Beacham Street, Chelsea, MA 02150. Please be advised that you must notify all abutters, via Certified Return Receipt mail, of this hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 4/22/21, 4/29/21 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 via Video Conference.

Any members of the public wishing to provide a public comment must communicate via email at rwright@chelseama.gov Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speak section of the meeting. Any comment needs to be submitted by May 11, 2021 by 12 P.M. Proposed Work and Purpose: To construct a small wireless facility in the public right of way. Small cells will be attached to utility poles. The public is invited to attend. Fidel Maltéz COMMISSIONER 4/29/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE

AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
El Departamento de Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública el Martes 11 de mayo de 2021 por conferencia videollamada. Todos los miembros del público que deseen proporcionar un comentario publico deben comunicarse por correo electrónico a rwright@chelseama.gov El nombre y la dirección deben incluirse para ser leídos durante la reunión. Cualquier comentario debe enviarse antes del 11 de mayo de 2021 a las 12 p.m. Trabajo propuesto y propósito: Construir una pequeña instalación inalámbrica en el derecho de paso público. Las celdas pequeñas se unirán a los postes de servicios públicos.

Se invita al público a asistir. Fidel Maltéz Comisionado de Obras Publicas 4/29/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-06
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 Zoom video conferencing on: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Jose Ortega For Special Permit seeking approval to change a non-conforming use, a convenience store, to another non-conforming use, a restaurant, which is not allowed in the R-1 District where this property is located at the premises known as: 107 Shurtleff Street All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2021 4/22/21, 4/29/21 C

GREENROOTS HOLDS ANNUAL EARTH DAY CLEANUP

GreenRoots, under the direction of Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, held its Annual Earth Day Cleanup and Celebration Saturday (April 25).
“Welcome to Earth Day 2021,” Bongiovanni told the large group of volunteers that had assembled at Chelsea City Hall for the start of the clean-up effort.
City Manager Tom Ambrosino lauded GreenRoots and the residents for helping to clean up vari-

ous areas of the city.
Bongiovanni thanked the Chelsea DPW for again being a valuable contributor to the success of the event.
Bongiovanni said Saturday’s cleanup locations included the Mill Creek Walkway, the Island End River near Admiral’s Hill, Eastern Avenue, the Marlboro Street Community Garden, Chestnut Street, Chelsea Square, Highland Park, Broadway, and Everett Avenue.



Chelsea residents join GreenRoots for a group photo at the start of the GreenRoots Earth Day Cleanup and Celebration at City Hall Saturday.



From left, Maureen Cawley, Rich Cuthie, the Rev. Dr. Sandra Whitley, Gerry McCue, and Yaritza Morales-Gonzalez. In the back Jean and Emily clean a beautiful parcel of land by the Beacon Street Ramp.



Sulmo Mujo-Padilla and family cleaning up Chestnut Street.



Girl Scout Troop 62751, Victoria Davis, Chloe Borgea, Bynca Ramos, with leaders Jill Davis and Kathryn Bourgea.



Maya Carpenter, Leslie Dominguez Santos, Angel DelValle, and Nasir Adams.



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, and Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez on the steps at Chelsea City Hall for the start of the Earth Day Cleanup and Celebration.

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