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City Hall will resume normal business hours June 1

By Seth Daniel

City Manager Tom Ambrosino announced this week that City Hall will re-open for normal business hours and will lift all COVID-19 masking restrictions for those who are vaccinated.

“We will be back to regular business hours and following the state guidelines and no masks will be required,” he said. “We will encourage folks who haven’t been vaccinated to wear a mask accordingly.”

On Tuesday, June 1, the Chelsea City Hall will resume normal business hours of:

•Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

•Tuesdays: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

•Fridays: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

The City of Chelsea is going to follow the Governor’s Orders and reopen on May 29, 2021. The City does advise all unvaccinated employees and visitors to continue wearing a mask in indoor settings.

Anyone with specific questions or concerns, please contact the City’s Law Department and or go to <https://www.chelseama.gov/law>. All previous Orders of the Chelsea Board of Health imposing COVID restrictions shall expire on May 29, 2021.

Learn more at www.mass.gov/info-details/re-opening-massachusetts.

Chelsea native ordained as priest in Archdiocese of Boston

By Seth Daniel

When Father Fernando Ayala came from El Salvador at the age of 16 to live with his mother in Chelsea, he said he was excited to enjoy the riches of the country and get things he couldn’t get in El Salvador.

However, in El Salvador he had been struck by the idea of becoming a priest and had seriously considered it as a young teen. That, he said, was

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CHS NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY



CHS Senior Richard Flores gives the ‘thumbs up’ with Dr. Aaron Jennings behind him during the Chelsea High National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony late last week, the first in-person ceremony held in the schools since early 2020. The ceremony was done carefully, and went off without a hitch. See Page 5 for more photos.

‘Chelsea girl’ hopes to take organizing talents to City Council

By Seth Daniel

Long-time community organizer and life-long resident Norieliz DeJesus announced this week that she will be mounting a campaign for the District 3 City Council seat, which is currently occupied by incumbent Naomi Zabot.

It is one of several races that features some of the tried and true advocates and allies from local non-profits in the City – including La Colaborativa and GreenRoots, among others. However, for DeJesus, it was a feeling of being able to bring the



Norieliz DeJesus, a long-time resident and organizer at La Colaborativa, has taken out papers to run for District 3 City Council.

voices she encounters in her grass-roots organizing to the inside of the Council.

cil.

“It’s a huge step for me and I had been thinking about it for a while,” she said. “I feel like I owe it to my community. I’m in there with my neighbors and organizing in my district...I feel like I’m already doing the work out in the community and I owe it to those I talk with to bring their voices to City Hall. This year the pandemic hit me hard because I saw so much of what was happening firsthand. I had seen it before

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Maria Belen Power will run for District 8 seat on City Council

By Cary Shuman

Maria Belen Power, who was appointed by President Joseph Biden to

the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council, will be bringing her impressive national credentials into the 2021

city election.

Power has announced her intention to run for the District 8 seat on the Chelsea City Council.

“I am very excited for the possibility of representing the residents of District 8 on the City Council,” said Power. “I have been working in Chelsea for 10 years, a community where we have chosen to raise our two daughters. I care deeply about the issues facing my neighbors and I hope to be a voice for them on the City Council.”

Power has been a highly regarded leader in the community through her important work at the Chelsea Collaborative and in her current position as associate executive director at GreenRoots, a Chelsea-based organization that works to improve the urban environment and



Maria Belen Power, candidate for the District 8 seat on the Chelsea City Council, pulls her nomination papers Tuesday at City Hall.

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Boston company proposes massive freight-forwarding operation on Willow Street

By Seth Daniel

A Boston company is currently in the City’s review pipeline for a proposal that would completely remake the Willow Street-Highland Street industrial area – building a brand new building that would house a 33-dock freight forwarding business consisting of three yet-unnamed tenants.

Seyon Management, of Newbury Street, is proposing to demolish the existing warehouse at 22 Willow Street, combine the lot with 250 Marginal Street (now a vacant parking lot) and construct a new 146,410 sq. ft. building with 33 loading docks for the purpose of airport-related freight forwarding.

Another 202-car employee parking lot would be located at the corner of Highland and Essex Street – a piece of property that is now derelict and vacant.

The project is known as Chelsea Point consists of 8.61 acres of land in basically an entire block – excluding only the Carbone Metals operation. It

is pegged as a \$30 million buildout and could be started in February 2022 with a July 2023 occupancy.

Currently, the matter went before the Planning Board this Tuesday, and already has had a trip to the Zoning Board, where it will return once the Planning Board has completed its review.

Another vacant lot of land owned by Seyon, but not related to the project, is across the street at 212 Congress St. is likely to be used as a piece of mitigation. In the filing, Seyon indicated it had been working with GreenRoots to designate a use for the parcel, perhaps open space. However, Council President Roy Avellaneda said he has been in talks with them to gift the land to the City for the purpose of building affordable housing.

“I talked to the owner and that building that’s there could not be saved,” said Avellaneda. “It’s functionally obsolete. It made more sense to start

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Seyon Management is proposing to demolish this old warehouse building on Congress and Willow Street and replace it with a new building that would house three freight forwarding tenants associated with the airport.

EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes takes part in panel discussion

By John Lynds

On Monday, to commemorate Boston Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People issue, the magazine hosted an influencer panel discussion on how to overcome the challenges facing Boston post pandemic and beyond.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) President and CEO Manny Lopes was one of several esteemed panelists that took part in Monday’s discussion. Others included

ed Reverend Liz Walker, Pastor of Roxbury Presbyterian Church; Betty Francisco, General Counsel for Compass Working Capital; and Karen Chen, Executive Director of Chinese Progressive Action.

Moderated by Kennedy Elsey of Mix 104.1, Lopes was asked what some of the challenges EBNHC faced as well as the successes of the health center’s vaccine rollout.

“We (EBNHC) have

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MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE SEE PAGE 6

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May 31 Memorial Day
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done over 80,000 doses of COVID vaccine as of today and that is pretty incredible,” said Lopes Monday. “The team has worked extremely hard to make sure that on day one and week one we had (vaccine) sites open in some of the hardest hit communities in the state. In East Boston, Chelsea, the South End and through our partnership in Everett and Revere we were really ready to get the vaccine out to people who needed it the most.”

Lopes said some of the challenges up front were getting all EBNHC staff vaccinated as quickly as possible.

“We knew that our employees were our most important resources and without them we couldn’t do this work,” said Lopes. “So when Moderna became available, we were the first in the country to give our employees a shot and we quickly rolled that out to the rest of the communities we serve. It was important to do this because we learn a lot from our staff. Sixty percent of our staff come from the communities we serve so they really informed us in terms of how we can get our message out or what questions residents have. But we knew we had to build capacity because we had many people who were ready to rush through the door. So we built this capacity to handle the volume and we had to really come at this rollout with a sledgehammer.”

However, Lopes added that EBNHC staff knew in the communities they serve there is a level of mistrust of the health-care system and many



COURTESY PHOTO

EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes took part in a panel discussion hosted by Boston Magazine on Monday.

people had a lot of questions about the vaccine. “So, in addition to opening up these sites we also launched our education and outreach campaign to make sure that we were getting messages out early and often about how well the vaccine works, answering questions around the issues and concerns that people may have,” said Lopes. “So once we got through the ‘vaccine yeses’ (those who wanted the vaccine) which was quite a bit of a challenge we really began to focus on the ‘maybes’ in the neighborhoods. The ‘maybes’ are the ones who won’t go to the vaccine website, won’t stay on the phone for 30 minutes waiting for someone to answer and you have to go to them. That’s what we’ve been doing through our local vaccination sites that are well positioned.”

Lopes said through partnerships and mobile vaccine vehicles EBNHC was able to go to the heart of hard hit communities and get more and more people vaccinated.

“We made sure that vaccination sites were easily accessible,” said Lopes. “We launched, along with some of our partners, mobile pop up sites where we can go into the heart

of these areas. We can go to large employers and get as many people vaccinated as possible.”

Lopes said the most recent challenge EBNHC is facing is the ‘hard noes’.

“Today we’re dealing with the ‘hard noes’, which we’ve been dealing with since the beginning of the rollout,” said Lopes “These are individuals that need really personal attention and our strategy there is to do the vaccines in our exam rooms. Since we are the largest provider of healthcare in our service area we have high penetration rates in these communities. We felt that this is a great opportunity for us to put the vaccine in the exam rooms and hopefully give individuals an opportunity to ask some of those private questions, meet with their primary care team, and hopefully get the vaccine.”

Come fall and beyond Lopes said there will be a lot of discussion and learning over the COVID ‘booster’ vaccine. This is the one shot booster vaccinated people will receive about six months after completing their first round of vaccination shots.

“There’s a lot for us to learn around boosters and we’re waiting for the CDC guidance around that once it becomes available,” said Lopes. “But from our perspective we were doing 100,000 pre pandemic flu shots a year. So we’re going to treat the booster like any other vaccine and hope that people every year, if it is necessary, come in and get their flu shot and get that COVID-19 booster shot as well.”

EARLY LEARNING CENTER UPDATES

•Ms. Jackie’s kindergarten class at the ELC has been learning about what is needed to help plants grow. They planted their very own flowers and will take care of them and watch them grow.

BERKOWITZ SCHOOL UPDATES

•To end the year, first-grade students are par-

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during door knocking, but it was amplified so much.

“If I am confident enough to hit the streets with a bullhorn and calling out inequities and challenging our public officials, I’m definitely confident enough to jump into this race,” she continued.

DeJesus, 30, grew up in Chelsea, though she spent several years in Puerto Rico with her grandparents on a farm until she was school-age. When she got to Chelsea, she began attending Chelsea Schools. Her mother was a single mother who worked several jobs – one at a beauty salon on Broadway and another at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center – to keep their apartment in Chelsea. DeJesus said she remembers participating in the Golden Girls baton group and marching down Broadway during festivals – as well as participating in Chelsea School events. However, when her mother, Elizabeth, got a job at Children’s Hospital, she moved to Prospect Hill Charter School in Cambridge to be closer to her mother’s work in Boston. While having trouble there at school, her mother connected her to La Colaborativa, where she started working as a teen. After getting herself on track, via her mentor Gladys Vega and other strong

ticipating in the ABC Countdown. Each school day will have a different activity/theme depending on the day’s letter. Last Friday was C for Camping day. Teachers and student showed their creativity.

HOOKS SCHOOL UPDATES

•First grade students at the Hooks School enjoyed the sunshine with some chalk fun at recess.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Chelsea Public Schools are just weeks away from celebrating the SENIORS of Chelsea High School and the Chelsea Opportunity Academy walking across the stage at graduation. Lawn signs will be displayed throughout the community to congratulate the seniors. Congrats Class of 2021.

in the community talking to everyone and bringing into City Hall the voices of my district.”

•NOMINATION PAPERS UPDATE

There are a number of updates on those who have taken out Nomination Papers for a potential run for office this fall.

In the at-large race, incumbents Roy Avellaneda and Leo Robinson have taken out papers, and joining them is former Councillor Joe Perlatonda who is seeking a run at-large. Meanwhile, Historical Commission member Alex Balcarcel of Cook Avenue has taken out papers as well.

In District 7, Tanairi Garcia of Washington Avenue – Food Pantry Director at La Colaborativa has taken out papers, and incumbent Yamir Rodriguez will also run for re-election against her.

District 1 Councillor Todd Taylor, District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez and District 6 Councillor Giovanni Recupero have taken out Papers, and don’t have any challenger yet.

In District 2, incumbent Melinda Vega Maldonado is expected to take out papers for re-election, and in District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia is also expected to run again, but has yet to take out Papers.

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public health in Chelsea and surrounding communities.

Interestingly, Power’s colleague, Roseann Bongiovanni, executive director of GreenRoots, previously served commendably as a Chelsea councillor-at-large.

Power pulled her nomination papers Tuesday from the City Clerk’s office at City Hall. Power said she intends to run a vigorous, highly visible

campaign that will include door-to-door visits to homes to discuss local issues. That face-to-face aspect of meeting the voters had been pretty much curtailed during the pandemic, but is expected to make its return for the 2021 campaign season.

Power is a graduate of Augsburg University and holds a Master’s degree in Public Policy from Tufts University.

BHCC awarded \$100,000 Cummings Grant

Staff Report

The Bunker Hill Community College Foundation, Inc. is one of 140 local nonprofits to receive grants through Cummings Foundation’s \$25 Million Grant Program. Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) was chosen from a total of 590 applicants during a competitive review process. It will receive \$100,000 over the next two years.

BHCC will use the funding to contribute to a just

and equitable post-pandemic economic recovery in Massachusetts through a Rapid Recovery and Reemployment (R3) Program that will allow students to study over a shorter period, develop skills in a field, and earn an industry-recognized credential, which makes them employable quicker.

The R3 Program at BHCC is a unique initiative that allows students or community members impacted by the COVID-19 economic downturn to get back in the

game with financially supported training. An Employment Placement Specialist will lead this program, and eligible participants will have access to full tuition and materials scholarships, as well as a stipend for successful attendance and completion. Students who are unemployed or demonstrate financial need will be considered first.

The Cummings \$25 Million Grant Program supports Massachusetts nonprofits based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties.

Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate, Cummings Properties. This Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 10 million square feet of debt-free space, most of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

“We aim to help meet the needs of people in all segments of our local community,” said Cummings Foundation executive director Joel Swets. “It is the incredible organizations we fund, however, that do the actual daily work to empower our neighbors, educate our children, fight for equity, and so much more.”

With the help of about 80 volunteers, the Cummings

Foundation first identified 140 organizations to receive grants of at least \$100,000 each. Among the winners were first-time recipients as well as nonprofits that had previously received Cummings Foundation Grants. Bunker Hill Community College Foundation received another grant from the Cummings Foundation in 2017 to support the C-Town Business Pathways program.

“We have adopted a democratic approach to philanthropy, which empowers an impressive roster of dedicated volunteers to decide more than half of our entire grant winners each year,” said Swets. “We benefit from their diverse backgrounds and perspectives; they benefit from a meaningful and fulfilling experience, and the nonprofits often benefit from increased exposure and new advocates.”

This year’s grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including social justice, homelessness prevention, affordable housing, education, violence prevention, and food insecurity. The nonprofits are spread across 43 different cities and towns.

The complete list of 140 grant winners, plus more than 800 previous recipients, is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org. Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$300 million to Greater Boston nonprofits.

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3	\$86,650
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** 2020 Area Median Incomes for the Boston, Cambridge, Quincy, MA-NH MSA. Income limits are subject to change based.*

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something that he said he thought would disappear when he arrived in America.

In fact, he was excited to “get stuff,” he told the Boston Pilot.

The plan was for him to come to Chelsea and help his mother financially, send money back to family in El Salvador, and hopefully put some money in his own pocket.

However, that materialistic mindset soon gave way to questioning such things, and as his spiritual life in St. Rose Church in Chelsea grew, so did his idea of what he wanted to do with his life. He was greatly influenced by a visit of the St. Francis of Assisi and the Franciscan Order, who visited St. Rose when he was a teen-ager. That encounter caused him to change his values and priorities.

“I came to this country because I wanted to get stuff, and then suddenly I see this group of people who want just to get rid of stuff,” he told the Pilot. “They don’t own anything. So, there is something radical that I saw there, and something



Father Fernando Ayala, a native of Chelsea who grew up in St. Rose Church, was ordained into the priesthood of the Archdiocese of Boston, celebrating his first Mass at St. Mary, Brookline, last Sunday, May 23. He is the son of Julian and Maritza Rosales Ayala, and he graduated from Chelsea High School.

that was pushing me to examine exactly what I’m doing in my life.”

He had attended Chelsea High School upon arriving in the city, and to keep his immigration status alive, he had to remain a full-time student. So, he began to explore colleges, but while doing that, some mentors at St. Rose invit-

ed him to participate in a retreat.

That was something that really made up his mind to go the way of the priesthood.

Born on Oct. 6, 1994, in Santa Ana, El Salvador, Father Ayala Rosales is the oldest of the seven children of Julian and Maritza Rosales Ayala.

Prior to his family immigrating to the United States he attended school in his native El Salvador. His family settled in Chelsea, and still are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.

His earned his undergraduate degree in philosophy from Providence College, Providence, R.I. in 2017 and the master’s in divinity by St. John’s Seminary in May 2021.

He carried out his diaconal ministry at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Brookline. Last Sunday, May 23, Father Ayala Rosales celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary, Brookline at 11 a.m. His deacon supervisor and the parish pastor, Father Jonathan M. Gaspar was the homilist.

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from scratch...It looks like we’ll have that land in our control and looking for an affordable housing overlap project.”

He said he is not against the freight forwarding use, but does not necessarily believe MassPort has treated the City fairly when Chelsea so often agrees to house such businesses that are critical to the airport’s industrial flight operations.

“The airport overlay district has been on my mind because I feel we’re always locating things in our community that support the airport and it’s an area that MassPort would like to keep close...It’s not the use that I’ve been against, but what I resent is we’re helping them and they don’t recognize that.”

Councillor Giovanni Recupero, who represents the area and actually lives across the street from it on Essex Street, said he is in support because the developer listened to his input early on.

He said the original plan was to bring the trucks for the operation up onto Willow Street and other residential streets and he said that was a problem. The developer, he said, then agreed to purchase 250 Marginal Street and have the trucks enter and exit from Marginal – with all the loading docks also facing Marginal Street.



The vacant lot on the corner of Essex and Congress would serve as a 202-car employee parking lot for the new company.

“The guy listened to what I asked him to do and I think this is a good thing,” he said. “The problem I had is he was going to bring the truck to building on Willow Street. I wouldn’t go for that. I asked him to have the trucks somehow come in and out on Marginal Street, so he figured out a way. He bought the lot in front of him. It was a lot of money...That building is operating in that way now, and he wants to build something new and bring in some jobs too.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said they are not necessarily against the idea of freight forwarding, and support this project. However, he said they are skittish of the Amazon warehouses and other “last-mile” proposals that have hit the Produce Cen-

ter area and caused significant Amazon van traffic in Chelsea.

“I think we’re skittish of Amazon, but I’m not skittish of the industry here,” he said. “That’s an industry the City supports and we have a district by the airport for it. They’re knocking down a dilapidated building and will substantially improve the site. We’re hoping they get some good entities to come in as tenants. The Amazons of the world don’t bring good-paying jobs and do bring enormous van traffic. We really are trying to discourage that particular use, but the freight forwarding industry is one the City supports.”

The Chelsea Point project is likely to be on the June Zoning Board agenda.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

Max Corona, AKA MaxPro

(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 grew up in Chelsea. My grandparents emigrated from Cuba with my father. My mom is from Puerto Rico, and they met because my grandfather was renting an apartment to my grandmother!

I went to school in Chelsea, lived in Revere and Connecticut for a bit, but I’m in Chelsea now with my wife Amanda and our 15-month old daughter TonyMay. Amanda and I are a team, we’re both artists, and together we came up with our clothing company BAD IDEA Designs. Much of the artwork acknowledges mental health issues and suicide awareness. We have high



respect for recognizing it and putting it out there to let people know that they are not alone.

Amanda created the design [light bulb] for the clothing logo; it just worked. Lightbulbs often appear in my work from a childhood memory of my kitchen. I also made a sketch of Lewis Latimer for the Lewis Latimer Society in Chelsea, [Latimer, African America Chelsea born scientist, was co-inventor of the lightbulb

with Edison].

Chelsea definitely made me who I am today, and I’m happy with that. I love what they’re doing with the paint and putting artwork out there. I’m glad to be a part of it! As far as the changing here, I don’t mind the change, but I don’t like how they raised the rent on people. Everyone is going to go further away. People have history and roots here; it’s not cool. They shouldn’t be forced to leave.

Olga Vasquez-Garcia joins Bank’s Chelsea Banking Center as new manager

Staff Report

East Cambridge Savings Bank this week announced that Olga Vasquez-Garcia has been named business development manager at the Bank’s Chelsea Banking Center.

In this role, Vasquez-Garcia will serve as the banking center manager and will oversee business development and banking center operations. Banking center managers are also active in the communities they serve through involvement in civic organizations and volunteering. Ms. Vasquez-Garcia joined the Bank on April 26.

“I’m thrilled to join East Cambridge Savings Bank and am looking forward to serving our



Olga Vasquez-Garcia.

Chelsea customers,” said Vasquez-Garcia. “I have worked in banking in this area for many years and I’m excited to join a Bank that is so community focused and places a high emphasis on supporting small businesses and Chelsea residents.” Prior to joining the Bank, Vasquez-Garcia was a branch manager at a bank

in Revere and worked at several other regional financial institutions in various roles.

“Since Chelsea joined the East Cambridge Savings Bank family in 2015, the community has been an integral part of our growth and expansion in the area,” said Gilda Nogueira, the Bank’s president and CEO. “There are so many great things happening in Chelsea and I know that Olga will be a great fit for this location and its customers.

Vasquez-Garcia is an active member of the Rotary Club of Lynn and volunteers for several community organizations through her membership. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Boston College and resides in Lynn.

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A MEMORIAL DAY TO LOOK BACK AND AHEAD

If Memorial Day of 2020 was unlike any other, Memorial Day of 2021 will represent almost a 180 degree turnabout from the dark days of a year ago. Thanks to the miraculous production of vaccines and plummeting infection and hospitalizations rates, it would appear that the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us.

However, as joyful as our leap from the oppression of COVID-19 may be, we are saddened and humbled when we realize that almost 600,000 Americans, a total almost equal to the number of our soldiers killed in all of our foreign wars combined, have succumbed to the virus over the past 15 months.

But as Americans prepare to embark on the great reopening this Memorial Day weekend, marking our freedom from the virus, it is appropriate that we honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in our nation’s wars so that we might enjoy the freedoms that define the American way of life.

Ever since the official inception of the holiday on May 30, 1868, when the practice of decorating the graves of the fallen Union soldiers with flowers, wreaths, and flags officially became recognized by the order of General Logan at Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) has been a time for all Americans to commemorate those who made the Supreme Sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

When Memorial Day was moved to the last Monday of May starting in 1971, the three-day weekend also came to mark the official start of the summer season when we gather for cookouts and other outdoor activities with friends and family.

Amidst the usual festivities of Memorial Day weekend however, we must remember not to take for granted the freedoms that allow us to partake of the American way of life.

Although the worst of the pandemic hopefully is behind us, we still are facing a grave threat to our democracy.

The enemy is not a foreign power or a viral infection. Rather, it is from within.

It is fair to say that Americans are as disunited as we ever have been since the end of the Civil War itself 156 years ago. The triad of seismic events of the past year -- the pandemic, the ensuing economic dislocation, and the endemic racism in our society -- exposed the deep fissures in our country that have been lurking beneath the surface for decades and exploded volcano-like over the past 12 months.

Rather than serving to unite us in a common effort to overcome these challenges, they tore us apart even further, culminating with the shameful effort on the part of some to bring to an end the great American experiment of democracy with the events of January 6.

In searching for appropriate words to capture this moment in which we find ourselves, the Gettysburg address that was delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on the site of the battlefield on November 19, 1863, rings most true, both in terms of honoring those who gave their lives in our nation’s wars and for healing the wounds created by the current crises.

We hope our readers take a moment to absorb Lincoln’s words and reflect upon the meaning of Memorial Day, both in terms of our past and our future:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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GUEST OP-ED

Your house and building financial security

Dr. Glenn Mollette

As we approach Memorial Day, give thanks for our soldiers who gave and are giving sacrificially for our freedom.

One of the freedoms we enjoy is the freedom to own a house. The greatest asset of most people is the roof over their heads. Your house may be worth more than all of your cash, savings accounts and in some cases retirement funds combined.

If your house is paid for then congratulations to you. You have achieved a beautiful piece of the American dream. When I was 26 years old, I bought a house on a land contract. The house cost \$80,000. Interest rates were 17% back then and a man sold it to me for no money down and 10% interest rate. The rate then was

good and it was good for him. He was using the sale to fund his retirement for 20 years at about \$800 per month. It was great for me because I didn’t have a nickel to put down on the house. If you can buy a house this way then more power to you and the seller. Talk to an attorney and make sure the title is clear and the contract is solid before you enter into the agreement. A couple of years later I moved and sold the house and cleared \$10,000. It worked out okay for me. The man got his balance owed plus interest.

You may not find a land contract deal and will have to go through a bank or other lender. The idea of entering into a 15, 20- or 30-year loan agreement is overwhelming. If you can handle a 15-year loan you will save tens of thou-

sands of dollars. When you purchase a house on a 30-year loan the cost of the house depending on interest rates will almost double.

When you pay a few years on your house you develop equity. You could borrow against the house in case of an emergency. Once you have paid for your house it’s yours and you have a place to live. In your golden years if you decide you don’t want the hassle of taking care of property you can sell it and utilize the cash to rent or buy something more economical. However, carefully assess if you really want to give up your space and be subjected to a land lord or rental association. You’ll always be more independent in your own place if you can maintain what you have.

There are tax benefits to

buying and owning property that you won’t get when renting.

You will also come out better financially if you are planning on living at least five years in your house.

A man or woman’s house is his or her castle. Invest in a place to live if and when you can and give thanks for a country where we have the freedom to build financial security.

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LETTERS to the Editor

MIRA APPLAUDS DHS MOVE TO END DETENTION AGREEMENTS

To the Editor,
The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) issued the following statement in response to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas’s decision to order the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to end its immigration detention contract with the Bristol County Sheriff’s Office in Massachusetts:

MIRA is gratified that Secretary Mayorkas took this vital and necessary step to end the unjust detention of immigrants at the Bristol County Sheriff’s Office, as well as at the Irwin County Detention Center in Georgia, as reported this morning by the Washington Post. Our coalition has long opposed the entanglement of local police with federal immigration enforcement actions and detentions and the 287(g) program nationally,” said Daniel Pereira, spokesperson for the MIRA Coalition.

These agreements rep-

resent a wasteful use of public funds, deter immigrant victims and witnesses from reporting crimes, and often lead to racial profiling.

The Bristol County Sheriff’s office has a particularly checkered history when it comes to the treatment of immigrant detainees, and in fact, it remains under federal investigation for allegations of abuse and unsafe conditions.

MIRA also once again urges the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor to move forward and pass the Safe Communities Act as well the Act Relative to Enforcing Federal Law. These laws protect everyone’s basic rights, ensure access to justice in our courts, and restore the safety and dignity of all our communities. Enacting them is vital to the continued security of every Massachusetts resident.

We hope that this necessary step is just the first on a longer, but equally vital, path toward ending 287(g) agreements nationwide, protecting our vital immigrant communities, and re-orienting local law en-

forcement toward public safety. Federal, state, and local governments need to restore trust in public institutions and ensure that all residents, regardless of documentation status, are able to access medi-

cal care, emergency assistance, and court and police protection without fear.

Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

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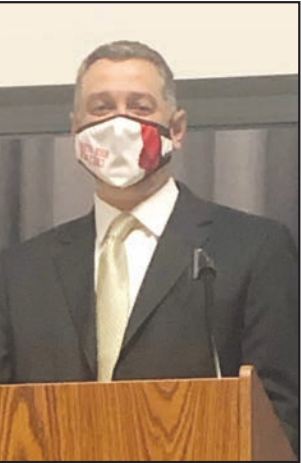
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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY HELD ITS INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Chelsea High School National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony late last week, the first in-person ceremony held in the schools since early 2020. The ceremony was done carefully, and went off without a hitch.



Principal Mark Martineau welcomes everyone to the ceremony, the first in-person ceremony for the high school since early 2020.



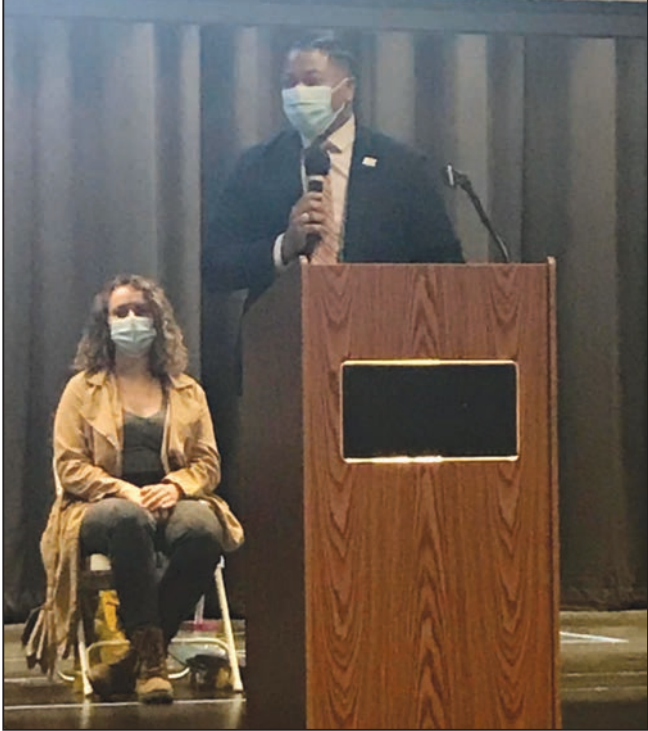
CHS Senior Richard Flores and his mother after the ceremony. Flores is headed to Harvard University next year.



Richard Flores, president of NHS (and headed to Harvard University) and his mother, poste with Principal Mark Martineau and Supt. Almi Abeyta.



Lamia Maizat; Yeni Oseguera, NHS Secretary; Victoria Stutto - NHS Vice President; and Ilana Ascher - NHS Advisor.



Victoria Stutto with Dr. Aaron Jennings, Diversity, Equity and Excellence Officer.



Angel Del Valle, Jeffrey Ponce, Walter Sales, Younes Maizat, Nasir Adams, Emmanuel Simon, Quan Vu, and Supt. Almi Abeyta.



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Safety guidance issued to parishes of the Boston Archdiocese

Given the new State of Massachusetts protocols that go into place on May 29, the following guidance is issued for the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston

General guidelines

As of May 29, vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks or socially distance in our parishes.

This statement applies to worship and other parish activities, but not to schools and not to the office space. Further guidelines will be issued for those two areas.

Parishes and pastors will not be policing the population. Every parishioner and every family will be expected to make a sound, reasonable decision about when they are ready to take off their masks and be near other people. No pastor and no parish will be expected to ask people whether or not they have been vaccinated.

The pastor has a high degree of discretion in the implementation of all of these changes. Some pastors may make changes quickly, and others may make them slowly. Pastors are encouraged to engage parish leadership in a conversation about how best to make the changes in their respective parishes.

There is no longer a distinct set of protocols for parishes in red zones.

Regarding communication

All parishes must publish something like the following statement: “As of May 29, masks are no longer required for vaccinated people in the State of Massachusetts. The State does advise that non-vaccinated people continue to wear masks.” The statement should be published in bulletins and on web sites, and announced at Mass.

All parishes should strongly consider communicating the following points clearly to their parishioners:

The dispensation from the obligation for coming to Sunday Mass has not yet been lifted, and even when it is, if a parishioner is feeling ill they should remain at home.

It is understood that different people will be ready to take off their masks and sit near one another at different times.

Parishes should communicate that they are prepared to accommodate those who are ready to take off their masks and sit near others, and those who are not.

Some people who are comfortable dropping social distancing may not yet be comfortable taking off their masks. It should be communicated to people that they are free to continue to wear masks as long as they like, and that they will be respected if they choose to do so.

When a parish becomes aware that a COVID positive person has attended Mass, there should be some kind of general announcement at least on the parish’s website. Parishioners should be advised to keep an eye on the website, as that will be where such an announcement will be made.

Regarding the setup of churches

Parishes should continue to make provisions for people who are not vaccinated and/or who are not yet ready come to sit near other people.

Perhaps this can be done by offering or continuing to offer outdoor Masses.

Perhaps this can be done by offering Masses at particular times for those who want to maintain social distancing.

Perhaps this can be done by cordoning off portions of the church, in a respectful way, for socially distanced seating. If this is the option chosen, every pew can be used in the non-distanced section of the church, and markings adjusted accordingly.

Respectful signs in the church should make clear how different sections of the church are being used.

It is no longer necessary to regularly disinfect surfaces. Some pastors may decide to continue to do so for a time, but it is not required.

Missalettes and hymnals may be used, and kept in the pews. Parishes may want to engage in significant conversation about whether and how they want to do this. The Office of Worship will make some recommendations and resources available on their website.

Regarding the celebration of the Mass

Pastors should strongly consider continuing to stream their Masses.

Registration for Masses is no longer required, although pastors may desire it to continue for a period while they adjust the seating in their churches.

Congregational singing is allowed, as are choirs. Pastors may use their discretion with regard to masks for their choirs.

Deacons can play their full liturgical roles: reading the gospel, preaching when appropriate, preparing the altar, the elevation of the chalice, and assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion.

Altar servers may be used.

In scheduling children as altar servers, a pastor may want to schedule members of the same family for a given

Mass.

It should be clearly communicated to parents that children may wear masks while altar serving.

It is likely that a retraining of altar servers, both children and adults, will be necessary.

Liturgical ministers, such as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist can be used.

A retraining of these volunteers may be necessary.

Parishes may wish to use this as an opportunity to reach out to new volunteers to fill these roles.

A collection may be taken up by using a basket, preferably with a pole, since some people may still feel uncomfortable touching a basket that many other people have just touched, and may feel that they have no option if the basket is handed to them. This reluctance may end up hurting the parish offertory.

Pastors are encouraged to slow play a return to a shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace. It may well be that not everyone is ready for that, even if they are unmasked and sitting near one another. Other forms for the Sign of Peace could be used.

The deacon should be allowed to receive the Precious Blood, but the pastor may exercise his discretion in the matter of the deacon using a separate chalice, or intinction, or sharing the celebrant’s chalice. Consideration should be given to the health and vaccination status of both priest and deacon in that decision.

Priests, deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist should still disinfect their hands before distributing Holy Communion.

Priests, deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are strongly

encouraged to continue to wear masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.

The bottle of hand sanitizer should be kept close at hand in case someone receives communion on the tongue. Pastors may exercise their discretion in this matter.

Communion under both species is still not allowed at this time. A clear communication will go out to parishes when this practice may resume.

Regarding Pastoral Care

Communion calls may resume normally, though it may be necessary or wise to retrain the ministers of Holy Communion in how to be effective and respectful of people’s concerns in this ministry.

Nursing home visits and Masses may resume, although it remains necessary to be completely respectful of the protocols of the facility being visited, or hosting the Mass.

Services in funeral homes, conducted by priests, deacons, and pastoral associates may resume, at the discretion of the pastor.

The use of confessionals may resume.

Regarding other parish activities

Not every parish is going to be able to restart everything at once. A priority should be given to the liturgy, and then to pastoral care, and then to other activities such as faith formation and youth ministry, and finally to parish social activities.

Food and drink may be served at parish activities.

Pastors continue to have discretion over the use of the parish facilities by outside groups. Pastors continue to have responsibility to be sure the parish space is being used safely.

Since masking and social distancing are still required in public schools in Massachusetts even after May 29, we are not yet certain about what faith formation programs for children will need to look like in the fall. The programs will certainly be allowed and in person, but we do not know yet about masking and distancing requirements. We will keep you advised.

Out of state and international parish service trips should still be treated with an abundance of caution, as every state has their own policies and COVID continues to rage in many parts of the world.

Final Points

There are many heroes among our volunteers that have kept our parishes going during these difficult times. They should be acknowledged and thanked, collectively and personally.

This document is not intended to be comprehensive. There will be many questions that arise, that will be addressed in the coming weeks.

There will be a webinar for parishes and staff on Wednesday, May 26 to discuss these questions.



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Para aplicar, por favor envía una carta de una página al Club Rotario de Chelsea y explica el “por qué” el Club debería enviarte a este campamento este verano. Todas las cartas deberán ser enviadas por correo o personalmente a esta dirección:

Chelsea Rotary Club c/o Susan E Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 antes del jueves 13 de Mayo de 2021.

No olvides colocar tu nombre, dirección, edad y número de teléfono de tus padres. Todas las cartas serán leídas y revisadas por los socios del comité del Club Rotario de Chelsea, asimismo el comité notificará a todos los finalistas. El campamento empezará el domingo por la tarde y finalizará el día sábado por la mañana.

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To apply, please send a one-page essay of why the Rotary Club of Chelsea should send you to Camp Rotary this summer. All essays should be mailed or hand delivered by **Thursday May 13, 2021 to The Rotary Club of Chelsea, c/o Susan Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. All essays should include your name, address, age and telephone number.** A committee of Chelsea Rotary Club members will review all essays. The committee will notify finalists. The camp week will begin Sunday afternoon and end Saturday morning.

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DiDomenico testifies in support of his healthy youth act legislation

Staff Report

Last week, Senator DiDomenico testified before the Joint Committee on Education in support of legislation he has long championed in the Massachusetts Senate, An Act relative to healthy youth, also known as the Healthy Youth Act.

S.318 would ensure that Massachusetts schools electing to provide their students with sex education use age-appropriate and medically accurate curriculum that covers a comprehensive range of topics. The legislation also calls for sex education to be inclusive and appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, sexual orientation and gender identity.

“Sex education is es-

sential to young people’s health, personal relationships, and life goals,” said Senator DiDomenico in his testimony. “Massachusetts youth deserve to have the information, resources, and skills they need to make smart decisions, protect their health, and build the bright future they deserve— without shame or judgement. The Healthy Youth Act ensures just that, equipping our young people with the tools they need to build healthy relationships and understand the importance of consent. I am incredibly grateful to the Chairs of the Education Committee for their previous support of this critical legislation, and I am looking forward to continue working with them to ensure that this is the legislative session that

the Healthy Youth Act is passed into law.”

Currently, when Massachusetts public schools provide their students with health education that covers sexual activity, there is no guarantee that the information provided is age-appropriate or medically accurate. This legislation changes this by requiring school districts that offer sex education to follow certain guidelines to ensure students are provided with age-appropriate, medically accurate, and comprehensive information, including:

- benefits of delaying sex;
- human anatomy, reproduction, and sexual development;
- effective contraceptive use;
- prevention of pregnan-

cy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs);

- relationship and communication skills to form healthy relationships;
- coverage of affirmative, conscious and voluntary consent; and
- age-appropriate information about gender identity and sexual orientation, including resources that offer support to LGBTQ students.

The legislation does not require schools to offer sex education and also protects parent’s’ right to remove their children from all or part of sex education if they chose to do so — an action protected by state law. In addition, it provides districts that teach sex education curriculum with updated guidance on how to notify parents about these

programs. Notification to parents and guardians must be in English, as well as any other commonly spoken languages by parents. Districts must also have a process for parents to review the program instruction materials prior to the start of the course, if the parents request it.

Sex education programs have repeatedly been shown to work best when they emphasize the value of delaying sex, while also teaching students about the importance of protecting themselves from unintended consequences. As demonstrated by numerous studies, comprehensive sex education programs have been proven to delay the initiation of sex, increase use of contraception, lower the rates of STIs and

unintended pregnancy among teens, and reduce reported levels of bullying towards LGBTQ youth in school.

A 2018 poll conducted by EMC Research showed overwhelming bipartisan support for sex education in Massachusetts, with 92% of likely voters agreeing that students should receive sex education in high school and 89% of likely voters agree that sex education should include comprehensive information, such as how to build healthy relationships and understand consent.

Over the past three legislative sessions, the Healthy Youth Act has repeatedly received a favorable report from the Joint Committee on Education and has been passed by the Massachusetts Senate.

Baker files legislation to extend certain COVID-19 emergency measures

Staff Report

Governor Charlie Baker will file legislation to extend certain emergency measures currently in place via executive orders that are set to expire on June 15 when the State of Emergency will be rescinded, he reported on Tuesday.

Most restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, will be rescinded effective May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents.

This legislation proposes to extend measures providing for a temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining

at restaurants, and billing protections for COVID-19 patients. When the State of Emergency ends, these orders will expire, and temporarily extending these measures will allow for time to transition. Extending these measures, which were instituted by executive order, requires legislation.

To allow public bodies to safely meet during the pandemic and ensure public access to meetings, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order in March 2020 allowing these bodies to meet quorum requirements even if meetings were held remotely through electronic means as long as measures were taken to ensure the public with electronic access to

the proceedings. The bill filed by Governor Baker Tuesday will extend these provisions related to the Commonwealth’s Open Meeting Law until September 1, 2021, which will allow additional time to consider possible permanent changes to the open meeting law to provide for greater flexibility in conducting open meetings through reliance on electronic streaming and similar measures.

The bill will also grant municipalities authority to extend special permits for restaurants offering outdoor dining issued under the State of Emergency through November 29, 2021. Under an Executive Order issued in 2020, municipalities were per-

mitted to use an expedited process to approve temporary permits for new or expanded outdoor dining and alcohol service. Without a legislative extension, special permits granted under the Governor’s Order will expire 60 days after the end of the State of Emergency.

The legislation will also extend a protection adopted in an executive order that prohibits medical providers from billing patients who have received COVID-related emergency and inpatient services for charges in excess of costs paid by their insurers. As filed, the protection would extend until January 1, 2022, at which time recently passed federal legislation

that included protections for both emergency and non-emergency cases will become effective. Earlier this year, Governor Baker signed legislation establishing surprise billing protections for patients for non-emergency services.

“Massachusetts is leading the nation in the vaccination effort and that progress is enabling the Commonwealth to return to normal,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “These temporary measures will help businesses and residents in this transition period, and I look forward to working on these and other issues in the week ahead with our partners in the Legislature.”

Last week, Governor Baker announced that on

May 29, all industries will be permitted to open.

With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

Before June 15, the administration plans to take additional steps that will permit the continuation of targeted public health measures beyond the end of the State of Emergency, including the mask requirements announced last week.

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(c) all covenants, restrictions, rights, agreements, reservations, easements, including utility easements and other matters of record if in force and applicable, provided same do not materially interfere with the Units for residential dwelling purposes;

(d) provisions of applicable laws and building codes;

This conveyance is subject to and with the benefit of Grant on Non-Exclusive Driveway Rights and Release, dated November 1, 2001, recorded with said Deeds on February 22, 2002 as Instrument No. 151, and to the provisions of the aforesaid Master Deed and Condominium By-Laws, all to the extent as same may be in full force and applicable.

Unit 5 is intended solely for residential purposes and no other use may be made of the unit.

For title reference see Deed recorded in Book 35086, Page 143. Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and

county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 300 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 500, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price.

In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Ralph DiGirolamo & Richard G. DiGirolamo, Trustees of R&R Trust u/d/t dated July 31, 1995


Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C.

300 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 500 Quincy, MA 02169

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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on May 17, 2021, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:

AN ORDER (A) APPROVING THE AMENDED

URBAN CENTER HOUSING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (“UCH-TIF” AGREEMENT (“UCH-TIF AGREEMENT (“UCH-TIF AGREEMENT), AS PRESENTED, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHELSEA AND JOSEPH J. CORCORAN COMPANY LLC, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 23B; CHAPTER 40, SECTION 59; CHAPTER 40 SECTION 60, AS AMENDED; AND 760 CMR 58.00, FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED AT 170 CENTRAL AVENUE, CATALOGUED IN THE ASSESSOR’S MAPS UNDER MAP 22, LOT 17, MAP 22, LOT 106; AND MAP 22, LOT 107, AND OWNED IN FEE BY THE CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY, WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO A 99-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE JOSEPH J. CORCORAN COMPANY LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY; (B) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A CERTIFIED PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR APPROVAL; AND (C) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE UCH-TIF AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THE UCH-TIF AGREEMENTS, AND TAKE SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFIED PROJECT APPLICATION OR TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORDER, AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.

Ordered: The Chelsea City Council (a) hereby approves, in accordance with Chapter 23B; Chapter 40, Section 59; Chapter 40, Section 60, as amended; and 760 CMR 58.00, the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment

Financing (:UCH-TIF”) Agreement (“UCH-TIF Agreement) between the City of Chelsea and Joseph J. Corcoran Company LLC for the redevelopment of real property situated at 170 Central Avenue, Assessors Map 22, Lot 17; Map 22, Lot 106, Map 22, Lot 107, attached hereto; (b) hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit a Certified Project Application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for approval; and (c) hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the UCH-TIF Agreement on behalf of the City and take such other and further action as may be necessary or appropriate to obtain approval of the Certified Project Application, to carry out the purposes of this Order, and take any other action to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 93 Parker Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Roman Moszkowicz and Teresa Moszkowicz to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Mortgage Associates, Inc. and now held by Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc, said mortgage dated December 10, 2007, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, in Book 42867 at Page

1, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated January 6, 2016, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 55574 at Page 54, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on June 3, 2021, at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, now numbered 93 Parker Street, bounded and described as follows:


PARCEL ONE: Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly side of said Street, fifty (50) feet distant Southeasterly from Spencer Avenue, thence running; SOUTHEASTERLY by said Parter Street, fifty (50) feet, thence turning at a right angle and running SOUTHWESTERLY thirty-three (33) feet, thence running; NORTHWESTERLY fifty (50) feet, thence running; NORTHEASTERLY thirty-three (33) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1,650 square feet; being said measurements and contents more or less .

PARCEL TWO: the land in said Chelsea, being Lot B on a plan by James F. Hendry, C.E., dated May 28, 1958, bounded and described as follows: SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or late of Omar J. Pothier et ux, three and 50/100 (3.50) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or late of Frances G. Borucki, forty-four and 80/100 (44.80) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land now or late of said William J. and Jessie LeBlanc, by a line

parallel with and distant thirty-three and 33/100 (33.33) feet Southwesterly from Parker Stret, forty-four and 80/100 (44.80) feet. Containing 157 square feet; being said measurements and contents more or less and all according to said plan. Being the same premises conveyed to these Mortgageors by deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 17753, Page 28. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgageor’s Title see deed dated October 1, 1992, and recorded in Book 17753 at Page 28 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 275 West Natick Road, Suite 500 Warwick, RI 02886 Attorney for Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Present Holder of the Mortgage Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 17-09488

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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR QUOTES CDBG Lead Paint Testing Services

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Quotes for “CDBG Lead Paint Testing Services”.

Request for Quotes will be available on or after May 27, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Quotes must be sealed and clearly marked “CDBG Lead Paint Testing Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, June 10, 2021. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer

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OBITUARIES

Charles “Chucky” Galatis

Oct. 30, 1954 – May 22, 2021

Chucky S. “Chucky” Galatis passed away on Saturday, May 22 in Stoneham with his beloved life partner and caregiver, Marianne, and his Godson, Shamus, at his side. He was 66 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, a son of the late Soc-rates K. “Sockey” and El-len D. (Godfrey) Galatis, he was a lifelong resident of Chelsea. He attended local schools and gradu-ated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1973.

He worked for 10 years at Marriot Inflight Cater-ers in East Boston and for 31 years as a Junior Cus-todian, retiring as a Senior School Custodian at the Williams and Shurtleff Schools. He was deeply committed to the schools and fellow employees and was a mentor to younger custodians. He retired in 2019.

He was a past member of the former St. Andrews B.B.C. The Sagamore Club, Chelsea Lodge of Elks, the Chelsea Irish Club, and Local 708 American Federation of State, County, and Mu-nicipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

In his life time, Chucky enjoyed all Boston sports, favoring the Patriots and Bruins. He spent his vaca-tions and weekends at his second home on Shadow Lake in Windham, NH. He enjoyed taking trips to Ogunquit, ME and attend-ing special family events on Cape Cod and Myrtle Beach. He enjoyed cook-ing, and hosting BBQs for family and friends. A com-mitted family member and loyal friend, he most en-joyed just spending time with them.

In addition to his par-ents, he was recently pre-



deceased by his brother, Jimmy Galatis and aunt, Mary Bullock.

He is lovingly survived by his beloved life part-ner of 31 years, Marianne Bond of Stoneham, his cousin and Godson, Sha-mus Murphy and his wife, Kristen, of Wilmington and their children, Ki-era and Thomas, both of whom Chucky loved like a doting grandfather.

He was the dear nephew of Nick and Susan Gala-tis of Gloucester, John and Michelle Galatis and Kanela “Kay” Murphy, all of Revere. He is also sur-vived by many additional cousins, extended family members and friends.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funer-al Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday May 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to at-tend. Funeral Services will be conducted in the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday at 12 noon. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

IN LIEU OF FLOW-ERS: Should friends desire, contributions in Chucky’s memory should be directed to Beth Israel Lahey Health at Home, c/o Gift Processing Cen-ter, 41 Mall Road, Burl-ington, MA 01805

We continue to encour-age family and friends who wish, to offer condo-lences by means of the on-line guest book by visiting www.welshfh.com.

Arthur “Archie” Mellace

Outstanding Educator, administrator, athlete and citizen

Arthur “Archie” W. Mellace, 85, of Pea-body, loving father, grandfather, and devoted husband and high school sweetheart of the late Su-san F. Mellace, passed away on March 29.

Born in Revere, the son of the late Frances-co and Antoinetta Mel-lace and the brother of predeceased sisters and brothers: Angela Alessi, Adelaide DelloRusso, An-gela Kiss, Anthony Mel-lace, John Mellace, Louis Attenasio, and Vincent Attenasio, Archie was a graduate of Revere High School where he played football, basketball and baseball and was award-ed Outstanding Player in the Boston League. Later, he coached the basketball team and was the assistant coach of the football team at Revere High.

At Suffolk University, he graduated with a Bach-elor of Education Degree and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame as a talented basketball play-er. Archie earned a Mas-ters Degree in Education at Boston State College. He attended Framing-ham State University and earned a Masters Degree in Computer Science and a Certificate in Art.

Dedicated to a career in education, Archie taught social studies, art, and physical education at Re-vere High School. He co-ordinated a High School Work Study Program, placing students in various jobs, while the students earned their diplomas. He was Vice Principal at the Garfield Elementary School, President of the School Administrators’ Union and retired as Vice Principal of Revere High School.

Archie’s love of basket-ball led him to become an accomplished Basketball Referee in the Eastern Col-lege Athletic Conference and in the Division One, National College Athletic Association. Archie was President of the Collegiate Basketball Officials’ As-sociation (CBOA). The Board of Directors named Archie the recipient of the



Russ Beisswanger CBOA Leadership Award, among the most prestigious hon-ors bestowed on a refer-ee in America. He was a Life Member of the In-ternational Association of Approved Basketball Officials and was induct-ed into the Hall of Fame at the Annual Converse North Shore Basketball Coaches Banquet.

Caring about the com-munity, Archie became President of Kiwanis, par-ticipating in his favorite event, the Special Olym-pics. He was a faithful do-nor to the Food Pantry at St. Adelaide’s Church and The Vietnam Veterans As-sociation.

Archie is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law: Gina Gagnon-Car-ter and Richard Carter of Midlothian, VA, and Mi-chele and Richard Morel-li of Yarmouth Port, MA, and a grandson and his wife, David Arthur Mel-lace Gagnon and Lucy Seyfarth of Fairfax, VA, and companion, Paulette Autori of West Newbury, MA.

A Memorial Visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Saturday June 5 from 9 to 11 a.m., followed by a Graveside Prayer Service at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody at Noon. Masks and social dis-tancing are required at all times. A private gathering will be held for the family following Prayer Service.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Arthur Mellace’s name to: Special Olympics Massa-chusetts, 512 Forest St., Marlborough, MA 01752. For guest book please vis-it www.buonfiglio.com.

James Arthur Balloon

May 22, 1950 – May 18, 2021

James Arthur Balloon, born on May 22, 1950 in Marion, South Carolina to the late Hamyer and Ber-tha (Montgomery) Bal-loom, sadly passed away, earning his wings, on Tuesday May 18, 2021. He was 70 years old.

James, like so many young men of his time, at-tended school in Marion. With a hope for a better life, he moved to Boston where his older sister, Bet-ty and her husband, John Hemingway lived.

In his new hometown, he learned to travel the streets of Roxbury and Dorchester, negotiating the various bus routes and riding the “T”.

He was always look-ing for an opportunity to do better, trusting those close to him to help guide him along. One of his best opportunities for doing better came when he met the young woman who would eventually become his wife. On November 14, 1970, James married Eula Pearl Dublin, for-merly of Albany, Georgia and moved to Chelsea. The two would soon be-come three when they welcomed their beautiful daughter, Tracey Laverne.

A willing worker with aspirations of always im-proving his life, James was initially employed at Northeastern Univer-sity. He also worked for The Macken Company, the Veterans Administra-tion Hospital, the Thomas Strahan Wallpaper Com-pany and retired from Gans Tire Company, Inc. of Malden.

James loved laying on the couch, watching west-erns and drinking Pepsi. He loved to take rides to Boston to his sister Betty’s house to see what she was cooking. He so loved her chicken.

James loved talking on the phone with his brother, Ronald in South Carolina. He especially loved eating ice cream with his grand-daughter, Aaliyah who he nicknamed Baby Girl!

Left to mourn his loss are his lovely wife of 50 years, Eula, his daughter,



Tracey Balloon-Trotman and her husband, Maurice and his granddaughter, Aaliyah Trotman. Also mourning his loss are his siblings: Betty Heming-way and her husband, John of Boston, Ronald Bal-loon and his wife, Dean, Robert Balloon and his wife, Olivia, Norzell Bal-loon and his wife, Flossi, Catherine Turnell and her husband, Frank, all of South Carolina and Emma Jean Balloon of Boston. In addition, mourning his loss are brothers-in-law, Tommie Lee Dublin and his wife, Renee of Lynn and Ulysses Dublin of Jamaica Plain, Preceding James in death were his parents and his brother, Jimmy Lee Balloon.

James had some spe-cial people in his life who were especially im-portant to him including: nephews, Carol and Karl Balloon of South Caroli-na, Anthony and Michael Hemingway of Boston, his aunt, Louise Robin-son and cousin, James (Bob) Robinson Jr., both of Chelsea. James also has a host of cousins, nephews and nieces in South Caro-lina, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Jersey and Washington who will also miss him dearly.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend his Home Going Service at the Welsh Fu-neral Home, 718 Broad-way, Chelsea, today, Thursday, May 27 at 11 a.m. Visitation will pre-cede the service from 10 to 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

We continue to encour-age family and friends who wish, to offer condo-lences by means of the on-line guest book by visiting www.welshfh.com.

Median sales price for homes continued to rise

Staff Report

The number of closed sales of homes continued to rise in April from the previous month, according to Massachusetts Associ-ation of Realtors (MAR), substantiating the expecta-tions of a busy spring mar-ket that will likely last well into summer.

For single-family homes in March 2021, there were 3,385 closed sales and 5,804 new listings, while in April there were 3,923 closed sales and 6,721 new listings. For condomini-ums, March saw 1,959 closed sales and 3,040 new listings, whereas April brought 2,109 closed sales and 3,394 new listings. The market continues to see many multiple-offer situations, driving sales above asking price. Median sales price for single-fam-ily homes increased by 9% since March, from \$485,00 to \$529,000, and condo-miniums by 5.5 percent, from \$459,945 to \$485,000.

Though the market paused slightly in early Spring of 2020, thanks to

an increase in buying activ-ity throughout the pandem-ic, the market landscape has seen quite a change since then. Months’ sup-ply of inventory for single-family homes in April 2020 was 2.3, dropping by 65.2 percent YoY to 0.8 for the same month this year. A similar trend was noted for condominium supply, dropping 44 percent YoY from 2.5 to 1.4. Compared to April 2020, the median sales price for single-fam-ily homes rose by almost \$100,000, increasing by 20.8 percent, and 11.5 per-cent for condominiums.

“As anticipated, April 2021 was another strong month for home sales,” says Steve Medeiros, 2021 President of MAR and RE-ALTOR at Keller Williams Realty. “While housing af-fordability remains an area to watch as prices continue to rise, strong buyer de-mand and limited housing supply show no signs of easing soon, pointing to a continuation of this market trend through spring and into summer.”

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NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

POSTAL EMPLOYEES WILL CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY

Post Offices across the commonwealth will be closed on Monday, May 31, as our employees pause to celebrate Memorial Day. Street delivery on Monday will be limited to guaranteed overnight parcels and there will be no collection of mail.

Full retail and delivery operations will resume on Tuesday, June 1.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

MVES CONTINUES TO OFFER FREE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) wants to remind individuals that it is offering free transportation services via one of MVES’ transportation providers to adults 60 years and older to local COVID-19 vaccine sites. MVES understands that older adults are more susceptible to the pandemic and feels it is important to help all older residents in its 11 communities served get vaccinated. So if you live in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield or Winthrop, give us a call!

To make it simple, there are only three of eligibility guidelines to get approved for your two roundtrips: be 60 years of age or older, don’t have other means to get to a vaccination site or have access to the vaccines at building complex where you live. When taking your trips, masks or face coverings will be required. That’s it! Make sure to call us in plenty of time so you can plan the most convenient travel time for yourself.

For more information and to register for your rides, call MVES at (781) 324-7705 and ask to speak to an Information and Referral Representative about the transportation vaccination program.

CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND “GRAB AND GO” CRAFT KITS

The Bear Crown craft kits are available while supplies last. Pick-up times are:

- *Monday, Tuesday, and Friday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- *Wednesday and Thursday – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- *Saturday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Book Club on May 27th at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The book is Let’s Pretend This Never Happened (a mostly true memoir) by Jenny Lawson. To reserve a copy, please contact the library at 617-466-4350. Email sgay@chelseama.gov to register.
- Baby Sign Language program on Zoom to help parents communicate with babies ages up to 36 months. June 12th at 10 a.m. Sign-up by emailing kpalcencia@chelseama.gov.
- Mindful Einstein program. A weekly session of simple and fun activities to encourage mindfulness and relaxation in children aged 3-6 on Zoom. Thursdays at 4 p.m., 6/3, 6/10,

6/17, 6/24. Email kpalcencia@chelseama.gov to sign-up.

FEDERAL RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

Owners of restaurants, food trucks, bars, bakeries and related businesses can now apply to the SBA Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Available up to

\$10 million per business in COVID-19 relief for payroll costs, rental payments, debt service and more. If used correctly, these funds don’t have to be refunded. Priority will be given in the first 21 days to restaurants owned by women, veterans and socially or economically disadvantaged groups. Learn more about the restaurant revitalization fund at <https://www.sba.gov/restaurants>. Get help with your application by calling 1-844-279-8898.

NEW FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

The City received \$50,000 in last year’s State Budget to implement a new food security program from the Department of Agricultural Resources.

Focused on supporting local food security initiatives, the Program offers direct grants, up to \$10,000 per organization, for capital and operational purposes. Organizations establishing or operating food pantries, community kitchens, community agriculture, and other food security efforts that serve low- and moderate-income residents are eligible to apply. The Program is expected to assist approximately five new or existing local food programs.

The deadline for proposals is May 21st, 2021 at 4 p.m. Proposals can be submitted to atrain@chelseama.gov via email or at 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA 02150. Our team is available to provide technical assistance to anyone interested in applying for this program.

BEACHAM STREET TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Starting on Monday, May 17, construction started between Market Street and the City of Everett. The work will impact the Market Street intersection and take place all week between 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Expect delays. Please seek an alternate route. Read more about the project at <https://www.chelseama.gov/Beacham-WilliamsCorridor>

TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS AVAILABLE

To expand business opportunities during COVID-19, restaurants and eateries can now apply for a temporary permit to offer outdoor dining services on:

- Private Property (including privately owned parking lots.)
- Sidewalks.
- Other public spaces such as streets or parking spaces adjacent to your establishment (Permits to use such adjacent streets or parking spaces require approval from the Traffic Commission).

Permits are valid through November 5, 2021 or 60 days until after the Governor ends the

Pandemic. With each of these options, restaurants that currently serve alcohol may also serve alcohol outdoors in accordance with the Licensing guidelines. Apply for a permit online: Application for 2021 Temporary Outdoor Dining for Restaurants and Eateries. The City will also offer free technical assistance to business owners who need help with outdoor space design. To coordinate a meeting with the team, please contact Lourdes Alvarez via email at lalvarez@chelseama.gov or by calling 617-487-9763. Read more at www.chelseama.gov/OutdoorDining.

JOIN THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Interested in beautifying the City? There is a Beautification Committee that meets monthly with the City Manager, ISD and the DPW to talk about trash and problem properties and to consider beautification initiatives such as improved signage, cigarette butlers and public art. If you are interested in being part of this Committee, please contact either Laura Brockington at GreenRoots@chelseama.gov or Monica Elias at Melias@tndinc.org.

MASS SAVE LOOKING FOR APPLICANTS

Do you own a 1-4 unit residential building? For a limited time, Mass Save’s sponsors are offering owners of 1-4 unit residential buildings 100% off all approved insulation for all rental units. These energy upgrades can help save energy and money.

To get started, schedule a FREE Mass Save Home Energy Assessment at (978) 237-4530 or visit <https://allinenergy.org/chelsea.html>.

CHELSEA EATS CARD EXTENDED

The City wants to announce that the Chelsea Eats program has been extended for another month, so please keep the card. The fifth distribution will occur at the end of March. The City hopes to extend the Program beyond June 30. Stay tuned for further updates. The City wants to thank all city partners for their tireless fundraising efforts. If there are any questions, please call 617-466-4209 or email lalvarez@chelseama.gov.

PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

Applications are available for the Senior Property Tax Work-off Program and the Veterans Tax Work-off Program. The programs have no income eligibility requirements. Any senior 60 years or older, and any veteran, with an ownership interest in real estate is allowed to participate in the Tax Work-Off Program regardless of assets or income. Participants receive a \$1,500 reduction on property taxes, working 111.11 hours for the City. Interested persons should contact the HR Department at 617-466-4170 or find applications online by visiting www.chelseama.gov/elder-services/pages/senior-tax-work-program.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

BPDA APPROVES DEVELOPMENT

EAST BOSTON - At its May board meeting the Boston Planning and Development Agency voted to approve a 29-unit residential development on Curtis Street.

Owners and developers of 7-11 Curtis St., Seth Williams and Jim Grossman plan to demolish the existing structure that currently houses Eastern Flooring, combine four separate parcels and erect two buildings—one on Curtis Street with 21 units and a second one on Saratoga Street with 8 units.

Williams and Grossman want to create a mix of condo/rental units. The building with 21 units will include 17 parking spots while the building with only 8 units on Saratoga Street will have no parking spots. The developers also plan to contribute \$30,000 to the Mclean Playground rehab project.

Four of the 29 residential units will be income restricted under the BPDA inclusionary policy. The units will be a mix of studio, one bedroom, two bedrooms, and three bedrooms. The housing will be transit oriented as it sits between the Wood Island and Orient Heights MBTA stops and is in close proximity to different bus routes. The project will also contain a bike room to encourage less vehicular travel.

The developers met several times with members of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) over the past year and made sev-

eral changes to the project after hearing feedback from the community.

Williams and Grossman moved away from boxy brick buildings and incorporated bay windows, the use of fiber cement clapboard siding, shed dormers and added continuity with windows to pick up site lines of adjacent buildings in the final design.

The project was also reduced from five stories down to four stories and the parking has been sunk underground.

The owners also added greenspace and added landscaping along the frontage of the buildings and reduced the overall square footage by 1,400 square feet.

At the meetings prior to the BPDA vote HVNA members seemed to be warming up to the project when compared to the initial presentation. Some applauded the changes and thanked the developers for listening to community input.

However, HVNA members still voted 23-9 against the project. Those in opposition pointed to density, lack of parking and the overall size and scope of the project as another example of over-building in the neighborhood.

One of the nine HVNA members that voted in favor of the project said, “I have been in the neighborhood for over 40 years. This could be a great opportunity for the neighborhood. I look forward to the new building and new activity in the area”.

CANDIDATES PULL NOMINATION PAPERS

EVERETT - All three candidates for mayor have pulled Nomination Papers – as Papers officially became available on Monday morning – and some surprises have already emerged, such as Councilor Michael McLaughlin announcing he won’t run for re-election to the Ward 6 seat and is currently keeping his options open.

Other immediate surprises – as of Tuesday at noon – were School Committeeman Allen Panarese filing for Councilor at-Large; At-Large Councilor Wayne Matewsky filing for Ward 1 Councilor; Council Clerk Mike Mangan filing for Ward 4 School Committee; and Bernie D’Onofrio re-entering public life in running for Ward 6 School Committee.

“Monday was a very busy day,” said City Clerk Sergio Cornelio. “It was a steady flow all day of candidates and incumbents coming in to get their Papers. I’d rather have them in and get their Papers if they are running so we have time to go through the certification process.”

One key change is the emergence of ward-only voting for Council Ward seats and School Committee ward seats. No longer will a ward councilor or School Committee member have to run citywide. That Charter Change was signed into law by Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito at 11:47 a.m. on Saturday, thus changing the course

PREPARATION FOR MEMORIAL DAY

City workers and community volunteers fanned out on Monday and Tuesday across Glenwood Cemetery to mark each veteran buried there with an American Flag in preparation for Memorial Day Exercises. The City said it would hold traditional exercises at 10 a.m. on May 31. Right, even some children got into the act of placing flags on the graves of veterans.



of this election in a big way.

The biggest race, of course, has been solidified with the three candidates for mayor pulling Nomination Papers on Monday afternoon.

After pulling papers, each mayoral candidate issued a statement about their campaign, which are listed below in alphabetical order by last name.

Said Councilor Gerly Adrién, “On Monday morning, I was the first mayoral candidate to pick up my Nomination Papers at Everett City Hall. For the past few months, I have been out in our neighborhoods, knocking on doors and talking to residents everyday about our campaign’s bold vision for a better Everett. I am looking forward to continuing to engage with our neighbors throughout the next few weeks to gather signatures, so we can get on the ballot and continue to fight for the changes our residents deserve.”

Said Councilor Fred Capone, “My family and I are prepared for a busy summer of campaigning. We have already started door knocking and are overwhelmed by the support. This campaign is not about me; it’s about the residents of Everett. We are running so that every voice gets heard and every opinion matters. I’m excited about speaking with our residents and working to earn their support in September.”

Said Mayor DeMaria, “I have officially pulled papers and will be seeking re-election as Mayor of the City of Everett. When I became Mayor, I made a promise to continue to better our community. I am not finished, my job is not done. I look forward to knocking on each and every door to make sure my message and goals for our city are clear. As always, on behalf of my family and I, we appreciate the continuous love and support. #EverettforEveryone.”

Mayoral candidates have to get 500 signatures, and a long-standing requirement already in place is that at least 25 signatures have to come from each ward. Once those signatures are certified, it guarantees a place on the ballot. If all three

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qualify for the ballot, that would trigger a Mayoral Preliminary Election in September.

One of the bigger surprises Monday was someone that didn’t show up on the Nomination Paper list, and that is Councilor McLaughlin.

In a statement on Monday morning, he said he would not be seeking re-election to the Ward 6 seat – which led to it becoming another open seat on the Council. He said it wasn’t the end of his political road, and he will be running for another office.

“As nomination papers are now available, I am in the process of still considering how I can be most beneficial to the entire Everett community,” he said. “While I plan to continue serving as an elected official in some capacity, I’m still talking to family, friends and constituents regarding their needs in hopes to make the best informed decision as to where I can best serve my hometown. I look forward to the coming weeks and months and discussing how I can help continue moving Everett forward for all that call Everett home.”

In Ward 6’s new open seat, Candidate Al Lattanzi has pulled papers to run for the seat – after having lost to McLaughlin last time around. He will likely face Ross Pietrantonio of Alfred Street.

McLaughlin has already lent his support to Lattanzi this week.

•In Ward 1, long-time at-Large Councilor Wayne Matewsky – who is recovering from a medical emergency earlier this year – has pulled papers to succeed mayoral candidate Fred Capone. A longtime resident of Lewis Street, Matewsky was rumored for a while to be interested in the Ward 1 seat if Capone ran for mayor.

•The five at-large seats on the Council are fairly open with Matewsky departing and Adrien running for mayor. Incumbents Michael Marchese and Rich Dell Isola have pulled Papers, but Council Dean John Hanlon has not pulled his Paper yet. A major surprise in the race is long-time School Committeeman Allen Panarese making the jump to run for at-Large Council. Two years ago, he was rumored to be interested, but didn’t make the call. This time around, he’s in.

Those who have also pulled Papers for a potential run for the seat include Angelmarie DiNunzio, James Mastrocola, Stephanie Smith, James LaVecchio, and Kenny Gianneli.

•In Ward 2 City Council, incumbent Stephanie Martins has decided to stay put in the Ward seat, but she’ll face long-time political veteran Jason Marcus of Dartmouth Street. It will be an interesting race in particular now that ward-only voting is in place.

•In Ward 4 Council, incumbent Jimmy Tri Le could face James Mastrocola, who also pulled papers for the at-Large race. Le won with no competition two years ago when long-time former Councilor Leo McKinnon decided not to run just before the cutoff date.

•Unopposed so far are Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro and Ward 5 Councilor Rosa DiFlorio.

•In the School Committee, there is no shortage of drama as well, which has not historically been the case in Everett. One of the most interesting races so far is in Ward 1, where Joanne Parris, Millie Cardello and Margaret Cornelio have all pulled papers. Parris is a long-time resident who has been very active in the community for a number of years, while Cornelio is a former School Department employee who is also the mother of Clerk Sergio Cornelio. Cardello is currently an at-Large member, and also pulled papers for that office too. It is the same situation for Cornelio, who has also pulled papers for at-Large.

In Ward 4, incumbent Dana Murray has pulled

Papers, but quickly had some competition from Council Clerk (and former councilor) Mike Mangan, of Walnut Street. Murray won election in a surprise two years ago, but emerged as a leader on the Committee as she is an educator in East Boston and has a firm grip on the issues. Mangan, however, has quite a political following in Everett and was involved for years in youth activities.

Ward 6 is interesting in that former School Committee Chair Bernie D’Onofrio has pulled Papers to run once again for a seat. Two years ago, in a challenge by former Candidate David Lindsey, D’Onofrio’s signatures were determined to be invalid, and he did not qualify for the ballot. Now, he’s back, and incumbent Tom Abruzzese has yet to pull Papers, but is expected to do so.

In Ward 2, with Panarese out, an open seat exists and so far Jason Marcus is the only candidate. Marcus has also pulled Papers for Ward 2 Council. It will be interesting to see which directions he veers towards.

In the at-Large race, incumbent Cynthia Sarnie has pulled Papers again, and Cardello and Cornelio – as mentioned above – have pulled papers for at-Large and Ward 1.

Ward 3 School Committeeman Frank Parker and Ward 5 School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros have no one against them at this point.

REDDY NAMED NEW LYNN POLICE CHIEF

LYNN - Mayor Thomas McGee is pleased to announced the hiring of Christopher P. Reddy as the new Chief of Police for the City of Lynn. Chris was selected from a list of several highly-qualified candidates who completed the required Civil Service Assessment Center in March of this year and


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“Chris is a lifelong Lynner who clearly demonstrated throughout the entire hiring process that he has the necessary skills to lead the Lynn Police Department with the highest standards our City deserves,” said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. “He has a deep understanding of the Lynn community and the importance of racial equity in modern policing by having built strong relationships with many diverse groups and organizations during his time as a Lynn Police Officer. Chris is ready to meet the moment and lead the hardworking women and men of the Lynn Police Department through the current crossroads we are facing to bring the community together and approach this position with a commitment to equity and transparency. I want to thank each of the three exceptional candidates who applied for the promotion

to be the Chief of Police. Your dedication and commitment to the City of Lynn was clearly evident throughout the entire process. My sincere appreciation to Deputy Chief Desmarais for stepping up to lead the Department over the last 10 months during an incredibly challenging time for our City, State and Country.”


“I want to offer my sincere appreciation to Mayor McGee for giving me the opportunity to serve this community, and the members of the Lynn Police Department, as the next Chief of Police,” said Christopher Reddy. “It has been my privilege to serve as a police officer in this community for the past 36 years and I am humbled and honored to have been selected for this important role. I’m excited to work with my brother and sister officers, as well as the Mayor, the City Council, and community stakeholders to move the Department forward in our common goal of promoting public safety for all.”

Chris Reddy has been a Lynn Police Officer since 1985 and has most recently served as the Captain of Patrol since 2010. Among his main responsibilities he has served as the supervisor of a number of policing units including for patrol operations, E-911 and dispatch center, traffic enforcement and the community policing unit. His role also included being the Police Department liaison for coordination with outside agencies, organizations and community groups coordinating for special events as well as the liaison to the City of Lynn Emergency Management Committee. He received his Bachelor’s degree in business administration-management from UMASS Lowell and a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College.

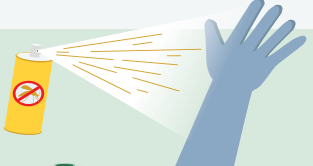


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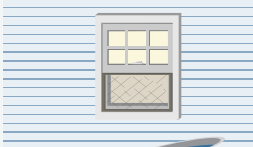
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The event was sponsored by several area businesses and organizations including Latinas Para Latinas, Senior Whole Health, Stop & Shop, and Tu Casa Restaurant. Because of their help and support, La Colaborativa were able to provide a nice meal, a festive drink and dessert, music, a raffle and gift bags filled with personal care products.

Mothers expressed their gratitude for this brief moment of celebration.



Donated gift bags filled with personal care items for each mother.



A local musician sang and played his guitar during the brunch.



Several children joined their mothers for the special dinner at the Food Pantry.



Executive Director Gladys Vega and Food Pantry Director Tanairi Garcia serving brunch.



Mothers attending the brunch hosted inside La Colaborativa’s Chelsea food pantry.



The beautiful mango-topped cake donated to honor the mothers of Chelsea.

Chelsea Recreation is ready for summer

Staff Report

Chelsea Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division has an impressive summer lineup of programs.

Residents can sign up for a variety of outdoor in-person and livestream activities sure to provide an exciting and safe summer. Activities held outdoors have been developed so participants can enjoy Chelsea’s beautiful parks!

Outdoor classes will be held virtually if there is inclement weather. Activities held indoors will maintain small group sizes and social distancing rules and will be held at the Williams Building, 180 Walnut Street.

Activities for children include: Tenacity’s Summer Tennis & Reading Program for ages 6-10 at Voke Park from 9-12pm, Monday-Friday- 7/6-8/13), Prehistoric Adventures with Harvard Museum staff, Capture the Flag, Martial Arts, Yoga, Guitar for Kids, Ballet, Jazz-Hop, Wiffle Ball, and Tee-Ball for Young Children. Programs for teens and adults include: Tennis Fundamentals, the Art of Mandala and Meditation, Yoga Warrior Poses, the Home Buying Process, Tech Goes Home; American Government, History, and Integrated Civics; Fitness for 55+, and English classes for all levels.

In addition, Wednesday Outdoors Movie Nights are back beginning July 21 to August 25 at 8:15pm. This year’s location is the Mary C. Burke Complex Field, 300 Crescent Avenue in collaboration with the Friends of the Chelsea Public Library and the Chelsea Senior Center.

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