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Chelsea High incoming sophomore Daniela Maldonado, 15, celebrates with her mother after winning a \$300,000 college scholarship in the inaugural VaxMillions giveaway last Thursday, July 29. She is seen with Gov. Charlie Baker, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, Lottery Director Michael Sweeney, and Health Secretary MaryLou Sudders.

## A Winner

## Chelsea High rising sophomore wins VaxMillions Scholarship

By Seth Daniel

Chelsea High incoming sophomore Daniela Maldonado suddenly no longer needs to worry about paying for college.

That's a lot to say for a young lady who says she comes from a low-income family and, before July 29, probably would have had to make hard choices when it came to choosing whether or not to go to college in the future.

What changed for her last Thursday, July 29, was that she was the inaugural winner of the state's Vax-

Millions College Scholarship giveaway – winning a \$300,000 scholarship towards college via a lottery drawing that was announced by Gov. Charlie Baker.

"I feel really happy for getting this opportunity," Maldonado, 15, said at the Thursday press conference. "We are a low-income family so it was going to be hard for me to continue my education. I want to say thank you to everyone that made this opportunity possible because now I'm able to achieve goals that I've

wanted, but wouldn't have been able to do if I hadn't had this scholarship."

When she found out she had won, she said she didn't believe it.

"I thought it was a scam at first," she said. "I was expecting an e-mail if it was true. So, I got the e-mail and my mom called me and said that I won. I couldn't believe it. I'm interested in Boston University or UMass. My interests are history. I really like to learn about history, especially from other

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## Property owners on Suffolk Street turn away eminent domain discussion

By Seth Daniel

An initial discussion with property owners on Suffolk Street and in that area regarding potential eminent domain takings of vacant land was met with solid resistance at a Council subcommittee meeting on July 27.

Council President Roy Avellaneda has floated the idea of taking vacant land in the area of Suffolk Street and Shawmut Street by eminent domain for the purposes of creating much-needed affordable homeownership opportunities. That idea has been floating around for several months now, and in a meeting on July 27, several property owners were invited up to hear their

concerns and their plans – and it was a major backfire on a move that Avellaneda said was mostly directed by Eastern Salt and their purchase of the old Boston Hides & Furs plant.

"I don't feel the City should take land from anyone that has worked hard their entire lives," said Kenneth Lewis, whose family lives on Essex Street and uses the back vacant lot for parking and gardening. "My father used to deliver Wonder Bread. My mother used to work three shifts, 90 hours a week to provide us more than what they had. My mother and my father are very upset about this. I don't think this is the right thing to do... This is not what's best for the City."

Lewis, furthermore, said he and his family have been denied variances in the past to try to build on the property, as they want to build a home for family members. However, they were always denied the variance to do so. He said it would be wrong for the City to take his property, and build on it when his

family owns it and wasn't allowed to build on it.

"When I got this letter in the mail, it was the first time this City has broken my heart – that the City would try to or threaten to take land my family owned our entire lives," he said. "It's land my family tried to build on and were denied repeatedly by the City. If we can't build on it, how is it even feasible for the City to propose more housing to be built on it?"

Later, for a lot owned by Maria Teixeira on Suffolk, her son was very animated and said he uses the lot to store his business vehicles. He said it's none of Avellaneda's business what he does with his land.

"Your family build half this city and you still own a lot of it," he said to Avellaneda. "That's beautiful what you did. How come we can't do that? We want to build up so we never have to worry. We're trying to build the generational wealth for our family that your family

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## TURN DOWN THE VOLUME

## Car wash owners scheduled to appear for a City hearing on Aug. 12

By Seth Daniel

The most hot-button issue in the city has come at the Scrub-A-Dub car wash on Eastern Avenue, but the plethora of deep-seated issues brought about by the matter has absolutely nothing to do with washing a car.

The car wash has been allegedly host to people gathering after-hours – sometimes as late as 3 a.m. – for a number of years in the warmer months, where those gathered listen to loud music, hang out, compare show-cars, engage in rap battles and sometimes drag race on Eastern Avenue. However, with more residents now living in the area and the pandemic exacerbating most late-night hang-outs, the after-hours car wash recently began to collide with newer residents in the nearby area – and vice

versa.

That has come to a head last week as the License Commission, according to City Solicitor Cheryl Fisher Watson, has called the owners of the car wash for a hearing on Aug. 12 after having received many complaints for noise and nuisance activity from the neighborhood, including from District Councillor Naomi Zabot – whose family has deep roots in Chelsea, and who moved back here about 10 years ago.

When Zabot posted the meeting notice on a community web page and on her City Council Facebook page, the response was anything but nice.

While some argued that the car wash activities were a tradition that went far back and weren't disruptive, but were being upended by gentrifiers who wanted to change the

City to their liking, other respondents weren't so civil about it.

One online poster under the name "Mark Suj" posted a strikingly anti-Semitic post directed at Zabot, who is Jewish, while others shared her photo and address and encouraged people to vandalize her home.

"Our city is changing in amazing ways and the community is becoming more inclusive and diverse, strengthening our community with culture, achievement, and families of all backgrounds," she wrote in an op-ed. "This past year has been difficult for so many of us, and being in a public office, I understand that I may be on the receiving end of public discourse. And, while some of the language directed at me

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## Shakespeare finds a new home in Chelsea Square

By Seth Daniel

Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?

This summer, Romeo – and Juliet – are in Chelsea Square.

The bilingual, and mobile, production of "Romeo & Juliet" from Apollinaire Theatre and its partners – a return to the annual outdoor production after a year online due to COVID – are moving the beloved outdoor performance to Chelsea Square for the first time.

It's part of what seems like a revival for the Square, with so many musical acts and other festivities going on there this summer. And with that, Shakespeare is going to be the anchor tenant of the

effort.

Apollinaire Founder Danielle Fauteux Jacques said they are excited to bring the production to the Square, where their theatre is located. They will be moving the production all around the Square, too, she said – including scenes at the Fountain, in the streets, in the park and in the windows of the Apollinaire Theatre on Winnisimmet Street.

"I was talking with some others and we were throwing around ideas about revitalizing the downtown areas coming out of COVID," she said. "We wanted to send a positive message out about Chelsea being back. The press coverage during the

pandemic painted a very bleak picture of Chelsea. We wanted to send out to the world something that showed a very positive side of Chelsea. That's when the conversation started and how we could move our production downtown to be a part of that positive message."

Previously, Apollinaire has staged its Shakespeare in the Park shows each summer in Mary O'Malley Park, and then at the PORT Park. While they did love each of those venues, this year it seemed appropriate to join the party in the Square and help the businesses that are around the Theatre.

"We loved working

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PHOTO BY DANIELLE FAUTEUX JACQUES

Mikhail Yarovoy as Romeo, and Emma Laird as Juliet, rehearse their parts in Chelsea Square by the fountain last week. The Apollinaire Shakespeare production outdoors this summer has moved to Chelsea Square, joining a number of other events that the City and its partners are staging to help revitalize activity and businesses downtown.





Daniela Maldonado with her mother and State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, who oversees the Lottery.

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countries. I also really like math.”

Maldonado was vaccinated in Chelsea in May, when she became eligible to get the shot. Because she was fully vaccinated by the entry deadline for VaxMillions, she was able to enter her name in the contest. And lucky for her, she won and secured her educational future long before even graduating from high school.

As part of the giveaway sponsored by the state and the Massachusetts State Lottery, fully vaccinated residents ages 18 and older are eligible to enter to win one of five, \$1 million cash prizes. Residents between 12-17 years of age who are fully vaccinated may enter for the chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants.

“Congratulations to... Daniela Maldonado on winning the first-round drawing for the VaxMillions Giveaway,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Since we launched Vax-Millions, over 2.3 million residents have signed up

and hundreds of thousands of residents have gotten vaccinated, building on Massachusetts’ nation-leading success in protecting our residents. Massachusetts continues to out-perform virtually every state on vaccinations, and we look forward to the remaining drawings for the VaxMillions campaign as another way to encourage more residents to get vaccinated, in addition to innovative approaches like pop-up clinics and in-home vaccinations.”

Said State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, “Today’s winners are a great reminder of why it’s so important to get vaccinated. They won, but we all win too. And remember - they got a shot because they got the shots. So get the vax now and you could join us soon.”

The next registration deadline is today, Aug. 5, with the drawing being on Aug. 9 and the winners announced on Aug. 12. There is also a registration deadline of Aug. 12 and

the final one on Aug. 19.

Residents must be fully vaccinated before registering, but if they are not vaccinated by the registration date for a certain drawing, they will still have the opportunity to complete vaccination and register for subsequent drawings. Residents will only have to enter once to qualify for all drawings occurring after the date of their registration.

Eligible residents are able to enter the giveaway at [VaxMillionsGiveaway.com](https://VaxMillionsGiveaway.com). For residents who do not have access to the internet or require assistance, a call center can be reached by calling 2-1-1 during the below hours:

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unique opportunity.”

Mimi Graney of Chelsea Prospers said having Shakespeare in the Square is the anchor of their summer revitalization efforts.

“Helping downtown businesses recover from the pandemic has been a central mission of the Chelsea Prospers programming this summer,” she said. “Restaurants and cultural organizations in particular were hit hard. With a cluster of those businesses in Chelsea Square, to maximize positive impact we’ve hosted more than two dozen events in the area to drive foot traffic and tell the positive story of what Chelsea has to offer. It’s been a multi-dimensional strategy that includes building out attractive outdoor dining areas, public art, grants and technical support to the businesses, social media campaigns and events of various scales. “The Apollinaire Theatre is as an anchor institution in Chelsea Square and we’re glad to have this talented team as partners in the district,” she continued. “The arts are a powerful tool for building community, turning around spaces and economic revitalization. Like the theatrical performances by Teatro Chelsea at the start of the summer, these shows presented by the Apollinaire Theatre allow us to see the storefronts, sidewalks, plazas and greenspace in the downtown in a new, transformative way.” Jacques said she hopes everything works together during their run, which starts on Aug. 14 and has two other shows on Aug.

# School Committeewoman Santiago to run for District 3 Council

By Seth Daniel

School Committeewoman Marisol Santiago announced on Tuesday that she had made a U-turn and pulled Nomination Papers for City Council District 3, and has now qualified for the ballot to run for Council.

Santiago, who had previously pulled Papers for re-election to District 3 School Committee, said she changed course recently and pulled Council papers last Friday. She was able to turn them in on the last date to file, Tuesday, Aug. 3, and be qualified for the ballot, she said.

Were the others in the race, Incumbent Councillor Naomi Zabot and Challenger Norieliz DeJesus, able to qualify for the ballot, it would trigger the first Preliminary Election in District 3 in recent memory – a district that encompasses Mill Hill and the Spencer Avenue areas. The Board of Election Commissioners has until Aug. 17 to certify candidates that turned in Nomination Papers.

“During the pandemic, in the schools, we were able to do things where we were quite ahead of other cities,” she said. “That’s because there was a relationship and understanding of what our community is and what families need. When I think of City Council I want to make sure we have that same level of understanding that the community needs...I want to make sure District 3, my neighborhood representation at the Council, will be very active and really focus on conversations with families so we are ready when it’s time for big decisions.”

Santiago has long been active in organizing and political organizing, but was never a candidate until she got involved in the Superintendent Search Committee. As a parent



**District 3 School Committeewoman Marisol Santiago did an about face last week, taking out Nomination Papers for District 3 City Council and getting approved for the ballot by the Tuesday deadline. She said she had intended to run for re-election to the School Committee, but felt now was the time to run for Council.**

of school-age children, she felt the City was at a critical juncture in choosing a new superintendent when former Supt. Mary Bourque retired. That process was very positive, she said, and when no one ran for School Committee from District 3 that year, she said she felt the need to stand up and see through even more of the process.

For the past two terms, she said she has enjoyed working on the School Committee issues, and the past two years have been extremely invigorating and full of hard decisions – particularly during the pandemic when Chelsea was hit so hard and the schools had very little guidance from the state about what to do and not to do.

Now, Santiago said she sees a similar critical juncture at the Council level as so much federal money begins to pour into the City from the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan. Those resources,

she said, could change the City and its families forever if used correctly.

“I need to know the representation on the City Council is very grounded and rooted in understanding what our families need in this moment,” she said. “I need to feel confident my neighborhood and District 3 will feel supported and be seen. I struggle with the decision, but I felt I had important things to say and half of my life is figuring out what to do in the short-term, what to do now, and then what we will end up doing long-term. With the federal funding, this is a very critical juncture...I think District 3 deserves to have a choice and that’s what democracy is all about. It will be up to the voters to make the decision of who the person should be.”

Santiago said as a School Committee member, she has a reputation for returning phone calls and picking up the phone. That won’t change, she said, as a district councillor. She said some other district issues she’s worried about include the flooding on Eastern Avenue, the East Boston/Chelsea Creek substation, and planning for the entire Creek and waterfront in District 3.

She said her candidacy will be about not only protesting, but having a proven ability to take the next step.

“I don’t feel we are being effective advocates when we just show up to rally with a bullhorn,” she said. “When that happens I’m there for that...That’s direct action and families need that, but the next step we take is the more critical one. That’s something I do well and I have proven that.”

If, indeed, District 3 gets all three candidates certified for the ballot, that would trigger a Preliminary Election on Sept. 21.

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in Mary O’Malley and PORT Park and Eastern Salt has been an amazing partner working in the PORT Park,” she said. “We did some amazing things there we couldn’t have done anywhere else. This summer, we didn’t

feel ready to come back and do a regular Apollinaire in the Park...We didn’t think people would be able to rehearse in large numbers, but in May and June because of vaccination, that became possible. This project was kind of a



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Members of the cast rehearse in the middle of Chelsea Square last week in preparation for their shows later this month.

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The cast of Romeo & Juliet walk up Cherry Street in a promotional photo.

21 and Aug. 28. “It’s exciting and hopefully these different events will feed off each other,” she said. “The production is going to be constantly in motion. We’ll keep it short, like 90 minutes, and the audience will move around a lot. They will also be helping to determine the story. It has been super tricky to rehears, particularly the parts in the street. We won’t be able to rehearse those until

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Some scenes will even take place in the windows of the Apollinaire Theatre's Chelsea Square home.

the night of the show. It’s going to be an adventure, that much is certain.”

Performances are free.

Performances are Saturdays August 14, 21, and 28, all starting at 7:45 p.m.

In case of rain: 617-887-2336. Rain dates: Sundays Aug. 15, 22, 29 & Mon. Aug. 30 Pre-show begins at 6 p.m., and Bear-Moose Beer Garden opens at 6 p.m. Chelsea Square • in the park & street by the Chelsea Theatre Works, 189 Winnisimmet St.

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in Facebook posts were hurtful, including sexist and anti-Semitic comments, I remain committed to representing all of the residents in my district and advocating for everyone’s quality of life. This is a wonderful city and so are its residents. There are many changes and developments that have been taking place here in Chelsea over the past few years and with change, often comes growth, both inwardly and externally, as a community. I embrace the opportunity to grow with the city of Chelsea, the district I represent, and to advocate for the quality of life that families hope for. I want Chelsea residents to know that I hear them and respect them. I believe we can continue to voice our thoughts with understanding and respect for one another, as this is what will help us to continue to make important progress.” One of the more measured posters advocating to keep the late-night car wash gathering was a Chelsea woman going as Boston Baked Bee. She told the Record in a phone interview that it was unfair.

She said the gatherings are a long-time tradition and were never a problem until folks like Councillor Zabot and other residents in newer buildings moved into the city – and now she said they want to change things to serve their needs and not consider the existing culture already in place.

“She’s trying to shut down a part of our culture here,” said Bee. “This has been around for years. There’s no more racing going on. People are there of all ages and backgrounds and it’s kind of beautiful...I feel they’re just trying to change everything. They come into our city and expect us to adjust to them and it should be the other way around. If you’re from Chelsea, you should know this has gone on for years. They’re trying to take over our culture here. She should have gone over and tried to compromise. See what’s going on there first.”

That part of the issue is a tough collision. On the one hand, there are young people who have gathered for a long time at what was historically a relatively desolate area where no one cared about revving engines or loud car stereos. So, such activity went on

for years without a lot of problems or complaints – aside from the occasional crackdown on drag racing that popped up from time to time on Eastern Avenue.

Then on the other hand, there are residents who now live nearby in buildings that have been built in the last 10 years – or in homes that have turned over to new owners who are new to Chelsea. At night, they are noting that they hear noise on par with what would be a loud concert at a Stadium – and they cannot sleep. They also point out that the car wash activities are an act of trespassing, and the car wash isn’t permitted to have such gatherings.

It’s the ever-growing pinch point of old gritty Chelsea with the newly-desirable and growing Chelsea.

The owners of the car wash said they actually don’t like the people gathering on their property after hours.

“Definitely we’re not okay with it,” said Manager Alejandro Gutierrez. “This is a dangerous area. When we see it happening, we don’t let our employees get involved. We don’t want our employees to get hurt by someone...Unfortunately this started a long time ago before we took over the place. We are working on it with the police and City Hall...We actually believe a lot of the people who like coming here to hang out, play music and race – they are our customers. When the music is loud and we’re open, we go over politely at a distance and ask them to turn it down...Lately, we don’t think this is a safe area. We’re worried about our employee safety and don’t want them to get injured.”

He said the car wash closes operations at 8 p.m. on most nights, but there is a self-serve vacuum and cleaning operation that is open after hours. That’s when most of the group comes to congregate, and only in the warm months.

Chief Brian Kyes said they’ve been working with the management and ownership of the Scrub-A-Dub to work on innovative solutions to allow for use of the cleaning machines, but not be able to congregate.

“We are looking at innovative ways to allow those

that enter the property on Eastern Avenue after regular business hours to utilize the self-service cleaning equipment to do so without unnecessarily congregating in the lot,” he said. “Some are making excessive and unreasonable noise with loud car stereos that infringe upon the peace and tranquility that is expected by the residents who live in the area. Although the Police have been conducting multiple directed patrols on the property, we realize that a more efficient environmental design may be necessary to strike the balance between the operation of a city business and the quality of life of the residents.”

Bee said no one is bothering to see what is actually going on at the car wash, and that it is a very tranquil and inclusive gathering.

“Before you criticize or judge it, go see for yourself what’s happening,” she said. “To me, it’s over-policed. We’ve been here and grew up here and I was born and raised here. My family is here all our lives and you come into our city and try to change everything. What happened to live and let live?”

Zabot said she has apologized for the tenor of her original post, which she said may not have been very sensitive to those that have enjoyed gathering for years at the car wash. However, she said she believes a balance can be achieved if everyone comes in good faith and civility to the meeting to have their voices heard.

“We don’t want the car wash closed down; to the contrary, we want people to have the space to enjoy themselves,” she said. “I certainly do not want cultural activities to become ‘quality of life’ concerns and bring further division to our diverse city. I believe we can enjoy outdoor events, be it local, cultural, family-oriented, large or small, without it becoming a quality of life concern. Our community is diverse, beautiful, and we care for one another. I will do my part to be more mindful of how my statements and the intention behind it may be misconstrued and will continue to emphasize my commitment to a more diverse and inclusive city.”

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built for your family. You can’t take that from us... We’d be willing to work with you if you want to buy our land, but we need \$10 million because it’s worth that much to us. It is priceless to our family... It’s not your own business what we do with our land. It’s my business to keep owning my land...We’re not letting you take it.”

Several City Councillors were also skittish about the idea, and said they wouldn’t support taking property that was owned and in good standing.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he was only presenting a plan of action

about how to take property by eminent domain, which includes hiring a consultant and doing a study that would cost about \$75,000. However, he said he did not recommend moving on this idea.

Avellaneda said afterward that the meeting was just a fact-finding expedition to invite property owners up to the Council and find out if they had plans to develop it. He said there was no intention of taking any property, and in fact, the biggest target for the idea was the Eastern Salt property and not so much the smaller land owners that showed up.

He said he is concerned

that some of his colleagues spread misinformation about his intentions.

“If anyone is trying to manipulate the conversation by saying Roy is trying to take your land, then shame on them,” said Avellaneda. “They are probably shifting the conversation politically in a way that’s beneficial to them. I wanted to talk to Eastern Salt and they didn’t show up. We plan to continue this conversation to another time.”

There has yet to be any additional meetings scheduled on the issue, and the \$75,000 appropriation for a consultant and appraiser was put on hold too.



The son of landowner Maria Teixeira, who didn’t give his name, said the Council and Council President Roy Avellaneda were trying to take his family’s generational wealth. He said what they do with their privately-owned land is none of the City’s business.



Kenneth Lewis said the vacant land behind their home should remain theirs, and he was heartbroken to find out the City is considering taking it by eminent domain.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

This is Cecilia Baudriz with her son Nathan. 2020



(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  
This is Cecilia Baudriz with her son Nathan. 2020

We asked her a few questions.  
My name is Cecilia Baudriz, and this is my son Nathan. I’ve been living in Chelsea for three years. We came here from El Salvador.  
I do like it here because it’s very quiet. I have received tons of help with food and groceries on Mondays. This is the first time I’ve come here [La Colaborativa].  
Can we take a picture of you and Nathan?  
Yes, of course. Thank you.  
Thank You Cecilia.



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## NOT ALL PARENTS KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR THEIR KIDS

The executive order signed last week by Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida banning local school boards from requiring students to wear masks in schools in that state rates as one of the most reprehensible actions of any public official since the pandemic began.

Thanks to DeSantis's lack of leadership and nutty pronouncements throughout the course of the pandemic, Florida now rates as one of the biggest hotspots for the coronavirus in the world, accounting alone for almost 20% of the daily infections in the U.S. and recently breaking its own one-day record for infections.

Predictably, the state's healthcare system is being swamped by COVID-19 patients, who are dying at a rate that is 10 times greater than New York City's.

DeSantis's order fails to recognize two basic facts:

First, although the rate of serious illness among children who catch COVID remains low, more than 19,000 children have been hospitalized with coronavirus in 24 states and New York City as of July 22, according to a database from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Hospital Association.

That is a large number and it surely will spike when children return to school indoors.

Second, DeSantis's order fails to acknowledge that while masks afford some protection to the mask-wearer, the primary benefit accrues to everyone else who is around the mask-wearer, whose aerosols are contained within the mask, rather than being spread around a room unimpeded where they linger to be inhaled by another person.

Maskless students needlessly risk infecting their teachers, classmates, and staff members, as well as the family members and everyone else who comes into contact with anyone who is at those schools.

In short, the reopening of schools without adherence to the COVID-19 precautions that we're all familiar with will become a superspreader event in every community in Florida, even among the vaccinated, thanks to the highly-contagious Delta variant.

However, it is the basic false premise of DeSantis's executive order -- that parents know what is best for their children's health -- that is the most harmful aspect of his reasoning.

Typical parents are not the best caregivers for their children's health for the simple reason that they are not medical experts, especially when it comes to COVID-19.

While we will concede that most parents love their children, it also is undeniable that parents who are not following the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the American Society of Pediatricians (which are recommending mask-wearing in schools) are sacrificing their children's health on the altar of their political views.

Gov. Ron DeSantis shamelessly is kow-towing to a vocal minority that has placed their perceived political aspirations over ending the pandemic -- and the end result will be thousands of more infections and deaths, including among the children of Florida.

## ENJOY THE REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL

This weekend marks the return of the 16th annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, featuring master sand sculptors who have come from all over the globe to compete in one of the largest sand sculpting festivals in the world.

The festival will be held on Friday from 10 a.m.-10 pm., Saturday from 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. A grand fireworks display will be held Saturday evening at 9:00 p.m.

In 2019, the event drew an estimated one million attendees, drawn not only by the wonderful sculptures, but also by food trucks, food vendors, exhibitors, and much more, so it is advisable that attendees from out of town plan on taking the T to Revere Beach station.

This year's festival also will be a celebration of the 125th anniversary of Revere Beach, America's first public beach.

All in all, the 2021 Sand Sculpting Festival promises to be a memorable event for all members of the family.

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# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

## We can enjoy outdoor events without them becoming quality of life concerns

By Councillor Naomi Zabot

The music coming from the car wash during the times where people gather socially has been an ongoing issue. As a city councillor and a neighbor directly impacted by the excessively loud music that lasts for hours, I felt that it was my responsibility to help mitigate the situation as I am not the only neighbor affected by the noise. For some perspective on the context of what I referred to as "loud music," the noise almost sounds like a stadium-sized concert was happening at the car wash. A secondary concern is the car wash licensed for the types of gatherings held there? The wording I used in my post alerting my constituents and the city at large was insensitive. I understand and respect that while an event that, for some, can be perceived as one on par with a noise complaint, the same event could possibly be a social or cultural gathering. And while the topic concerning the Licensing Board meeting wasn't the focal point of my post, I believe it is imperative that we hear the voices from all members of our community. Part of my goal in mentioning the Licensing Board meeting was to bring awareness to

the event, so that residents were aware ahead of time. In some past instances, some residents only heard about these types of meetings after they took place. Our city is changing in amazing ways and the community is becoming more inclusive and diverse, strengthening our community with culture, achievement, and families of all backgrounds. This past year has been difficult for so many of us, and being in a public office, I understand that I may be on the receiving end of public discourse. And, while some of the language directed at me in Facebook posts were hurtful (including sexist and anti-Semitic comments), I remain committed to representing all of the residents in my district and advocating for everyone's quality of life. This is a wonderful city and so are its residents. There are many changes and developments that have been taking place here in Chelsea over the past few years and with change, often comes growth, both inwardly and externally, as a community. I embrace the opportunity to grow with the city of Chelsea, the district I represent, and to advocate for the quality of life that families hope for. I want Chelsea residents to know that I hear them and respect them. I believe we

can continue to voice our thoughts with understanding and respect for one another, as this is what will help us to continue to make important progress. I chose to remove the post from the "Chelsea MA What's Happening" group page on Facebook because much of the conversation devolved into commentary that was not appropriate for the community page. I did keep the post up on my city councilor page for anyone who wanted to share their thoughts and I am aware that there were additional threads on the pages of other groups and individuals where the conversation continued. The reality is that my post might have been confusing to some constituents who read it, and I sincerely hope to clarify my earlier comments. My main purpose in writing the original post was to advocate for the quality of life for my constituents and also for public safety. I want everyone to love where they live and be compassionate neighbors. Over the last few days, I have met with people who have shared insight and given me the tools to course-correct as I move forward. I hope that we can find a resolution for the noise issues at the car wash. We don't want the car wash closed down;

to the contrary, we want people to have the space to enjoy themselves. I certainly do not want cultural activities to become "quality of life" concerns and bring further division to our diverse city. I believe we can enjoy outdoor events, be it local, cultural, family-oriented, large or small, without it becoming a quality of life concern. Our community is diverse, beautiful, and we care for one another. I will do my part to be more mindful of how my statements and the intention behind it may be misconstrued and will continue to emphasize my commitment to a more diverse and inclusive city. I love this city and its culture, which is expressed in a variety of ways. People care very deeply about what happens here and that energy is invigorating. I know that many people were planning on attending the meeting or writing letters to be read at the meeting. This kind of participation is key to the success of the city and I do hope people show up and participate in the process so that we have an inclusive conversation.

*Naomi Zabot is a Chelsea City Councillor and represents District 3 in Chelsea.*

## GUEST OP-ED

## Life learning, commitment and hard work

your first marriage and you won't make the same mistakes the second time around.

You may have a business failure. This happens to a lot of people. This doesn't mean your business efforts will fail in the future. Hopefully you learned from your first efforts and can avoid the same mistakes again in your next endeavor.

Possibly you tried a lifestyle that did not work out for you. Maybe you abused alcohol or even drugs or pursued a negative lifestyle that greatly diminished your life to the point where your life seemed hopeless. This doesn't mean you have to stay this way. With a dedicated decision and often help from others you can turn your life around and do better.

We can learn from mistakes. They are educational and usually expensive. They set us back in life. They aren't fun and can

be tormenting.

Remember, you can't live in the past. Don't totally forget what past failure did to you because you don't want to repeat your mistakes. However, the past is over. Live your life forward.

As you go forward there are easier ways to learn. Study the lives of others. Research what they did and read. People all around us are either succeeding, failing or at least stable. Study others whose lives intrigue or impress you. Study their careers, work ethic, their values and how they make them work to achieve the life they are living. You can learn a lot by observing and studying others. You can also learn from the failures of others. What were some of their obvious mistakes?

Volunteering or taking an entry level job with someone you would like to emulate is a great way to learn their success principles.

There are cases where

nothing seems to make sense. Life is not always fair. We all have different interests, physical abilities, backgrounds and lifelong developed skills. Take all these into consideration and bring them together to work for you.

Success always has new twists, turns and innovative ways. However, they are not accomplished without some form of life learning, commitment and hard work.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

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## News in Brief

### CHELSEA POETRY WALK WILL KICK OFF AUG. 7

The Chelsea Poetry Walk will kick off on Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Chelsea Walk pathway downtown, between the Chelsea Walk Pub and the Broadway House of Pizza.

Guest speakers will deliver remarks at the outset of the event.

There will be light refreshments and free event merchandise under the canopy at Bellingham Square.

### CHELSEA EATS MAKES FINAL DISTRIBUTION

The City of Chelsea reloaded all Chelsea Eat Debit Cards on Aug. 2. This is the last month of the program. (Please note, the program is currently not accepting new participants.) If you have questions, call 617-466-4209.

If you or a loved one is struggling with hunger, visit [www.chelseama.gov/COVIDhelp](http://www.chelseama.gov/COVIDhelp) to learn more about all the food programs available to Chelsea’s residents.

### HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD OPEN MONDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS IN AUGUST

The City of Chelsea and the Chelsea Public School District invite the community to the Veterans Memorial Stadium track and field from 6-8pm on Mondays & Thursdays during the month of August. At these times, runners and walkers can take advantage of the all-weather track, and families and friends wishing to play touch football or soccer may use the field. Please note that pets, bicycles, skateboard, scooters, roller skates, hoverboards, strollers or athletic shoes with metal spikes are not permitted. No food, gum, or tobacco products are permitted. Only water is permissible. It is a time for residents to engage in healthy activities and enjoy this valuable park and open space without need for a permit.

### WEDNESDAY MOVIE NIGHTS BEGIN

The first of six free movies - Disney Pixar SOUL – kicked off this week and will continue through the summer. The movies start at 8:15 p.m. The listings include:

- Aug. 11, Selena (Chelsea Housing, 51 Exeter St.)

- Aug. 18, Knives Out (Clark Avenue School Amphitheatre)

- Aug. 25, Babe (Clark Avenue School Amphitheatre)

Bring your own snacks, blankets and/or chairs. If there is inclement weather, a cancellation an-

nouncement will be posted Wednesday morning on [recreation.chelseama.gov](http://recreation.chelseama.gov).

Chelsea Summer Wednesday Night Movies are presented by the Friends of the Chelsea Public Library, Chelsea Recreation, & Cultural Affairs Division and the Chelsea Senior Center.

### SENIOR SHUTTLE PILOT PROGRAM

The City of Chelsea and its Elder Affairs Division are pleased to announce a Senior Shuttle PILOT Program for Chelsea residents. Any City resident who is 60 or older with a disability is eligible to use this service. The shuttle will run Monday-Friday during the week. To learn more about the shuttle service, including eligibility requirements, booking information, shuttle destinations, and more, visit <https://www.chelseama.gov/senior-shuttle> or call (617) 466-4370.

### CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS: CRAFT KITS, SUMMER READING, AND STORYTIMES

The water animal 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.

The library’s summer reading program is called “Tails and Tales” or “Colas y Cuentos” in Spanish. Ask for a registration kit at the library.

Join us for the outdoor storytimes at John Ruiz Park at 141 Washington Ave. Chelsea, MA 02150. The next two are 8/4 and 8/11 on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS – CHELSEA DAY

Register and Showcase your Talent. The City is happy to announce the 2nd Annual Chelsea Day Celebration that will take place on September 25th. This year, in addition to celebrating Chelsea, we will be honoring our essential workers and commemorating our emergence out of the Pandemic. Organizers are calling for singers, dancers, musicians, poets, solo acts, group and any other unique talent to register for the Chelsea Day Talent Showcases. For more information call (617) 466-5071, or e-mail [velezja@chelseaschools.org](mailto:velezja@chelseaschools.org).

### HOMEOWNER STABILIZATION – SECOND ROUND

Anyone seeking assistance to pay for your mortgage, real estate taxes, or even past due tenant rent can apply for the Home-

owner Stabilization Program Round II. Stop by City Hall for an application or go to the following link for an application: <https://www.chelseama.gov/homeowner-stabilization-program>

The program offers:

- Mortgage relief for owner-occupied 1-4 unit properties.

- Help for those whose household income is at or below 100 percent AMI.

- Applicants must certify mortgage information, household income, assets and public benefits.

- Applicants will be chosen by a lottery system, though priority will be given to households with children, disabled people, elderly people or veterans.

Benefits are up to \$5,000 for a single family; up to \$8,000 for a two-family, and up to \$10,000 for a three- or four-family.

For questions, call Desirae Valentin at (617) 455-4185.

### NEW VACCINE HOURS

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Chelsea Senior Center: New Hours available on Mondays!

- Fridays 3:00-7:00 pm.

- Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

- Mondays, 2:00-6:00 pm

Vaccines Available:

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Walk-up or Register by calling 3-1-1 (617-466-4209) or visiting <http://www.cic-health.com/chelsea/seniorcenter>

### FASTER INTERNET? FILL OUT THIS SURVEY

Please fill out this city-wide survey to inform how our city needs to improve services and what programs you need! The survey will take 8 minutes to complete. Your input will help the city plan for future infrastructure investment, programs to increase digital skill sets, and policy changes to improve speed, price, and reliability of services. Take the survey at [https://mapc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9Nsi6j7acPh-Ce1g](https://mapc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Nsi6j7acPh-Ce1g)

### 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/restaurantes>. Get help with your application by calling 1-844-279-8898.

### 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 [lavarez@chelseama.gov](mailto:lavarez@chelseama.gov) or by calling 617-487-9763. Read more at [www.chelseama.gov/OutdoorDining](http://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 email [laurab@greenrootschelsea.org](mailto:laurab@greenrootschelsea.org) or Monica Elias at The Neighborhood Developers email [melias@tndinc.org](mailto:melias@tndinc.org).

### MASS SAVE LOOKING FOR APPLICANTS

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### 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](http://www.chelseama.gov/elder-services/pages/senior-tax-work-program).

### RESIDENTIAL PARKING STICKER EXTENDED

The residential parking sticker has been extended until February 2022 in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. The current sticker expiring on February 28, 2021 will be valid until February 28, 2022.



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# Sports

## THE STRIKEOUT KING

### Former LL great David Hescock nears pitching record in the Boston Men’s Baseball League

By Cary Shuman

Here’s a trivia question for long-time Chelsea sports fans: Who was the winning pitcher when Tommy Fay III’s Yankees dethroned the eight-time defending champion Indians, ending the Indians’ Little League dynasty – that ironically was started by Tommy’s father, Indians Manager Thomas Fay Jr.?

The answer: David Hescock, the Yankees’ incomparable, fire-balling, right-handed All-Star pitcher. Hescock was 12 years old during that memorable season 35 years ago. He’s 47 now, but he’s still throwing strikes and getting batters to miss for the Boston Dodgers of the Boston Men’s Baseball League (BMBL), the largest adult baseball league in New England.

Hescock, who is 6-feet-4, is closing in on the BMBL’s strikeout record, needing 50 more Ks to become the all-time leader.

“It’s great to still be playing baseball in my 40s,” said Hescock. “I still love the game and this league is so competitive. It’s a lot of fun, for sure.”

#### A Little League Baseball phenom

David Hescock was in a class by himself when he was a Chelsea Little League pitcher. He was the Mike Darcy, Paul DeRosa, Mike Lush, Paul Wheeler, Carlos Moreno, Dave Batchelor, Paul Nowicki, and Scotty Janiluinas – of his time.

Hescock was the Yankees’ unbeatable ace and his talented batterymate and catcher was Adam DeLeidi, who is now the assistant superintendent of Chelsea public schools.

“Adam was a great kid,” said Hescock, smiling. “I knew no matter

where I threw it, he would catch it or block it.”

Hescock said his Yankees team, coached by Tommy Fay III and Lou DePrizio, was the underdog against the Indians, who dominated the league in the 1980s, with such stars as Frank Kowalski Jr., Tommy Fay III, Scotty Fay, Jimmy Fay, Scotty Janiluinas, and Steven Janiluinas leading the Indians to perennial titles.

But that season was destined for a different ending. Hescock put on a show each time he took the mound on one of the baseball diamonds inside Chelsea Memorial Stadium. His fastball was simply overpowering. The Yankees bested the Indians in the playoff finals and Hescock was clearly the MVP of the series.

“Tommy Fay III taught me how to pitch,” said Hescock. “I learned so much about baseball from my coaches. I still remember the things they taught me about pitching and hitting.”

Hescock then continued his career in the Chelsea Youth Baseball League. Legendary CYBL coach Larry Notkin selected the then 13-year-old Hescock with the Royals’ No. 1 draft pick.

“Larry taught me how to throw the drop-curve and I still use that pitch today,” said Hescock. “Larry was an unbelievable coach and mentor. We won two championships and I have great memories. As Larry used to say, ‘once a Royal, always a Royal’.”

Notkin said Hescock developed into one of the best pitchers in the league.

“David was terrific,” said Notkin. “He had kids stymied with his fastball and drop-pitch. I’d put him on the list of the all-time great pitchers in the Pony League. And he pitched his best games in the playoffs when we needed him

the most. He was clutch.”

#### A return to the diamond

Hescock, who did not play high school baseball, returned to the mound 15 years ago for the Dodgers in the Boston Men’s Baseball League. He is playing in the league’s 28-Over Division and the Masters’ 38-Over Division.

Hescock has been consistently striking out hitters in the highly competitive league that features many former college players and pro prospects.

“My fastball is in the low 80s now,” said Hescock, who could hit 90 mph earlier in his career. “I’m still confident I can throw hard and get batters out. Some days I feel my age, but I’m out there giving it everything I have for my teammates.” One of those teammates is former Pop Warner and high school football standout Jon Pavlos.

David Hescock said he’s grateful to his mother, Nancy (Duval) Hescock for all the support and encouragement she has provided to him throughout his life.

“My mother brought me up and came to every single one of my games,” said David. “She never missed a game. I’ll always remember her being there for me always.”

David Hescock lived in Revere for 25 years before recently moving to Billerica. He and his wife, Michelle, have four sons and one daughter.

“They’re all great kids - my sons are in the union, and I have one child in high school,” said David.

Asked how long he will continue pitching in the Boston Men’s Baseball League, he replied, “I hope to keep playing and pitching as long as I can keep getting batters out.”



David Hescock is pictured with his long-time friend and Dodgers teammate Jon Pavlos before Monday’s game against the South Shore Giants.



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SILENT DISCO PARTY HELD IN CHELSEA SQUARE

Courtesy Photos

Chelsea Prospers and Jukebox Entertainment held a Silent Disco Party in Chelsea Square on Sat-

urday, July 24, after hav- ing the original date rained out. The event is interest- ing because so many are dancing in the street, but

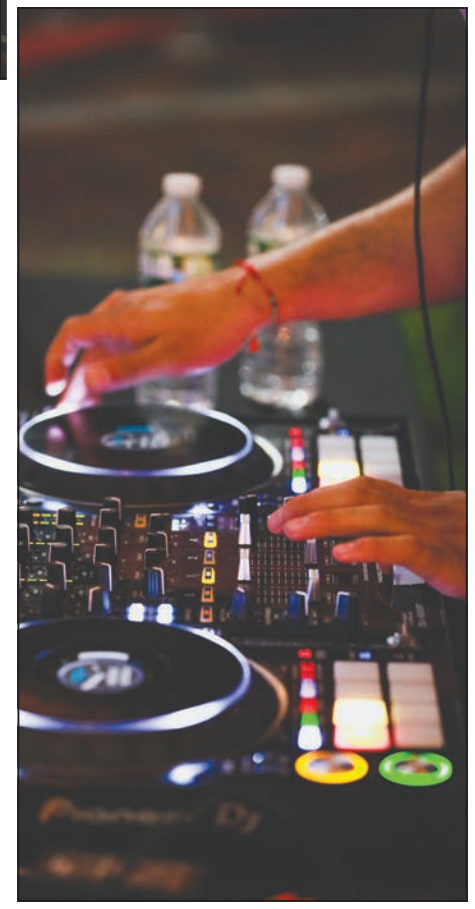
there is seemingly no mus- ic. That's because all of the music is beamed into headsets straight from the DJ.



Jukebox Event with the City of Chelsea produced the Silent Disco. Brand Ambassadors of Jukebox Event greeted guests and distributed headsets. Pictured are, left to right, Joshua Sosa, Tyana Reyes, and Ana Argueta.



DJ Amili was one of three DJs at the Silent Disco in Chelsea Square that attendees could hear.



Guests of all ages danced the night away on Second Street in Chelsea Square via Silent Disco.



Isaac Miraola and Rosy Torres-Barahona enjoyed the night on Chelsea Square.

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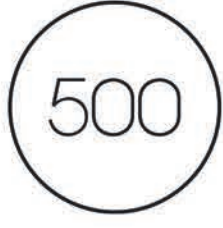


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## OBITUARIES

### Patricia Ann Dwyer

Registered Nurse who valued education  
above all else

Patricia Ann Dwyer, 82, formerly of Brockton, Massachusetts (born in Chelsea to John and Doris Dwyer), entered into eternal rest on Sunday, August 1.

A life-long devoted Catholic, Ms. Dwyer was a member of the St. Edith Stein parish at the time of her passing. She proudly held the role of registered nurse (RN) for over 50 years, and served as an RN at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston for more than two decades. She valued education above all else. She encouraged her children and grandchildren to pursue higher education in their fields of choice and believed that being a lifelong learner is the most rewarding legacy to leave for the future. As such, she, with her loving family's support, made the thoughtful decision to donate her remains to the Yale Medical School so that future doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, radiology technologists and other healthcare providers could continue to learn and leave their own im-

pact on the world through the ripple effect of this tremendous gift.

She is survived by her daughters: Patricia (Thomas) Kennedy, Joan (Kenneth) Kreiger, Colleen (James) Nolan and Margaret Boettcher. In addition, she leaves her grandchildren: Alana (Scott) Wiener, Dara Lynn Kreiger, Jessica Kreiger, Grace Kennedy, Claire Nolan, Bradford Nolan, Elaine Nolan, Erin Boettcher, Lauren Noel, Amanda Noel, and four great-grandchildren.

Additionally, she leaves behind her siblings: John (Lynne) Dwyer, Mary Dwyer, Eileen Dwyer, Barbara (Andrew) Dwyer-Heidkamp and many nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews

A private Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on the campus of Yale University.

In lieu of flowers, friends are invited to make a donation in Patricia Dwyer's honor to The Eire Society of Boston: <https://www.eiresociety.org/>

### Albert Saidi

January 1, 1954 – August 1, 2021

Albert G. Saidi passed away on Sunday, August 1 while at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He was 67 years of age.

Born and raised in Kiangangi, Congo-DRC, he was the only son of Gaston and Nyota Bwisa. He received all his formal education in Congo and received a bachelor's degree in accounting.

He came to the United States in 1996, settled in Chelsea and was a resident of Chelsea for the past 25 years. He worked to reunite his family and was soon able to bring his wife and nine children to be with him.

Albert worked as a manager for LAZ Parking in Boston. He retired five years ago due to health complications.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years Elizabeth A. (Ekonde). He was the devoted father of Nadine Saidi, Noah Saidi, Etienne Saidi, Bruce Saidi, Patricia Saidi, Lionel Saidi, Gladys Mbangu, Kevin Saidi



and Godelive Saidi and the revered grandfather of 16 grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, August 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. His Funeral will be held from the Agape Church / Assembly of God, 77 Kennedy Drive, Malden on Friday, August 6 at 9:30 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Family and friends may offer condolences by means of the online guest book by visiting: [www.welshfh.com](http://www.welshfh.com)

### Blanca and Marielena Valencia

Operated La Princesita in Chelsea

Blanca Valencia Pineda passed away 15 months ago on April 18, 2020; Blanca was 70 years of age.

She was followed by her sister, Marielena Valencia, on March 30, 2021, Marielena was 69 years of age.

They were both born in Guatemala and were beloved daughters of the late Herlindo and Eloisa (Pineda) Valencia.

Both Blanca and Marielena operated La Princesita in Chelsea. La Princesita Grocery established in 1988, is a place where you can find products from several countries: Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and other Latin American countries. Both were humble icons in the Hispanic community in Chelsea and were integral parts in keeping the business afloat for more than 35 years.

Blanca, also known as Blanquí, Blanquísima, Blanquita, and Princesita, was a beloved sister, aunt and godmother. She was devoted to her home and family and was the primary caregiver to her aging parents. Although she never married or had children of her own, Blanca regarded her many nieces and nephews as her own children.

In her lifetime, Blanca enjoyed a good meal with family and traveling. She made several trips to her hometown in Guatemala

and eight years ago, she fulfilled her life's dream of visiting Jerusalem.

Marielena retired from the grocery store and settled in Deltona, Florida several years ago to move in with family there. In her lifetime, she adored Latin Music and loved to go to the beach and collect shells.

In addition to their parents, they were predeceased by a younger sister Gladys Valencia.

They are survived by siblings: Irma Valencia, Lety Taracena, Alvaro Valencia, and Eddy Valencia.

Marielena is also survived by her children: Edwin Peralta and Mercedes Chacon (her husband, Alex Posada) and former husband, Gustavo Chacon, along with five grandchildren and her loyal canine companion, Shuga who never left her side.

A memorial gathering for Blanca and Mariele-na will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Saturday August 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. A service of remembrance will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Family and friends may offer condolences by means of the online guest book by visiting: [www.welshfh.com](http://www.welshfh.com)

### Christie A. Dente, Sr.

March 16, 1927 – July 29, 2021

Christie A. Dente, Sr., 94, entered eternal life on Thursday, July 29.

Born and raised in Chelsea, a beloved son of the late Palmina (Simboli) and Louis Dente, he was a lifelong resident of Chelsea and attended local schools.

At 17, with the blessing of his mother, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served during the closing years of World War II. He was honorably discharged at the rank of PFC, and returned home to Chelsea and was soon married to his beloved childhood sweetheart, Rita M. Bradley. Together they raised their family in Chelsea residing for many years in the Bellingham Street neighborhood. Christie was widowed in 2012 after 61 years of devotion and romance.

He began working as a welder at the Charlestown Navy Yard, resigning from the shipyard when the yard was decommissioned in 1974. He became a real estate broker and worked for many years in Chelsea and Melrose as director of Housing and Urban Development.

In his lifetime, Christie enjoyed Saturday night dancing with Rita at the Beachmont VFW and the former Chelsea Moose Club. He enjoyed traveling with his wife to Florida and Las Vegas, frequent trips to Atlantic City and several ocean cruises. He also enjoyed spending time close to the ocean, sunbathing at Re-



vere Beach or the boardwalk in Atlantic City.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was also predeceased by his siblings; Charlie Petrillo, Carmen Petrillo and Angie Fabrizio, his daughter, Rita C. Pearson in 2016 and his grandson, Roy A. Pearson in 2020.

He was the forever devoted father of Susan Pennell-Campbell and her husband, Tim of Haverhill. Christie A. Dente, Jr. of Melrose and Lisa Feeley of Foxboro and the cherished grandfather of Leighann Twist, Crystal McCarthy, Ricky Pennell, Shannon Feeley, Amanda Dente, Ray Feeley and Christopher Dente.

Funeral services were private and concluded with Christie being placed to rest with his wife in Holy Cross Cemetery following committal prayers and military honors.

Should friends desire, contributions in Christie's name may be made to Alzheimer's Association of Mass., 309 Waverly Oaks Park, Waltham, MA 02452.

Family and friends may offer condolences by means of the online guest book by visiting: [www.welshfh.com](http://www.welshfh.com)

## New Encore charity program uses pennies to help MyRWA, other charities

By Seth Daniel

Those who say every penny counts would be happy to know that Encore Boston Harbor has collected more than \$13,000 in pennies over the first month of a new program that looks to use unwanted change from the casino's cash redemption machines to benefit local charities.

The program began on June 27 and is called Change for Charity, according to Jacqui Krum of Encore. The idea is that at the cash redemption machines on the casino floor, many customers get small amounts of change within their winnings that they don't want. Now, Encore has adopted a program on the machine where customers can opt to donate the change in their winnings to four local charities – and so far that has added up to thousands of dollars in a short period of time.

“We have \$13,000 in donations to since starting the program on June 27,” Krum told the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) at its July 29 meeting. “Some customers donate as little as two or three cents and the average donation is just 19 cents. There have been 66,566 donations since we started.”

The four charities include Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA), Bread of Life food pantry, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Boston Area Rape Cri-

sis Center.

MyRWA has been very active in Charlestown over the last few years, and has focused attention on bringing new amenities and flood protections to the Mystic River waterfront.

Patrick Herron, executive director of MyRWA, also said his organization has been the beneficiary of multiple gifts from Encore Boston Harbor over the past few years. They were on of the beneficiaries of their three-day practice opening in 2019, when they donated all proceeds to a few non-profits, including more than \$100,000 to MyRWA. He said they have regularly contributed \$25,000-\$50,000 in annual support for improvements to the local environment and parks too.

He said while we have been alerted that they are a beneficiary of the change program - the program is new enough that they have not yet received any funds from the program. “The program is in the early days, so it is too early to know at what scale this will impact MyRWA, but we are certainly excited,” he said. “MyRWA applauds the efforts of Encore-Boston Harbor to direct the funds from this change program to these community efforts. The success of their gaming operations will translate into a greater contribution to a healthy and vibrant watershed.”

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

**NUMBER OF CANDIDATES ON BALLOT**  
EVERETT - With all of the Nomination Papers now certified, City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said there will likely be five Preliminary Election contests on Sept. 21 for voters in

the City – including three citywide offices and two ward seats.  
The last date and time to turn in Nomination Papers for certification was on Friday, July 23, and Cornelio said that everyone that wanted to run and turned in papers was prop-

erly certified.  
That meant that the Council at-large race and the School Committee at-Large races – which were still in the balance last week – were headed to the Preliminary Ballot. They join the Mayoral Preliminary and races in Council

Ward 4 and School Committee Ward 6. That will hold true unless someone that has qualified withdraws from the race or there is an objection to Nomination signatures, which must be done by Aug. 10.  
“It is going to be an ex-


citing Preliminary,” said Cornelio. “Most of the City will have three races on the ballot and Ward 4 and Ward 6 will have four positions to vote for. I’ve seen Preliminaries for mayor and for City Council and School Committee in Ward 2 a few times, but the most I’ve seen in my time is three Preliminaries at one time. In the older days, you saw that a lot in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Since then there has been no more than three at a time. It’s an interesting time.”  
Cornelio said he also expects a great turnout in September as well, with the Preliminary featuring three mayoral candidates and several Council candidates that have already been very actively campaigning. Also, it will be one week after a large Boston mayoral Preliminary, so there will likely be a lot of election coverage in the news.  
“I certainly expect 3,000 to 4,000 and maybe 5,000 to come out in the Preliminary,” he said. “I even think it could be a larger number depending on the get-out-the-vote and maybe put turnout at 5,500 voters. It looks like the mayoral candidates and the city council candidates are campaigning vigorously and are on the ground and that will help increase interest in the election.”  
Cornelio said they will once-again have mail in voting for the Preliminary and for the General Election on Nov. 2. The state Legislature is expected to approve an extension of last year’s format of mail-in voting any day now, and that extension goes until Dec. 15. Though it hasn’t officially been approved, Cornelio said his office is proceeding as if the approval will be in place for Sept. 21.  
“We will be doing mail-in voting and not just absentees,” he said. “There will be no excuse necessary, but just mail-in ballots like we did last year. We expect the extension to be approved any day now so we’re going forward on it and just waiting to see how it will all work out logistically...Things are evolving and we’re preparing.”  
The candidates certified for the mayoral Preliminary are:  
•Councilor Gerly Adrien, 15 Cumberland St.  
•Councilor Fred Capone, 383 Broadway  
•Mayor Carlo DeMaria, 75 Abbott Ave.  
The certified candidates for at-large Council Preliminary are:  
•Angelmari DiNunzio, 78 Hancock St.  
•Councilor Michael Marchese, 91 Elsie St.  
•Councilor Richard Dell Isola, 13 Griswold St.  
•James Mastrocola, 56 Preston St.  
•Stephanie Smith, 15 Mansfield St.  
•James LaVecchio, 59 Oliver St.  
•School Committeeman Allen Panarese, 35 Wollcott St.  
•Ken Giannelli, 44 Winslow St.  
•Councilor John Hanlon, 173 Main St.  
•Irene Cardillo, 25 Rosedale St.  
•Guerline Alcy, 77 Walnut St.  
The certified candidates for the School Committee at-Large Preliminary are:  
•Margaret Cornelio, 43 Luke Rd.  
•School Committee-woman Cynthia Sarnie, 30 Forest Ave.

•School Committee-woman Samantha Lambert, 20 Pierce Ave.  
•Robert Santacroce, 57 Englewood Ave.  
•Berardino D’Onofrio, 44 Kelvin St.  
•School Committeeman Joe LaMonica, 14 Lawrence St.  
•Jenny Montresor, 24 Harley Ave.  
The certified candidates for the Ward 4 Council Preliminary are:  
•Councilor Jimmy Tri Le, 41 Westover St.  
•Benjamin Murray, 30 Waverly Ave.  
•Holly Garcia, 688 Broadway  
The certified candidates for the Ward 6 School Committee seat are:  
•School Committeeman Tom Abruzzese, 18 Peirce Ave.  
•Catherine Tomassi Hicks, 9 Oakes St.  
•Councilor Michael McLaughlin, 120 Tremont St.  
There are several other races that won’t appear on the ballot until the Nov. 2 General Election, as they didn’t have enough candidate to trigger a Preliminary. Those races include:  
WARD 1 COUNCIL  
•Councilor Wayne Matewsky, 86 Lewis St.  
WARD 2 COUNCIL  
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•Darren Costa, 143 Elm St.  
WARD 5 COUNCIL  
•Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, 26 Dyer Ave.  
•Vivian Nguyen, 75 Linden St.  
WARD 6 COUNCIL  
•Al Lattanzi, 57 Peirce Ave.  
•Rose Pietrantonio, 45 Alfred St.  
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WARD 4  
•School Committee-woman Dana Murray, 30 Waverly Ave.  
•Michael Mangan, 104 Walnut St.  
SCHOOL COMM.  
WARD 5  
•School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros, 105 Bradford St.  
  
NEW ELECTION COMMISSIONER  
City Clerk Sergio Cornelio reported this week that long-time Election Dept. staffer Danielle Pietrantonio has been hired as the new Election Commissioner.  
Pietrantonio will still operate under Clerk Cornelio, but will coordinate the upcoming election and all of the candidate activities. She was promoted within the Department, he said.  
Last year, there was no Election Commissioner in place for the Presidential and State Representative contests, and the duties fell on Cornelio to carry out. This time around, the Council had been adamant that the City get an Election Commissioner in place prior to September so that the contests would run smoothly.


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LOCAL ORGANIZATION RECEIVES GRANT

EAST BOSTON - Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and Early Education and Care Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy recently stopped by the East Boston Social Centers (EBSC) in Central Square for a tour, and to announce \$7.5 million in Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund (EEOST) capital improvement grants to 36 organizations to renovate childcare facilities that serve primarily low-income families like EBSC.

Polito said the Baker-Polito Administration teamed up with the Children’s Investment Fund (CIF) and its affiliate the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (CEDAC) for the \$227,000 in grant money towards the Social Centers. EBSC and the other thirty-five recipients all received grants between \$100,000 to \$250,000 to provide capital funding needed to address health and safety concerns related to COVID-19.

“These awards announced today – which mark the largest total amount awarded since the inception of the EEOST grants – will improve child care programs across the state,” said Polito last week at the Social Centers. “Now more than ever, as families return to workplaces, investments in early education and care settings are vital to provide necessary resources to children and their families through high-quality early childhood education and out-of-school time programs.”

The capital grants will help continue to support major renovation and construction projects at EBSC and improve the quality of learning environments for the over 300 children they serve.

The Social Centers previously received an EEOST grant last July and EBSC Executive Director Justin Pasquariello was excited to show Polito

how the previous round of funding helped improve the Social Centers’ facilities. He also thanked the Lieutenant Governor for continuing to support EBSC’s capital improvements with the latest round of funding.

“We at the East Boston Social Centers were honored to host Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and EEC Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy for a tour of our early education and school age programs,” said Pasquariello. “We were grateful to show them the high-quality, safe facilities the EEOST grant has funded at the East Boston Social Centers. The Commonwealth’s recognition of the increased cost of providing high-quality, safe care during the COVID pandemic has been essential for our ability to be fully open for early education, school age programs, and full-day in-person remote learning support from July 2020. Their investments in our facilities, commitment to paying parent fees, additional grants, and investments in our workforce are critical as our essential sector continues to meet the needs of children and families across the commonwealth.”

The Early Education and Out of School Time capital improvement grants are financed through the state’s capital budget and provide matching funds that leverage private investment. More than \$200 million in public and private investments have been leveraged throughout the life of the grant program. The Baker-Polito Administration’s FY21 Capital Budget Plan included funding for the Early Education and Out of School Time capital improvement grant program.

“Every child deserves the opportunity to learn in high-quality, safe, healthy, and joyous education environments,” said Commissioner Aigner-Treworgy at last week’s event. “Well-designed classrooms and play spaces

can greatly enhance early learning and support children to grow and thrive.”

In a statement after the event Gov. Charlie Baker said his administration is committed to supporting childcare providers like the Social Centers who have worked tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to care for children and support families returning to work.

“Since the start of this grant program, we’ve invested more than \$39.2 million in capital funding at childcare programs that impact the learning experiences of more than 9,000 children in communities across Massachusetts,” he said.

OFFICIALS MULL ATTENDANCE POLICY

REVERE - At last Tuesday night’s Revere Public School (RPS) Committee meeting Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly said last year RPS began discussing the need to revisit school handbooks and policy books based on the advancements that RPS has made around equity and inclusion.

In the coming months the Policy Committee is going to meet along with the Equity Subcommittee in order to start discussing some of the changes that were suggested by the equity advisory board.

One of those changes has zeroed in on RPS’s attendance policy.

“You might recall at the April meeting we shared some information about how changing the attendance policy at the Seacoast to be non punitive resulted in a number of students actually passing classes that they otherwise would have failed,” said Kelly. “I wanted to give a presentation on our thoughts about attendance policy, and give the Committee some time to think about it and reflect on it.”

RPS is mandated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to assess student attendance. Students who are absent, seven times

in a six month period, are considered chronically absent by the DESE.

“That number, stated by DESE, is what drives the numbers that are currently written in our student handbooks on how many absences a student is allowed to have in each quarter or trimester,” said Kelly. “We are required, no matter what, to work with families to engage chronically absent students. Last year we suspended the attendance policy in light of COVID and our current policies on attendance vary by grade level. But generally speaking, they all say, if you’re chronically absent you automatically fail all of your classes and that’s meant to incentivize good attendance.”

Kelly said other rules are in place, such as when a student is absent regardless of whether it’s one time or five times or 20 times they cannot participate in extracurricular activities on the day of their absence.

“What we really need to rethink is the piece about automatically failing students, particularly when they have demonstrated mastery of the content in question,” said Kelly. “It doesn’t happen too often. When a student is chronically absent, they miss so much of the content of a course that they’re not able to be successful academically, but there are times when students are able to master the content. Often it happens with students who are a little more self motivated or learn a little bit differently than the traditional students and do a lot better at home than they sometimes do in a classroom environment. It’s kids who might have some social emotional complications that prevent them from engaging well in the classroom but don’t diminish their knowledge of the content or their ability to succeed.”

Kelly said it is students like those who are unfairly getting penalized by the current attendance policy.

“These students auto-

matically fail because they were absent seven times, not eight, not six, seven,” explained Kelly. “However, our effort and our dedication to be more inclusive and generate more equity for all students we need to make sure that we don’t have policies that do actually harm. This is one that I think does.”

Kelly said data shows that it’s typically more students of color, and those who are economically disadvantaged, who run into these attendance problems.

“Another example that I’ll give is a student who might be working overnight in order to help support his or her family and struggles to get up for school in the morning and misses morning classes,” said Kelly. “Even though they are at home and grinding and can get the work done and can demonstrate this, we automatically have to fail those kids because of the way the policies are written. However, if we eliminate that policy piece of automatic failure fewer students will drop out at the high school level because they won’t be un-accredited; more students will graduate on time and it will increase our four year graduation rate; and students won’t be excluded from advanced coursework for having failed the previous course.”

Kelly admitted some of the cons is that student absences may increase.

“It’s data that we’ll have to track and monitor if we were to make this change in policy,” she said. “I would argue that if school is enticing enough and interesting enough and connected enough to students’ lives they will not want to miss school. That’s the area that we should be focusing on. Instead of saying you missed seven days you failed, we should be focusing on why you missed seven days and how we fix whatever that issue is.”

Kelly said if RPS is to embrace the idea that students’ grades should reflect what they know and

not how well they perform to school structures the School Committee should consider keeping basic attendance policy but nix the seven day absence is an automatic fail policy.

“The consideration would be to keep the basic attendance policy with the reference to the Massachusetts federal law. Keep a definition of what unexcused absences are. Keep the requirements for medical documentation where they’re needed. Keep the rules about dismissals and tardiness and how they impact attendance. But just remove the rule of failure for attendance and threats of academic implications,” said Kelly.

The School Committee voted to send the proposal to the Committee of the Whole subcommittee for consideration before it comes back before the entire committee for a vote.

FIRE CHIEF FLANAGAN TO RETIRE

WINTHROP - At the Winthrop Town Council meeting on July 20, Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty announced the retirement of Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, who has been with the department for over four decades.

According to the department website, Chief Flanagan began his tenure with the Winthrop Fire Department in 1978, after completing studies in electrical science and fire science. In 1987, he was promoted to Captain and Operations Officer. He served in that capacity for 21 years before finally becoming Winthrop’s Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management in 2008.

As fire chief, he also served as Winthrop’s liaison to Boston’s Urban Areas Security Initiative and was active in greater Boston’s emergency preparation community. Additionally, he sat on the board of directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Au-

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thority (MWRA), helping to coordinate water and sewer services to over three million residents.

Town Manager Delehanty only had positive things to say about his longtime co-chief, with whom he responded to town emergencies since 2009.

“It’s been an honor and pleasure to work with him as my copartner in public safety,” he said. “We’ve got along extremely well, so I’ll certainly miss him. He stands committed to the community and to assist us in future endeavors, so we’ll tap his abilities adequately.”

Councilor James Letterie reflected on the contributions of not only the chief, but also his family going back generations. His grandfather, father and brother all served in the department.

“It’s remarkable,” he said. “I can’t thank Paul and the family enough for all they have done.”

Councilor Letterie also said he will work hard to fulfill Chief Flanagan’s dream of building a new firehouse.

Precinct 1 Councilor Richard Ferrino thanked the chief for his “unyielding service” and wished him luck in retirement.

“I look forward to seeing you around our community,” he said. “I know you will continue to be active in making Winthrop the best it can be.”

“Serving as Winthrop’s fire chief has been the honor of my lifetime,” said Chief Flanagan in a letter to Town Manager Delehanty. “I leave this office confident that I approached every day as chief with the same values that define my family’s service.”

The Town Manager’s office will be working on the transition of leadership within the Winthrop Fire Department.


# Labor and community groups demand funds go to frontline workers and impacted communities

Staff Report

Massachusetts residents, labor and community groups convened on the steps of the State House last week, demanding that billions in federal relief aid allocated to Massachusetts from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) be distributed to help those most impacted by the coronavirus pandemic — frontline workers, communities of color, and low-income communities. Advocates are calling for the estimated \$5.3 billion in ARP funds to be used for frontline workers who put their lives on the line to keep our economy and our communities afloat during the pandemic. “There must be an equitable distribution of these funds to help those most impacted by the pandemic,” said Lee Matsueda, Executive Director, Community Labor United. “During the pandemic, working families across the state were on the frontlines protecting our


communities. Now the legislature must ensure that we are paid for our hard work, and use these funds to build systems that will support Massachusetts working families.” Advocates made recommendations for the disbursement of the funds — including hazard pay for frontline workers, for housing preservation and redevelopment, for child care tax credits, and more. The action comes on the heels of the hearings being conducted by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight. This action has been organized to raise collective voices for the systemic changes necessary to build a just society, eliminate structural inequalities, and call for the investments Massachusetts communities deserve. “Frontline workers, including those in the health care and public transit sectors — many of whom were already underpaid

— deserve hazard pay for the risk and pressure they faced during the pandemic,” said Roxana Rivera, Vice President, 32BJ SEIU Local 615. “They came to work in the worst of the surge, without basic safety-net protections, including a lack of adequate PPE, emergency sick time, and potential denial of workers’ compensation claims if exposed to COVID-19.” More than 8 million Americans fell into poverty in 2020 during the height of the pandemic. Many of these families faced a compounding crisis exacerbated by the lack of access to affordable child care and housing. The crowd at the State House demanded that legislators take action to help Massachusetts residents. The ARP funds have provided the state with a unique pathway to help dismantle systemic barriers to opportunity and combat injustices faced by families and communities across Massachusetts.



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# LEGAL NOTICES

## LEGAL NOTICE

**CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** Municipal Website Design, Hosting, and Content Management System The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “Municipal Website Design, Hosting, and Content Management System”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after August 5, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at [divanis@chelseama.gov](mailto:divanis@chelseama.gov) or by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “Municipal Website Design, Hosting, and Content Management System” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, September 2, 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 8/5/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P0739EA Estate of: Vanessa McCormack Also Known as: Vanessa Masucci Date of Death: 09/23/2017


To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Vincent Masucci of Lynn, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Vincent Masucci of Lynn, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/03/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 23, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 8/5/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE

Re:The Lounge at Winnisimmet 73 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 12, 2021 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Transfer of an All Kinds of Alcohol License application (On Premise) from The Lounge at Winnisimmet to Yong Yong Inc. at 73 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 7/29/21 8/5/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE



**CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS** RANDOM CRACK SEALING AND MICRO-PAVING The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for “Random Crack Sealing and Micro-Paving”. Invitation for Bids will be available on or after August 12, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at [divanis@chelseama.gov](mailto:divanis@chelseama.gov) or by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Random Crack Sealing and Micro-Paving” and submitted to the Purchasing Office, Room 204, no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, September 02, 2021. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the “City of Chelsea.” The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best


interest of the City. To be given consideration, MassDOT certification is required. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 8/5/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,** Section 5-304 Docket No. SU21P-1546GD Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 In the matter of: Kely Mejia Aka Della Mejia Of: Chelsea, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. DMH of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Kely Mejia Aka Della Mejia is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Santos Mejia and Biano Vallecillo of Chelsea, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardians to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 09/02/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if

you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 23, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 8/5/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE



Re:Door to Door Solicitor Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 12, 2021 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Door to Door Solicitor License application for Kelvis De-Castro and Xuan Zhang, representatives of Trinity Solar, Inc. for the purpose of selling solar panels citywide. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 7/29/21, 8/5/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City

Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License application for Fiesta Shows Carnival Event to be held on Thursday, September 9 through Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 1100 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA. 02150.CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION-Naomi LibranLicensing Administrator 8/5/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE


Re: Fiesta Shows 100 Justin Drive, Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 12, 2021 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License application for Fiesta Shows Carnival Event to be held on Thursday, September 9 through Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 100 Justin Drive, Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 8/5/21, 8/12/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT** DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 21 SM 000780 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:Ana Vega, Carlos Vega, Angel Vega, and the heirs, devisees and legal representatives of Carlos J. Vega and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 et seq.: U.S. Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 168 Spencer Avenue, given by Carlos J. Vega to Bank of America, N.A. dated November 30, 2007, and recorded at the Suffolk County Registry


of Deeds in Book 42786, Page 250, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 9/6/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of said Court on 7/23/2021 . Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 8/5/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE



Re:BearMoose Brewing Co./TheatreZone Inc. 189 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 12, 2021 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a One Day Special Alcoholic Beverage License (off Premise Beer Garden) for BearMoose/TheatreZone, Inc., (Apollinaire Theatre), to be held on August 21st and August 28th in Chelsea Square, 189 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 7/29/21, 8/5/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE



**NOTICE OF HEARING** Case No. 2021-18 In accordance with the

Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a meeting of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held by way of video conference on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m. with reference to the application of: Rivian Automotive for Major Site Plan Review to establish an electric vehicle preparation and repair facility at the premises known as: 157-163 Chestnut Street All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the video conference meeting must communicate with [jdpepriest@chelseama.gov](mailto:jdpepriest@chelseama.gov). Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Plans and copies of the application and petition may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, during City Hall business hours. 8/5/21, 8/12/21 C

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE** Premises: 28 Shawmut Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kenneth T. Lewis and Margaret E. Lewis to Sovereign Bank, FSB, said mortgage dated May 12, 2006, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, in Book 39806 at Page 143 and now held by Santander Bank, N.A. fka Sovereign Bank, FSB for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on August 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: That certain piece of land, and the buildings and improvements thereon.; In the Town of: Chelsea And State of: Massachusetts And being more particularly described in a deed recorded in Book 8821 Page 583 Of the Suffolk County, City of Chelsea Which property is more commonly known as 28 Shawmut Street, Chel-

sea, MA 02150 (“Property Address”) More particularly described as: the land with the buildings thereon situated in said Chelsea, together with the buildings thereon and being numbered 28 Shawmut Street in the present numbering of said Street and being shown as part of Lot 14 on Lewis’ Plan 06 Winnisimmet, recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Book 410, and bounded and described as follows: SOUTHEASTERLY: by Shawmut Street, Forty (40) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY: by Lot No. 15 Suffolk Street, as shown on said plan, Forty-Four (44) feet; NORTHWESTERLY: by Land now on late of Clark, Thirty-Eight (38) feet; and NORTHEASTERLY: by Land now or late of Whiteford, Thirty-Two (32) feet. Be all said measurements more or less and all according to said plan. The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors’ Title see deed dated October 1, 1975, and recorded in Book 8821 at Page 582 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. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for Santander Bank, N.A. fka Sovereign Bank, FSB Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 7/22/21, 7/29/21, 8/5/21 C



# Officials urge public to inspect boxwood shrubs for tree moths

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) is alerting Massachusetts residents that it has received notification from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) that a number of nurseries within the Commonwealth received Canadian boxwood plants potentially infested with box tree moths.

Box tree moths are an invasive pest that feed on the leaves of boxwood shrubs and can cause complete defoliation, eventually killing the plant. While state and federal inspectors have not found any signs of box tree moths at the nurseries, state officials warn that some of the plants may

have been sold before inspections began, or were purchased out of state and planted in Massachusetts. MDAR and APHIS urge anyone in Massachusetts who may have purchased boxwood shrubs this spring to check the plants for signs of the moth.

“MDAR is working with its federal partners at the USDA to prevent the box tree moth from spreading and establishing itself in Massachusetts,” said MDAR Commissioner John Lebeaux. “We ask Massachusetts residents that purchased boxwood shrubs this spring to take a close look at the plants to aid in our efforts to prevent this invasive species from expanding into the state and causing severe damage to Massachusetts’ popular boxwood shrubs.”

If a boxwood plant was purchased this past spring, state officials request that residents inspect it for signs of the moth, and report any findings to <https://massnrc.org/pests/report.aspx> or by calling 617-626-1779. When inspecting your boxwood shrubs, look for all of the life stages of this pest: eggs, caterpillars, pupae, and adults. Eggs are typically laid in gelatinous masses on the underside of boxwood leaves, but may also be laid singly. Caterpillars can grow up to 1.5 inches long, and are yellowish green with a black head, and long black stripes and spots that reach from the head to the end of the body. The caterpillars create pockets of webbing within the boxwood shrubs to wall themselves off from predators. When they are



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An Adult box tree moth (wingspan is 1.5 to 1.75 inches).

ready to morph into adult moths, they form small green pupae. Adults typically have white wings with a dark brown border, but can sometimes be all brown with just a small

white streak on each wing. Box tree moths (*Cydalima perspectalis*) are native to Asia and are now a pest in both Europe and Canada. They can produce several generations

between June and October, which makes urgent action essential to prevent this pest from establishing itself in Massachusetts.

# Turco to leave executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Staff Report

Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito announced the departure of Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco, III.

Secretary Turco is retiring after more than 30 years of public service. The Administration also announced the appointment of current Undersecretary for Law Enforcement Terrence Reidy as Acting Secretary of Public Safety and Security.

“Since taking office, our Administration has been deeply committed to ensuring the safety and security of the residents, families and communities of the Commonwealth, and we are grateful for the leadership of Secretary Turco in pursuing that goal,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Tom has played an invaluable role in many major efforts to deliver a safer Commonwealth for all, including working with law enforcement, legislators and community justice leaders to deliver landmark police reform legislation. We ap-

preciate his expertise and commitment to public service, and look forward to continuing to work with Acting Secretary Reidy.”

“Public safety depends on all of us working together to build a culture of preparedness, responsiveness, and care for those in our communities,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco. “I would like to thank the residents of the Commonwealth for their support of our work, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for their confidence in me and my colleagues across our agencies whose collective partnership has advanced our vision of excellence. Knowing how our team will rise to this occasion empowers me to make this decision to spend time with my family who have been a source of unwavering support to me in my life of public service.”

“Serving on Secretary Turco’s leadership team at EOPSS has prepared me for the task of succeeding such an effective leader,” said Undersecretary for Law Enforcement

Terrence Reidy. “I am honored to be appointed Acting Secretary of Public Safety and Security and lead a talented group of world-class professionals. Together with our partners in the Administration, Legislature, and local communities, we will fulfill our mission to sustain and increase public safety.”

“On behalf of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs, I would like to extend our collective congratulations to Secretary Turco on his retirement,” said President of the Major City Chiefs, Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes. “Tom has been a phenomenal leader who we have benefited from. His wisdom, guidance, and ability to make the most difficult decisions has made the Commonwealth a safer place. His legacy will continue in our law enforcement community for years to come.”

Under Secretary Turco’s leadership, the Baker-Polito Administration has made several advancements on key public safe-

ty and security issues for people and communities across Massachusetts. Key accomplishments include:

- Collaborated with the Legislature and key stakeholders to develop, codify into law, and implement the foundation of the comprehensive 2020 police reform bill.

- Increased opportunities for implementing body cameras, including creating grant opportunities for municipalities and a dedicated program for more than 1,500 troopers within the State Police.

- Supported the Commonwealth’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic by helping to coordinate a statewide effort to distribute personal protective equipment and other critical supplies to first responders and other front-line workers.

- Led state-wide election security planning to ensure that residents could safely exercise their right to vote in the election as well as free speech.

- Developed the first-of-its-kind “Faith-Based Organization Safety and

Security Toolkit,” an e-learning course for all houses of worship, faith organizations, law enforcement organizations, and first responders in the Commonwealth, and a similar workbook for large public venues.

- Supported funding for the Department of Fire Services to redevelop a former Department of Corrections site and create an academy in Bridgewater.

- Recruited and swore in 450 new State Troopers and oversaw the recruitment of the most diverse State Police class in history.

Terrence Reidy has served as Undersecretary for Law Enforcement within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security since 2019, where he has provided strategic leadership to the Massachusetts State Police, the Municipal Police Training Committee, and the Office of Grants and Research. In addition, Reidy served as a member of the Governor’s Task Force on Hate Crimes. Drawing on his prosecutorial experi-

ence collaborating with community leaders, he oversaw the creation of a hate crime resource guide for Massachusetts schools and partnered with police to ensure that every department in the Commonwealth has a trained, dedicated civil rights officer.

Prior to his work at EOPSS, Reidy was an Assistant Attorney General in the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office and Assistant District Attorney in Worcester and Suffolk Counties. His experience included supervising the Attorney General’s Enterprise, Major Crimes, and Cyber Crime Unit and the Worcester District Attorney’s Gang Unit. In Suffolk County, Reidy was promoted from District Court Prosecutor to Superior Court where he served in the Gang and Safe Neighborhood Initiative Units. In these roles, he developed collaborative relationships with federal, state, and local law enforcement as well as residents and community groups.

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# DPH releases updated face-covering advisory for residents

Staff Report

The Department of Public Health (DPH) released updated guidance regarding the use of face coverings and cloth

masks by individuals who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

This week, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released updated guidance that continues to state that individuals who are fully vaccinated may, as a general matter, resume many of the ac-

tivities that they engaged in prior to the pandemic without wearing a mask or staying six feet apart, except where otherwise required by federal, state, or local laws, rules or regulations. In response to the recent spread of the Delta variant, however, the CDC's updated guidance does recommend that even fully vaccinated persons wear masks or face coverings when indoors if other risk factors are present.

In light of the information provided by the

CDC, and in order to maximize protection of vulnerable individuals from the Delta variant, the Department of Public Health released updated guidance today that recommends that a fully vaccinated person wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home) if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your

household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.

All people in Massachusetts (regardless of vaccination status) are required to continue wearing face coverings in certain settings, including transportation and health care facilities. Please see [www.mass.gov/maskrules](https://www.mass.gov/maskrules) for a complete list of venues where face coverings remain mandatory as of May 29, 2021.



DiDomenico participates in a roundtable with members and staff of the Black Economic Council of MA (BECMA).

## DiDomenico promotes American Families Plan

Staff Report

On July 7th, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined with Cecilia Rouse, President Joe Biden's Chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, at a local childcare center in his district to promote the American Families Plan. Senator DiDomenico and Chair Rouse, alongside Massachusetts Congresswomen Katherine Clark, Ayanna Pressley, and Lori Trahan, toured Nurtury Early Education in Cambridge, New England's first early education and care agency, in an effort to spotlight the nation's "care infrastructure" and its fragility—a fact which has been brought into sharper focus during the pandemic.

Like many early education providers across the nation, Nurtury was hit hard by the pandemic and has remained under-staffed and unable to meet its licensed capacity despite high demand. This has largely been due to the fact that many childcare workers were unable to find care for their own children during the Covid-19 crisis. Consequently, a lack of available childcare services and providers prevented many parents from being able to get back to work.

"Education, and more specifically early education, has been a top priority of mine since I was first elected back in 2011," said DiDomenico following the tour. "Therefore, it was sadly no surprise to hear that childcare centers like Nurtury are unable to fill classrooms, since they cannot find staff who ei-

ther can afford to work in the childcare industry or can find care for their own kids. This pandemic has hit our childcare industry hard but has also revealed how critical this industry is to our economy. I do hope that this crisis has showed all Americans just how important it is that we invest in early education and care at both the state and federal levels."

Senator DiDomenico's visit was in support of an infusion of public funds for early childcare and education services through President Biden's \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan. The plan would create universal pre-K-Kindergarten for all children ages three and four and help to make the childcare industry more affordable for all families. The provision would also establish rules preventing childcare costs for low and middle-income families from exceeding more than seven percent of their income. Additionally, the plan would create a national comprehensive paid family and medical leave program, as well as extend the Child Tax Credit increases that were included in the national COVID-recovery package signed into law by the president in March. After the tour, Senator DiDomenico, accompanied by Chair Rouse and all three Congresswomen in attendance, participated in a roundtable with members and staff of the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA). The discussion centered on the experiences of Black entrepreneurs and small business owners who shared stories of their

struggles and challenges throughout the pandemic. The conversation illustrated the disproportionate impact that the pandemic has had on people of color and the universal challenges for families to access affordable, high-quality childcare.

"This roundtable was a fantastic learning opportunity, and for everyone at the federal, state and local levels to discuss the work that lies ahead to solve this childcare crisis. I am grateful to everyone who shared their expertise and experiences, and of course to our incredible Congresswomen for their dedication to passing the American Families Plan. Without question, this tour will help to inform the work that I do around early education and childcare in the Massachusetts Legislature, which I hope will serve as a complement to the passage of American Families Plan."

## Bridgewater awards undergraduate degrees

Staff Report

Bachelor's degrees in the arts, sciences, business and education were awarded to approximately 2,000 graduates including Yesenia Vega of Chelsea during Bridgewater State University's 180th Spring Commencement Convocation held for the first time off-campus at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, July 31.

Undergraduate majors from the Ricciardi College of Business, College of Education & Allied Studies, and the Bartlett College of Science & Mathematics were awarded their degrees during a morning ceremony while students in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences received their diplomas in the afternoon.

BSU held four commencement ceremonies across three days awarding bachelor's degrees to members of the Class of 2020 and graduate students from both 2020 and 2021. BSU was the only college or university to hold graduation at Gillette Stadium this year.

Speakers addressing the topic leadership included Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, BSU president

emeritus; Rep. Stephen Lynch of the Eighth Congressional District; and former Sen. Therese Murray, the first woman president of the Massachusetts State Senate. All received honorary degrees.

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to individuals who made the Plymouth 400 celebration possible, even during the COVID crisis. They included Ms. Linda Coombs, Wampa-

noag historian and independent scholar; and Dr. Gary Maestas, past school superintendent of Plymouth Public Schools.

Abigail Soares of Plymouth, an educator major, addressed her fellow graduates at the morning ceremony, while Ethan Child of East Bridgewater, an English major, delivered the student address at the afternoon ceremony.

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District 8 Councillor Calvin T. Brown thanked the Rev. Dr. Sandra Whitley of the People's A.M.E. Church for her outstanding community service in the city at the farewell celebration for the distinguished spiritual leader who is relocating to New Bedford.

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