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GREENROOTS  
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MEETING AND  
A NIGHT OF  
GAMES AND  
BOATING

PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

GreenRoots came together for the first time after a year's hiatus on the Chelsea Creek last Thursday, Aug. 12, for canoeing and kayaking and socializing on the waterfront. Left, Tiffany Henriquez jumps rope on the pier, while (above) Michelle Gomez and Kendra Morales enjoy paddling around on the Creek. See Pages 5 for more photos.



## With almost 200 Signature Bread workers fired earlier this year, City's innovative program got started on the fly

By Seth Daniel

On Feb. 24, the City's soon-to-be-launched Rapid Re-Employment Initiative was just a framework idea on paper, but one day later it was a plan that had to be put in action fast as City officials got the unexpected news that Signature Breads on Admiral's Hill was closing and laying off 194 workers by April 30.

It was a 'stop in the tracks moment' for those in the Planning Department and for City Manager Tom Ambrosino as

so many workers in good paying, service-oriented jobs were going to be without any means.

"On Feb. 25, Signature Breads notified us, regional and state officials that they were closing down operations, laying off 194 staff members and selling the property," said Alex Train, director of Housing and Community Development. "The closing date was April 30, but they retained a skeleton crew to clean the site, dismantle the equipment and sell it before the new owner took possession. This was the

largest closing of a business and permanent lay-off of employees during the pandemic that we'd seen. They had a furlough there in the early days of the pandemic at Signature, but this was the largest closure."

Signature Breads had been on Justin Drive since the early 2000s, and before that, it had been Pillsbury. So, the facility had run three shifts with many workers and management at the facility for some time. Signature had a long history of being in business before moving

to Chelsea, so the closure was even more unexpected.

What Train said was very "disconcerting" is the company at its closure only awarded severance packages by seniority. Some 50 or 60 management and salary workers received packages, and another 100 workers too. Some, however, were just without a job.

"What was disconcerting a bit was it ended up being that about 140 or 150 got severance packages, but 40 or 50 were not,"

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## George Ostler remembered as a hero, historian, and beloved Chelsea resident at memorial observances

By Cary Shuman

They came to the Carafa Funeral Home and Our Lady of Grace Church from all points in Chelsea – city leaders, friends, associates, firefighters, teachers – to say goodbye to one of its most illustrious citizens, George Francis Ostler Sr.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Ostler became a Chelsea firefighter, rising to rank of

lieutenant before his retirement after 30 years in the department.

"I was fortunate to have worked with Lt. Ostler for a period of time while assigned to the 883 Broadway Fire Station," said retired Chief Louis Adonizio, who was at the Our Lady of Grace church for the funeral Mass. "His work ethic, dedication, and commitment were outstanding. He set a great example. He was a true gentleman, firefighter, and historian and set a great example for the other firefighters in the department."

Mr. Ostler was the city's official historian and was often called upon to speak about Chelsea's glorious past. He took much pride in the accomplishments his

well-known daughter, Dr. Mary Bourque, a Chelsea High graduate who became the superintendent of Chelsea public schools. Dr. Bourque, too, brought credit to the Ostler name, with Chelsea becoming a model for other urban school districts during her distinguished career.

It was Mr. Ostler's proud grandson, Patrick Manning, who delivered a beautiful, heartfelt eulogy at the Mass at Our Lady of Grace.

"My grandfather was many things to many people," said Manning. "To me, he was a larger-than-life figure with a life story that seemed fit for a superhero."

Mr. Manning recounted his grandfather's heroic military service during World War II and how the

other Ostler brothers also served gallantry for the country.

"He returned home and began the next chapter in his life – working as a butcher at the local A&P, and of course, marrying Mary Lally.

They had a very small family by Ostler standards with five children, though that has since grown to 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Nana and Grampa were a model of what a relationship should be," said Manning.

Mr. Manning lauded his grandfather's ability to weave a tale and enchant an audience.

"Grampa is without a doubt the best storyteller that I have ever met," he said. "He had a huge

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## Chelsea hits 40,000 residents in Census 2020 unexpectedly

By Seth Daniel

After a disappointing Census effort last year due to being hindered significantly by COVID-19 and a distrust among the populace of the federal government, the official numbers came out last week and Chelsea showed a surprising increase in its count – climbing above 40,000 residents for the first time in a long time.

While many would agree that in reality Chelsea is likely at about 55,000 residents, the numbers on paper were always quite low and the City is named a hard-to-count community by the Census officials.

In 2010, the City was profoundly disappointed when its numbers came back at 35,177 residents, a tremendous undercounting that caused the City to lose millions in federal formula-funded programs over the last 10 years. Last week, though, many said it was a pleasant surprise to see that Chelsea had registered 40,787 residents in the count, as some had said it looked like early on

that the City may decrease in population from the 2010 number.

It was a growth of 5,610 people and one of the larger growth numbers statewide, even despite trying to count people in the ravages of COVID-19 in a city hit harder than most in America in 2020.

The 40,000 number was a key number for the purposes of federal funding formulas and also for the coming redistricting process to determine state representative, state senate and U.S. Congress seat geographies. Clearly, many in Chelsea have been talking over the last six months about trying to get an all-Chelsea seat like Everett has, though most likely Chelsea would need to add a piece of East Boston if that were to happen – maybe Eagle Hill area. Such a configuration would work as East Boston grew substantially in the Census 2020 figures, going from 40,508 in 2010 to 43,066 in 2020.

Chelsea was once again predominantly Hispanic, with 67 percent of the

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## Councilor Naomi Zabot drops re-election bid, no District 3 Preliminary

By Seth Daniel

One week after the first Preliminary Election for Council in Ward 3 in a long time was presumably set, the contest is now no more.

Incumbent Councilor Naomi Zabot confirmed Wednesday afternoon she had withdrawn from the three-woman contest – cancelling the need for a Preliminary Election in the city.

Zabot said she was withdrawing for "personal reasons," and her opponents said they had been

notified, and Council President Roy Avellaneda and Councilor Leo Robinson confirmed that Zabot had withdrawn as well.

Zabot has served one term on the Council and had been intent on running for re-election. Recently, she ran into some contentious activity when she and others called for a License Commission hearing for noisy activity at the Car Wash on Eastern Avenue – sparking some hateful tirades directed at her on social media.

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## Counseling services available August 19 in wake of Henry Wilson allegations

By Seth Daniel

School Supt. Almi Abeyta and City Manager Tom Ambrosino have sent out a letter to the community addressing the allegations of child rape leveled against School Committeeman Henry Wilson last week, noting that counseling services will be provided on Thursday, Aug. 19, for all community members.

"Our City was shaken this week by the news of very serious charges filed against a member on our School Committee," read the letter. "Sexual assault

can have deep and varied effects on individuals, families, and our community. Some in our community may be confused, saddened, angry, and/or fearful."

Riverside Community Care social workers will be available to offer counseling services to community members on Thursday, August 19, the letter read, from noon to 4 p.m. at City Hall, 500 Broadway. Members of the community, regardless of immigration sta-

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population counted as Hispanic, though that’s likely a gross undercounting despite being one of the largest population percentages of Hispanics in the state. Chelsea has been a predominately Hispanic community since the 2000 Census when they broke 50 percent in the count.

It was a similar story in surrounding cities, with Hispanic populations growing in Everett (28.3 percent) and Revere (33.6 percent).

The White alone population came in at 20.6 percent, and the Black population was at 6.4 percent. The Asian population was a 4 percent.

Interestingly, Chelsea’s number of two or more races was quite high, at 32.8 percent, and is likely reflective of the high His-

panic population – as well as a general trend nationwide for people choosing two or more races.

Not surprisingly, Chelsea’s foreign-born population was 45.4 percent, higher than most in the area. Other Census tidbits included:

•Chelsea’s owner-occupied housing unit count was 25.9 percent.

•The median value of owner-occupied housing units was \$350,800.

•The average persons per household was 2.96, which was quite high, but not much different than Everett, which was 2.87 per unit.

•The mean commute time for Chelsea residents was 34 minutes.

•The percentage of the population living in poverty was 18.1 percent.

•The youth population in Chelsea was much larger than many places, with 34.7 percent of the population being 18 or under. By comparison, Everett was 28.3 percent and Boston was at 15 percent.

•Women made up 48.3 percent of the population.

The total U.S. population for 2020 was 331,449,281, and demographically nationwide the White alone population was on the decrease at 60.1 percent of the national population. The largest non-white group were Hispanics at 18.5 percent of the national population, with Black populations also on the decline at 13.4 percent nationally. Asians make up 5.9 percent of the total national population in 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

We’re Salvadorian. I grew up in Chelsea, but I was born in Boston. We lived in Boston and moved to Chelsea in 2016 because our house caught on fire. It wasn’t a bad fire, but we had to live with friends; it was uncomfortable, we had no space. My mom found an apartment here for us, me, my brother, sister, grandmother. Mom and dad got divorced, but he’s with us now until he finds a room to stay. My grandmother just moved to East Boston. My brother and I share the big room, and my mom and my sister share it. Mom is renting the other room to a lady from Columbia.

My mom had to go through the border [to get to the states]. Thank God she didn’t get caught. My dad got caught twice. He was sent back to El Salvador, but the 3rd time he made it to California without getting sent back.

Right now, my mom is looking for a job. She was working in a cleaning place, and they let her go because of COVID.

Encore Boston Harbor announces opening of WynnBET Sports Bar

Staff Report

Encore Boston Harbor announced that, pending regulatory approval, WynnBET Sports Bar will open on Saturday, Sept. 4.

Located on the resort’s casino floor, the space will feature more than 60 televisions, a 10-foot high and 123-foot-long immersive video wall, a collection of trophies, a full-service bar and cuisine from Shake Shack and Frank & Nick’s, the second concept by Frank DePasquale and Nick Varano within the resort.

“Encore Boston Harbor is lucky to be located in one of the best sports cities in the world with some of the most loyal and avid fans,” said Jenny Holaday, Encore Boston Harbor President. “We wanted to offer our guests a place where they can watch their favorite teams in a state-of-the-art venue, surrounded by TVs, great food and near the excitement and action of the gaming floor.”

Guests will be in awe



[They] said they’d get back to her but [they] never did.

We owed 8-10 thousand dollars for overdue rent. The lady from management was rude to my mother because she couldn’t speak English. My mom felt that was racist. We would get tickets if there was trash [left outside] even if it wasn’t us. My mom applied for RAFT [Residential Assistance for Families in Transition] at La Colaborativa. One night at 3 AM she got a message saying that her overdue rent was paid and she didn’t owe anymore! At this moment, we’re not struggling with the rent.

I’m part of a youth support group at Brown Middle school. My counselor introduced me to the RIOT [La Colaborativa paid internship] and my teacher helped me send the email to Angela, my boss. They gave me things

to choose: mental health, I forget the other, and Black Lives Matter; I wanted that one.

My mom didn’t want me to go to the marches here because of what happened in Boston. She was afraid I’d go into the stores. I’m not that type of person. If there’s going to be a March, do it peacefully. When I heard about George Floyd and Briana Taylor and when I saw the video, I got upset. You’re telling me that this policeman killed an innocent man, and you’re not going to get arrested? It was the worst day. I hate it when people are racist. I hated the way [President] Trump talked about black people, immigrants, Asians. We’re all human beings.

SIDE SALAD: Ironically, while we were with Bryan we heard that Derek Chauvin was convicted of George Floyd’s death!

he said. “We were particularly sensitive to those employees when we were putting our plans together because they had no safety net.”

The property at 100 Justin Drive sold for \$53 million to Westbrook Partners, a company that is looking at various uses right now for the property – which they will combine with the top floor of a property they own already at 10 Justin Drive. The principals of that company have not returned repeated inquiries about the property by the Record since January.

Train and Planner Karl Allen quickly reached out to their partners that were part of the planning efforts for the program, including TND Connect, MassHire, La Colaborativa, and Metro North.

“We had begun planning a rapid re-employment program,” Train said. “We had the framework of the program set up.”

The City and its partners were able to get into Signature with their teams before it closed to help them upgrade resumes, guide workers to other job opportunities, help them find training programs, and offer services like rental assistance, health insurance and other services.

“Together with our partners we were able to interact directly with employ-

ees at the business before it closed,” he said. “We interfaced with 40 or 50 employees on site and had job fairs for them...We were able to connect with fair number of employees to meet their needs.”

Allen said the effort ended up just being an unplanned pilot program for what will officially launch citywide in September. He said they have signed a contract with TND Connect to run the program.

“This effort really laid the foundation for the Rapid Re-Employment Initiative that will fully launch in September,” he said.

In that program, they plan to hire a Job Navigator to help with case management for employees that have been laid off or lost their jobs. Allen said they found out it was important to have someone to guide those looking for jobs and opportunities because most of the systems set up by the state were online and self-guided. That could have been a problem for some, as the system wasn’t easy to figure out.

“Through that process, and the upcoming program launch, we have found out what the need is out there and look for ways to make it better,” he said. “We did already discover through the pandemic that the approach Workforce Development used is mostly online and do-it-yourself,

and that doesn’t work for a lot of our residents.”

Train said it was a terrible situation, but they were encouraged to find they could step in and help, but he noted such job opportunities like Signature are going away.

“It’s a terrible, terrible occurrence,” he said. “Like many produce distribution companies and manufacturing companies on Beacham Street, it was a very steady and well-paid employer without a lot of barriers to opportunity. These kinds of opportunities are shrinking in the Boston area because of housing development and other developments.”

Westbrook Partners has told the City they might be interested in life sciences, a hot commodity now in real estate, or food services from the area. They are doing site upgrades at the moment, and have promised to have a Preliminary Plan and Marketing Plan to submit by September.

Train said if it is life sciences, the City will be advocating for some type of industry that would not set up barriers for Chelsea residents.

“The Kendall Square life sciences type of use means there would be advanced degrees required and that’s not going to really fit in well with our economic development plans in Chelsea,” said Train.

Real Estate Transfers

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Odriscoll, Philip F	Clapham, Ronald E	60 Dudley St #21	\$527,500
Willie, Kieran	36-38 Lambert Avenue	36 Lambert Ave	\$959,000
Allred, Joshua	Fox, Sarah E	150 Maverick St #2	\$290,000
Fleckenstein, Edward L	Vetter, Brittany	120 Shurtleff St	\$960,000
Serrano, Jofia	Colford, Brendan M	192 Washington Ave	\$780,000
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ects that are tailored to the needs of the community,” said Roger Herzog, CEDAC’s executive director. “We are proud to support our non-profit development partners as they create affordable and supportive housing for families, seniors, and veterans. These projects will help ensure that some of our most vulnerable populations have a safe, affordable place to call home.”

CEDAC’s recent commitments include the following projects:

•170 Cottage Street, Chelsea - The Neighborhood Developers, Inc.

(TND) plans to acquire a vacant site one block from the MBTA Silver Line Station and create 66 affordable family units. All units will be affordable to households at or below 60% area median income, including 16 units designated for households at or below 30% AMI and five fully accessible units. The building will be designed to meet Passive House energy efficiency standards and universal design best practices. CEDAC has committed \$4.3 million in acquisition financing and \$500,000 in predevelopment financing to support this development.



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# Forum

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Only vaccine mandates and masking can end this

With the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus now ripping through America, especially in the South where folks are neither vaccinated nor take precautions such as wearing masks, it is obvious that the only way out of this pandemic is for government and businesses to mandate vaccinations for their employees and to require mask-wearing indoors.

The Delta variant -- which constituted one percent of the COVID cases in the U.S. in May but now is over 90 percent of the cases -- is proving both more transmissible and deadlier than the original COVID, especially among young people who formerly had escaped the most virulent effects of the first wave of the virus.

The hospitalization and death rates in the South are reaching cataclysmic proportions -- and this is occurring in the summertime, when people are outside and school is just getting underway.

Every private business in America should require their workers to be vaccinated for the safety and well-being of both their employees and their customers.

This also makes good business sense. After all, who wants to fly on an airplane with unvaccinated flight attendants? Or go on a cruise with an unvaccinated crew? Or go to a hospital to be treated by nurses, doctors, and others who are unvaccinated? Or be served at a restaurant by unvaccinated staff leaning over you?

All levels of government -- local, state, and federal -- also should mandate vaccines, both for the benefit of all of their workers and members of the the public with whom these employees interact.

This also includes students in universities as well as public school students for those age groups for whom the vaccine has been approved. Vaccines of all kinds already are required for enrollment in school and the COVID-19 vax is just another vaccine.

In addition, every business and government office should require masking by employees and customers to protect them from the unvaccinated and to prevent breakthrough transmissions.

The bottom line is simply this: Unless Americans find the will to get tough, get smart, and just suck it up, life never will return to normal.

### Afghanistan: Deja-vu all over again

For those of us of a certain age, the sad and tragic debacle that has been unfurling in Afghanistan this past week is deja vu all over again.

We have seen variations of this theme over the course of 60 years of our interventions into the civil wars of other nations. There was the ill-fated, American-backed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961; the fall of Saigon in 1975; the 1984 withdrawal of American forces from a multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon after suicide bombers killed 220 Marines, 18 sailors, and three soldiers, in their barracks in Beirut; the misadventure into Somalia in the early 1990s; the total debacle of the war in Iraq; and now, the ignominious conclusion of our 20-year involvement in Afghanistan.

Presidents of both parties have been at the helm of these various incursions into the internal affairs of other nations, only to preside over humiliating and costly defeats. Three generations of American political and military leaders have not learned the lessons from these unsuccessful endeavors and therefore have been condemned to repeat the mistakes of their predecessors.

We invaded Afghanistan in the aftermath of 9/11 expressly to root out the al-Qaeda terrorists in the safe haven that they had been given by the Taliban. We accomplished that goal quickly and decisively.

Somehow however, the mission morphed into one of nation-building Afghanistan into a Western-style democracy. When the facts come out about how and why this transformation happened, we have no doubt that they will show that the cabal of the military-industrial complex, with the added wrinkle of the influence of the plethora of so-called "private contractors," proved to be the chief architects of our policy in Afghanistan.

Even in the best of circumstances, people generally do not want soldiers from another country becoming involved in their civil matters. No amount of military might is going to persuade people from achieving their own national goals -- we cannot force other nations to accept our values.

Yes, we're saddened at contemplating the fate of women and our Afghan supporters under the Taliban. And we're disappointed that the Biden administration did not have better contingency plans to factor in the swift takeover of the country by the Taliban.

The lessons of the past should have taught us that our intervention in Afghanistan never was going to end well. But it did have to end, for better or worse.

### HELP ALLEVIATE SUFFERING IN BOTH AFGHANISTAN AND HAITI

To the Editor,

Today we see two new humanitarian crises developing on opposite sides of the globe," said Daniel Pereira, Communications Director for the MIRA Coalition. "The collapse of the Afghan government and rapid advance of the Taliban puts the lives of hundreds of thousands of Afghan civilians at risk -- especially those employed by U.S. military and coalition forces over the last 20 years of war and conflict, as well as women and children.

In Haiti, we see a rapidly rising death toll as a result of a magnitude 7.2 earthquake just West of Port-au-Prince, further devastating a nation already suffering deeply from the COVID-19 pandemic, the assassination of president Jovenel Moïse, political and gang-related violence, and an incoming tropical storm.

MIRA urges the Biden administration to help alleviate suffering in both Afghanistan and Haiti by providing safety for those seeking refugee status and protection. Given our government and military's involvement in Afghanistan over the last two decades, we have a duty of care to those civilians the U.S. employed over those 20 years, who may now face violence and reprisals from Taliban forces.

These civilians can be protected in the short term and given shelter, and the Afghan Special Immi-

grant Visa (SIV) program can be both expanded and expedited, given that more than 300,000 Afghans have had some affiliation with US forces, yet only 16,000 Afghan SIVs have been issued since the program began in 2014. The U.S. could also extend TPS protection to Afghans now residing in the U.S., and assist on-the-ground efforts to protect and resettle the many refugees who will doubtless begin seeking routes out of the country.

MIRA also calls on the Biden administration to provide immediate humanitarian relief to Haiti and to implement an immediate halt of all deportations to Haiti, including deportations at the border. The Biden administration and Department of Homeland Security should also expand and open up the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Haiti, allowing those who may arrive in the coming weeks and months to also receive TPS status.

**Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition**

### A THRIVING INSTITUTION

To the Editor,

I admire the perseverance of Temple Tifereth Israel in Winthrop and would like to share the success story of Temple Emmanuel here in Chelsea. We are a thriving institution in a historic building in Cary Square. We serve our Temple community and the City of Chelsea.

We have distribut-

ed about 275,000 free meals to Chelsea children during the pandemic by partnering with the Shah Foundation. Last March the Chelsea Historical Commission designated Temple Emmanuel "a historically significant structure and asset for the City of Chelsea." We have a restored sanctuary with beautiful Romanesque features and a large renovated social hall with a vaulted ceiling.

Most importantly, we have members from Chelsea, the North Shore, and across the US. We offer religious services and programs throughout the year. Our attendance has increased now that we conduct services and social events both in person and via the Internet. Rabbi/Cantor Chapman is celebrating 15 years of inspiring us with her wisdom and operatic flourish-es.

We are planning an open house for new members on Sunday afternoon, August 22 at 4 PM. Please join us!

Many thanks to Cary Shuman, the Chelsea Record Editor-in-Chief, for covering our important events.

**Sara Lee Callahan President Temple Emmanuel**

### A TRUE GENTLEMAN

To the Editor,

I was fortunate to have worked with Chelsea Fire Lieutenant George Ostler for a period of time while assigned to the 883 Broadway Fire Station. George's late brother, "Robbie" Ostler, also a firefighter, was

assigned to another fire station.

George F. Ostler Sr. was a product of the "Great-est Generation". I recall, when George was just about to turn sixty-five years old, we responded to Revere for a three-alarm fire. Although George was twenty-six years older than me, I told him he had the stamina of a thirty-year old. George's work ethic, dedication, and commitment reflected well upon himself, the Chelsea Fire Department, and the City of Chelsea.

In October 1991, the then "City Receivership" closed the Everett Avenue Fire Station. The fire station, known as Engine 5's quarters, displayed a plaque in honor of the late Firefighter James Carolan, who was killed September 30, 1918, during World War I, when he was a Navy sailor aboard the U.S.S. Ticonderoga, (ye was only 27 years old).

Not too long after the Everett Avenue fire station was closed, the City sold the building. George Ostler, although retired, was able to get the Carolan plaque re-finished through the Chelsea Historical Society. On Firefighters' Memorial Sunday June 1, 1997, George spoke in length on the history of Firefighter James Carolan. The plaque now is displayed at the Central Fire Station in Fay Square.

Fire Lieutenant George F. Ostler, Sr. was a true gentleman, great firefighter, and historian, I shall forever remember him.

Respectively,  
**Louis T. Addonizio Chelsea Fire Chief, RET.**

## GUEST OP-ED

### Afghanistan – God help them

ghan military and police have been killed. Over 20,000 of our troops have been wounded.

America spent a trillion dollars setting up military bases and supposedly training the Afghan army how to fight. Yes, we were angry after September 11, 2001, but did it justify killing thousands of our men and women? Did it justify the thousands who were wounded and the thousands more who were mentally wounded? The only people who profited from our 20 years in Afghanistan are the political investors in weapons of war. Large stockholders in any entity that makes weapons or other supplies shipped to Afghanistan are not in favor of the war being over, but they and their families will most likely be forever rich.

We did one poor job of training the Afghan soldiers. The Afghan army ran in fear from the Taliban, many being executed upon their surrender. Twenty years of training went down the drain in several weeks and billions of dollars in weapons were handed over to them. The city of Kabul was taken over without hardly a shot fired from the Taliban.

No, we should never have gone to Afghanistan the way we did. The mission of taking out key leaders of the Tal-

iban and other terrorist groups could have been carried out more covertly. Tragically, we made the Afghanistan army and people dependent on America. Our government has done the same thing to our own nation with welfare. So many Americans are so used to the American government taking care of us and sending out government money that many Americans can no longer take care of themselves. The only thing we taught the Afghan soldiers was that they didn't have to worry about fighting because the United States

was present and would take care of them.

Going there is water under the bridge. We are now forever faced with the tragic way we have left Afghanistan. We crippled them with our money and their dependency on our military. After 20 years our Government leaders finally tired of carrying a crippled nation. Knowing these people cannot swim, we threw them out of the boat to sink or swim while a massive number of great white sharks were watching in the near distance.

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Dr. Glenn Mollette

Many Americans did not want our military invading Afghanistan. We did not want our military to stay in Afghanistan. Many of us hoped our troops would leave Afghanistan. However, the chaotic departure has been one of the most humiliating moments in our nation's history.

We were all enraged toward those who had any part or interest in the September 11, 2001 attacks on our nation. This nation was in agreement that Osama Bin Laden and anyone connected to planning the attacks located in any part of the world must be brought to justice. We wanted all leaders and partakers of any and all terror groups eliminated. The attack on the World Trade Center Towers, as well as the other hideous and evil plane attacks that happened that day are forever etched in our minds. The barbaric torture and beheadings of journalists and other evil crimes against humanity fueled America's passion to do whatever necessary to bring revenge against our attackers.

Sadly, the loss of 2448 troops in Afghanistan over 20 years was not the answer. Also 3448 U.S. contractors have been killed. Over 66,000 Af-

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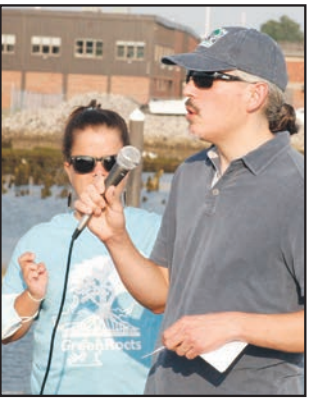
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The Chelsea Creek was the place to be on a very hot summer night last Thursday, Aug. 12, as GreenRoots held its annual meeting and a night of games and boating on the Creek. Director Roseanne Bongiovanni said it was the first time in two years the group had been able to host a boating event, and they were overjoyed to do so. The event also included the annual meeting, where Board Chair Marcos Luna quipped that the organization started with a budget of \$200,000 in August 2012, and recently had a budget approved of \$2.5 million. The organization

has grown in its advocacy of environmental issues in Chelsea and East Boston.



Board Chair Marcos Luna talks about how GreenRoots has grown over the last several years in its advocacy.



GreenRoots Director Roseann Bongiovanni, School Committeeman Ricardo Jimenez, and Board member Jon Valinch.



Eric Czernizer and Cathryn Copley had a blast kayaking on the Creek last week.



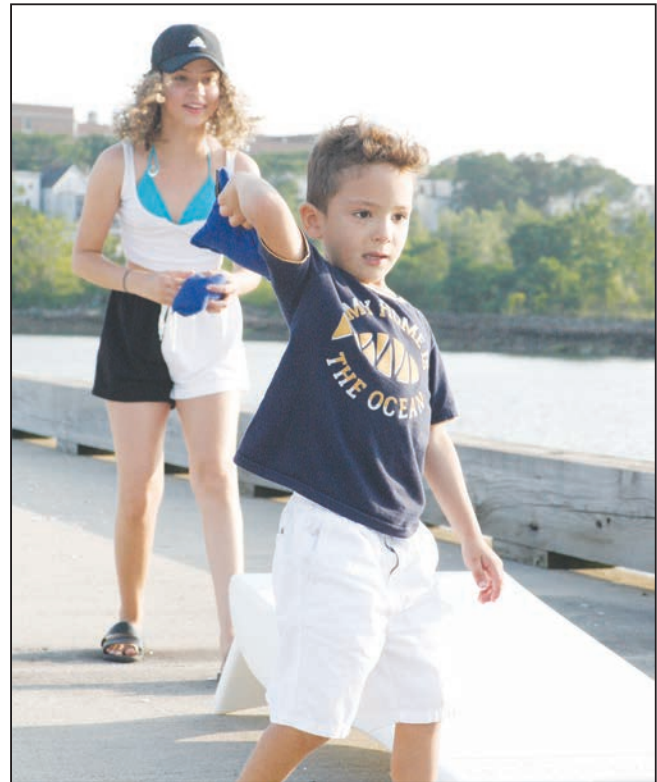
Wesley Montoya was having fun learning to paddle on the Creek.



GreenRoots staffer Olivia Nichols plays Tic-Tac-Toe with one of the younger participants.



Enjoying an evening on the Creek was Rina Rodriguez (seated), with Lucy Batres, Kim Landaverde and Alexandra Machuca.



Petro Neto plays bean bag toss while his sister, Pyetra Fiuza, waits her turn.



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# Sheila Rosanio’s dance team wins national title

## Studio owner receives ‘Choreographer of the Year Award’

By Cary Shuman

She opened her well-known studio, Sheila Rosanio’s School of Dance and Gymnastics, shortly after she had graduated from Boston State College, the year that the school merged with UMass Boston.

A popular student at Chelsea High School, Sheila Rosanio had majored in Physical Education (K-12) and Dance at Boston State, with a minor in Biology. She decided to pursue a career in dance and this year she celebrates 37 years at the studio located on Washington Avenue in Revere.

“I think we picked a good spot,” said Rosanio, whose studio is adorned by several national championship trophies from competitions coast to coast.

Rosanio said this past year - when the COVID-19 pandemic hit Revere very hard - was the most challenging of her career as a business owner.

“Prior to the pandemic, we had the best year we’ve ever had, but when the pandemic hit, everybody had to close,” said Rosanio, who shut down operations for four months and had to cancel the annual recital due to the closure of all outside venues. “We opened back up in September [2020] and our recital was at Revere High School in June [2021]. We’re very grateful to Mayor Arrigo, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kelly and the School Committee for allowing us to be at Revere High with limited seating.”

### A national championship and an award for choreography

Following the recital, Rosanio and a team of dancers traveled to Mohegan Sun in Connecticut for the Starpower Battle of the Stars national competition.

The Rosanio-led contingent had won the preliminaries virtually before the finals which were held in person in front of a panel of dance judges.

The results were extraordinary in a competition that drew 1,700 teams. “Our team (ages 12-17) not only won the Nationals, but they also won the Battle of the Stars,” related Rosanio.

The national championship team consisted of Mimi Narcisse and Jaralese Canales of Revere; Emma Arsenault, Olivia Arsenault Nicole Uribe Lopez, and Emily Uribe Lopez of Saugus; Haven Pereira, Juliana Demers, and Bella Giuffre of Winthrop; Shivone Fennell of Melrose; and Brenda Franciosa of Ipswich.

Sheila Rosanio was named the national “Choreographer of the Year” out of the 1,700 teams. It was the second time that Rosanio had captured the award in her distinguished 37 years in dance.

Asked if the award was the highlight of her career in light of the challenges posed by the pandemic, Rosanio deflected the attention to her team and replied, “It was a hard year, but I was just so proud of the girls who



Sheila Rosanio's School of Dance and Gymnastics national championship team, from left, Emma Arsenault, Mimi Narcisse, Brenda Franciosa, Haven Pereira, Nicole Uribe Lopez, Julliana Demers, Bella Giuffre, Olivia Arsenault, Jerelese Canales, Shivone Fennell, and Emily Uribe Lopez.

were so dedicated and so competitive – to be the best against so many other teams is a tremendous accomplishment and something they’ll remember the rest of their lives.”

### Beginning in dance as a child in Chelsea

At the age of 8, Sheila Rosanio began taking lessons at a studio in Chelsea and later at Betty Murray Studio in Revere.

“I took dance all the way through high school and I joined the dance team at Boston State,” said Rosanio.

At 21, she began teaching physical education at parochial schools and later at Everett High School and Malden High School. She also coached the Malden High gymnastics team that won the school’s first-ever na-

tional title.

Rosanio then made the decision to leave the field of education and devote her career to her dance studio full time.

“I think it was the best move I ever made,” said Rosanio. “My life is not just about teaching our students how to dance, but we instill self-confidence and poise in them. I was very shy a as a

child, and it just brought out my confidence and I see it in the kids. It’s so great when you see a child come in and interact so well with others and then be able to express themselves through dance.”

One of her former students, Shealagh Boyajian, recently graduated from Theater Arts Preparatory School in Las

Vegas, and has earned a lead role in a major theatrical production at Bal-ly’s.

“I’ll be going to Vegas in the fall to watch her perform,” said Rosanio. “I’m so excited for her success.”

Thirty-seven years after entering the field of dance, Sheila Rosanio is still creating success stories one student at a time.



Sheila Rosanio stands adjacent to the national championship trophies that were presented to her winning teams at the Starpower Battle of the Stars competition.

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Lasting Friendships Are Formed at the Dance Studio

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One thing the Taliban has taught us is that they are very patient. They knew the United States would finally become tired and financially broke and would leave. They have spent years organizing, planning and preparing for this moment and in a few week’s time they totally humiliated America.

Many of us never wanted to be there but we didn’t want to leave with the Taliban kicking our butts out the door. The horrific scenes of executions, tortures, rapes, and women treated inhumanely will be graphic and repulsive in the weeks ahead.

We could have left dif-

ferently. There could have been a plan. We demonstrated that we spent 20 years and really did not train an Army. We did not train or equip the people to care for themselves. We left without any support contingency in place for an obvious inept military and people. We displayed our ignorance and arrogant denial of the Taliban’s preparedness to move forward. As quickly as flipping a light switch America conveyed to Afghanistan that we no longer give a dang.

Will the shame and humiliation of Afghanistan teach our political leaders anything? Are we too ar-

rogant to care? How many years will it take before politicians need another Afghanistan to line their pockets?

May the real true God who we pray to help the people of Afghanistan. At the moment, He is all they have.

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Good Luck in School this year!



# Back to School: Pencils, crayons and COVID vaccines

By Seth Daniel

Going down the list of back-to-school supplies and needs this year, one will find crayons, pencils, a calculator and vaccines. Vaccines for COVID-19 are the newest hot topic this year for back-to-school as parents wrestle with the idea of vaccinating children age 12 and over – particularly the 12-14 year old age group – and health care providers continue to assure parents that the vaccines are safe and a good idea for getting kids back to the classroom.

Dr. David Roll, a primary care doctor practicing in Revere and CHA Everett, said it has been a hot topic with parents who are coming in and discussing the idea of vaccinating their children, but he also said in going back to school he can see very lit-

tle down-side to vaccinating those 12 and up.

“There’s a lot of interest out there about vaccinations and questions about vaccinations now,” he said. “I’m definitely spending a lot of time talking with my families here about getting their kids vaccinated and doing that before school. I’m encouraged to see the number that are eager to get the shot because I think it’s very safe and effective vaccination for the age groups that have been studied so far.”

Those with children 12 and up can have them vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine, and that’s widely available in Chelsea. But the decision likely will soon spread down to lower age groups.

Dr. Roll said there are ongoing studies right now for ages 5-11 and they’re expecting a report on the

safety for that age group by September. Also, he said, studies on ages 2-5 should come soon after.

“It won’t be long before the vaccine will be available to all ages of kids,” he said. “There’s even studies of six months to 2 years going on. I don’t think it will be long before the shot is available to all ages soon. It could be before the end of the year.”

That means parents of all ages by the end of the year will have a decision to make, and while vaccine mandates are not in place for Chelsea students, the vaccine – when approved – will most likely be strongly encouraged.

He said a lot of parents are worried about the speed at which the vaccine was developed.

“I find a lot of parents who are worried because the vaccine has been developed quickly and they

are concerned there might be long-term side effects that won’t be discovered for years to come,” he said. “They were developed quickly but that wasn’t because they skimped on the studies to prove effectiveness. The numbers and quality of tests was quite comparable to what’s done in a standard vaccine trial...The other thing that accelerated it was the government backing manufacturers before they finished the trials. You would never do that without government backing because it wouldn’t make business sense. The studies were high-quality and they were thorough studies even it was done quickly.”

He added that long-term side effects are extremely rare in a vaccine product, and any side effects would likely happen soon after taking the shot

and not many years later.

“It’s extremely rare for side effects of a vaccine to appear years later,” he said.

Another key reason in Chelsea, Everett and Revere that he recommends child vaccinations for COVID-19 is due to the fact that they interact with many age groups – sometimes living with elderly relatives in close quarters.

“Kids don’t live in a bubble,” he said. “They’re in the community and many times live in families with elderly grandparents. As time goes on, the immunity in vaccinated grandparents might wane...It’s a good way to protect everyone in the family. Anything that can be done to keep the whole family healthy is a good idea.”

Dr. Roll said it can’t be stressed enough that the vaccines also help chil-

dren break out of isolation that they’ve been in for a year, now being able to confidently see their friends without the worry of contracting or spreading COVID-19. That, he said, is an amazing thing that within a year, the vaccines were available and distributed to the population. He said the miracle of that innovation cannot be overstated.

“These are really life-saving vaccines and it is one of the most impressive accomplishments I’ve ever seen in health care to get this safe a vaccine to the public,” he said. “I did not hesitate to give the vaccine to my own kids. They got vaccinated and they would probably recommend that to other parents.”

## CPS students returned to summer engagement in 2021, having in-person summer programming for the first time since 2019

Special to the Record

From July 6-29, Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) offered 10 separate programs at three locations across the district, the first time there was organized summer programming in the schools since 2019.

The Early Learning Center (ELC) featured the ELC Summer Reading program as well as the ELC Extended School Year (ESY) program. At the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex, students enjoyed Elementary General Education, English Language Learner (ELL) and Elementary ESY programs. Chelsea High School housed all of the District’s middle and high school students participating in programming that offered a variety of opportunities including the 8-9 Transition Program for new high school students as well as ESY

and ELL programming for both middle school and high school. There was also a middle school General Education program in addition to Credit Recovery.

In total, the programming served over 800 students in the District. Over 130 staff members worked for CPS’ summer programming including 77 teachers and 33 para-professionals. Summer School Program Manager Julie Forry understood that summer programming in 2021 would have a unique twist to it.

“We know that the goal of having kids come in for summer school is to certainly reinforce any of those learning objectives that can be extended from the school year, but we also heard a very consistent message from the District that we want people coming in and feeling good,” Forry said. “Smiles

on faces, recognizing that the community has gone through a lot over the last year, and really wanting to make sure that the school community relationship and connection was built on and enhanced.”

In the months of April and May, CPS opened its doors to its students after over a full year of remote learning, but parents had the option to keep their children in remote learning for the remainder of the school year. Summer programming, however, provided mostly in-person instruction with a handful of remote offerings, which continued the process of acclimating the District’s students back to in-person instruction.

“It seemed like people felt good about coming into the building, and felt secure about the way that we were responding to COVID circumstances. We really wanted to make

sure that the families felt comfortable and confident with coming to school,” Forry commented.

The results were a successful summer. The District’s summer programming staff was able to provide enrichment and support services to its students, maintain strong lines of communication with parents and families and put smiles on the students’ faces. Unique projects included third grade students enjoying “hands on” learning tasks such as making video game controllers and using coding to create digital music.

Malik Howshan, the District’s new Coordinator for Extended Learning, added that the participants and their families felt a sense of optimism and excitement throughout the duration of the programming.

“Kids are happy. They are coming to school ev-

ery day, and attendance is really good. The kids have been happy, the teachers are happy and when we go outside and meet the parents, they’re all happy and thankful. I think in the end that’s, whether it’s 10 kids or 100 or 1,000 kids, that’s the goal of summer programming. Let’s make this fun, let’s learn something, let’s be interactive and that’s the goal of summer enrichment.”

The opportunity to participate in enrichment activities and enjoy the social environment that summer programming offers are significant beneficiary elements of CPS’ summer offerings. The District’s programming even served a community purpose as well, with students receiving grab-and-go meals for breakfast and lunch. Families were also encouraged to take meals home for additional family members.

The hope for the future is to continue to build off what summer programming represented in 2021 – a continuation of the CPS’ return to its educational mission. Summer enrichment is a critical component of the bridge to future success for Chelsea students, and the opportunity to return to an in-person atmosphere this past July was a much-needed symbol of how important these experiences are.

“Service learning. Teaching to the whole of the student. Making them a well-rounded person. Making them a positive member of the community. Civically engaged,” said Howshan. “That goes within Chelsea and within the schools. I can’t wait to see high school kids helping out first graders with reading. Using these programs to build a positive school community.”

## Back-to-school gear for academic skills development

From mathematics to music to new languages, skill development and knowledge acquisition are easiest with the right tools. Set your child up for a successful year with the best back-to-school gear.

- Reinforcements: Flash cards, a tried-and-true technique for reinforcing classroom lessons, have gone digital. Check out Quizlet, a site that features flash cards, games, diagrams and study guides on a range of subjects, including foreign languages, science subjects and even practical computer skills like Photoshop, Excel and PowerPoint. With content accessible online or on the mobile app, students can quickly and conveniently cram for their exams on-the-go.
- Practice makes perfect: Whether your child is learning to play piano for the first time or mastering their skills, the right keyboard can make

all the difference. To that end, consider outfitting your student with a Casio Stage Piano from the brand’s CDP line. The CDP-S150, for example, delivers a natural grand piano sound and feel in a slim case that’s barely larger than the keys themselves, making it a great choice for those who practice in a bedroom or dorm room. Since it weighs only 23.1 pounds and is capable of running on either its included power supply or AA batteries, this model provides both portability and convenience.

- Organization: Organization is not exactly an academic skill, but mastering this life skill has the potential to improve grades and make the learning process easier. Seek out tools that help students keep both their hard copy paperwork and digital files organized, as well as teach good habits. Mountable wall files can help reduce desk clutter



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and provide a sorting system, whereas new digital tools like Evernote can streamline both note-taking and review.

- Higher-order thinking: By conveying the appeal of mathematics in a way that does not just rehash textbook exercises or ask students to memorize formulas, students will be motivated to explore the depths of this fascinating subject. You can foster this type

of higher-order thinking by powering your child’s learning with a high-quality calculator designed for their coursework. Handling the tedious calculations, students will have the bandwidth to discover different possibilities for arriving at answers, while focusing on the concepts behind the calculations. The scientific calculator models from Casio can handle hundreds of math func-

tions and their graphing calculators feature a natural textbook display to help students more easily visualize mathematical concepts.

- Gaming and sports: While video games may seem like a school-year distraction, they can actually provide specific benefits to budding athletes, so don’t shy away from them completely. Research has shown that gaming in general can improve hand-eye co-

ordination, and it’s also shown that games designed to mimic actual sports play can help build real-world skills.

There’s no doubt about it. The tools students need to thrive today look quite different from the past. However, these tools can help students take both their skills, as well as their comprehension of subjects, to new heights.

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# Sports

## LET IT FLY CLASSIC SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS

By Cary Shuman

The Let It Fly Classic has become much more than a basketball tournament for the best players in the area. It's become a community event. It's become a celebration of high school basketball.

And Let It Fly Classic Co-Directors Cesar Castro and Kyle Umemba couldn't be happier with how this year's tournament

turned out on Saturday at Chelsea High School.

Speaking on behalf of the dynamic leadership duo, Castro said, "We're pleased that everyone had a great time, and the tournament was a success. It was a great environment in the gym and we're glad that everyone came out from the different cities like Boston, Brockton, Worcester, Lynn, and of course, Chelsea. Most

importantly, we raised the money for scholarships, and Let It Fly really brought the community together."

The level of basketball was extraordinary and with all due respect to recent great high school players, this group of players was likely the most talented in the five-year history of the Classic.

Mehki Debrick, who will be attending Spring-

field Commonwealth Academy, put on a show for the large crowd with his amazing ballhandling and sensational three-point shooting. There were some electrifying dunks by players, but Debrick was the undisputed MVP in this year's classic.

"Mehki was just putting on a show," said Castro, a 1,200-point scorer during his Chelsea High career. "It was great to see."

Cesar said that he and Kyle hope to build upon the tournament's success. "It's not going to stop. This tournament is going to get bigger and better. And sooner or later, it's going to hit the national stage, and everyone's going to come out and be in Chelsea," said Castro.

The Let It Fly directors thanked Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell for her support

of the tournament.

"She's the big boss," lauded Castro. "She helps out with everything. Without her, this wouldn't happen. I appreciate her all the time. She's an amazing person."

Castro also thanked Chelsea Police Capt. David Batchelor, Officer David Delaney, Frank Henry, and the CHS staff for their help during the tournament.



Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson conducts the ceremonial jump-ball tap-off with girls high school basketball stars Oralye Kiefer of Beaver Country Day and Abigail Wright of Newton North at the Let It Fly Classic.



Kenneth Umemba, Retired Bunker Hill Community College Associate Dean Sharon Caulfield, and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



From left, Maureen Lee, Beverly Martin-Ross, Paula Cromwell, Denise Bishop, Marlene Tyler, Paul Smith, and Dakeya Christmas, pictured at the 6th Annual Let It Fly Classic Aug. 14 at Chelsea High School.



Chelsea Schools Equity, Diversity and Excellence Office Dr. Aaron Jennings, District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown, and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Former Chelsea High basketball star John Martin, with his daughters, Melissa Martin, and Danielle Martin, and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, at the Let It Fly Classic.



Kyle Umemba (right), co-director of the Let It Fly Classic, welcomes Brian Barfield, Chris Phanord, David Chery, and Paul Sweeney to the sixth annual basketball tournament.



CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, CBC Secretary Beverly Martin-Ross, with young Let It Fly Classic supporters Adonis Lopez, Londyn Elgart, and Major Chapman, at the sixth annual tournament Saturday at Chelsea High School.



District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown, former Chelsea Pop Warner and CHS football star Michael Yee, and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Jayde Umemba, Kenneth Umemba, Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell, Let It Fly Classic Co-Director Kyle Umemba, and Jessy Lopez.



Let It Fly Classic Co-Director Cesar Castro welcomes Armani Check from the Chelsea High Class of 2020, to the Let It Fly Classic.



The players in the first Let It Fly Classic girls basketball game are pictured before their game Saturday at Chelsea High School.



# Innes Redevelopment awarded \$5.5M in additional state grants

The Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA) received an additional funding award from the state Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCH). Under the Partnership to Expand Housing Opportunities Program this new funding provides for the financial feasibility necessary for the Innes Redevelopment project to move forward. The new funding closes the gap presented by the current market conditions and financial challenges placed on the project due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and resultant economic uncertainties and allows the project to kick off resident relocation this fall and plan for a groundbreaking for the redevelopment in early 2022.

“This new funding is more than just needed resources - it’s a firm affirmation from our state partners that our residents deserve better and that this project provides the solution,” said Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director, Al Ewing. “The Innes Redevelopment will include 96 new homes for public housing residents, create 40 new units for working families and bring more people together from all backgrounds and income levels - true equity in housing resources for all people.”

The Innes Redevelopment, a partnership with the Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA), and Joseph J. Corcoran Company (JJC) has overcome unforeseen, rising cost increases in construction materials along with continued escalation in labor rates and shifts due to COVID19 in the local rental market. The thresholds for underwriting and investment terms forced the project to seek additional resources to achieve the financial feasibility to move this project forward. In addition to the new funding provided by DHCD, the project was also recently awarded a MassWorks grant by the Commonwealth to improve various stormwater and utility connections along the Central Avenue more flexibility from the city through an amended TIF agreement and has brought in new private partners to allow this project to advance with confidence. The redevelopment partnership now includes John M. Corcoran & Co. a development and management company with 70+ years of experience in development and residential management including several sites in Chelsea. They have formed a joint venture with JJC to move

Innes Redevelopment toward final completion.

“I’m proud to be a part of this team that never gives up - preserving public housing units and ensuring the long-term affordability of our communities is never easy work - never mind in the middle of a global pandemic,” said Joseph J. Corcoran “The Chelsea Housing Authority, and our partners in local and state government continue to put their confidence in us to get this done and together with John M. Corcoran & Co. we will - today is a great step forward.”

Now, the Innes Redevelopment team, along with Housing Opportunities Unlimited (HOU), and in collaboration with the Innes Residents Association (IRA) will kick off the relocation process this Fall and implement the Resident Relocation Plan for current residents who remain on-site at Innes as the development team moves closer to construction.

“We are excited for this project to move forward,” said Melissa Booth, President of the Innes Resident Association. “Our team is ready to support the relocation plan and move another step closer to new homes for our residents.”

The Resident Relocation Plan was developed in close coordination between, CHA, IRA and JJC to ensure all residents are treated equitably and fairly throughout the redevelopment process. The relocation plan is prescribed through a combination of housing law and recommendations generated through a series of meetings with the Innes Resident Association represented by Greater Boston Legal Services in collaboration with HOU.

A Resident Relocation Plan kick-off meeting with the IRA and HOU will be held virtually on August 25, 2021 where current residents will review updated plans for the relocation timeline and process.

Upon completion, the Innes Redevelopment will yield 96 units of new, modernized public housing, 40 units of workforce housing, and 194 units of market-rate housing in the City of Chelsea. Located on the ground floor, retail space will comprise amenities integral to residents’ quality of life. Furthermore, in support of the project, the City, through the Department of Housing and Community Development and Department of Public Works, will comprehensively reconstruct utility and streetscape infrastructure to benefit the neighborhood.

## Karen Venditto

Owner and operator of Karmichael Realty for almost 30 years

Karen M. Venditto, loving mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away at the age of 64 on August 11 in the home of her daughter surrounded by her family and friends.

Karen was born on August 27, 1956 in Massachusetts to Jennie and Michael Venditto. She grew up in Chelsea and attended Saint Rose High School.

Karen became a real estate sensation at a young age; rising to the top of the real estate industry, while owning and operating her own business, Karmichael Realty for almost 30 years. The motto of Karmichael Realty was “Setting the Standard in Real Estate Excellence” which she did every day. Her passion was helping people find the perfect home for their family and she excelled at it.

She was a people person, always making friends wherever she went. She was a genuine person who just wanted to help people. Karen never said “no”; always putting others before herself, portraying her selfless nature.

Besides spending time with family and friends, and selling every house on the block; she loved art. Over the years, she learned how to make stained glass pieces, beaded, clay and metal jewelry, quilts and many fun items in between. She took many of these classes with her best friend, Chris. Karen hand-crafted all the salt and pepper shakers made from clay that were presented to guests as favors for her daughter’s wedding in 2015. She also loved watching suspense movies, driving around in her 1981 Fiat convertible, going out to eat at different restaurants, traveling, and listening to 60’s music.

Karen had a love for animals and had many pocket poodles over the years whom she cared for deeply. They would eat as well as her; prime rib, spare ribs, meatballs, etc - you name it.

She spent a lot of time in North Carolina after her daughter relocated there and enjoyed helping to care for her granddaughter, Annabella for the past two and a half years. She was Annabella’s Nonna, and the best one at that. She loved her family and friends deeply and tried her best to hang on to meet her newest grandson, but didn’t quite make it to his due date.

Karen also had a very special bond with her brother, Michael. They loved each other very much and they were always there for one another.

Karen was always a hard worker and she instilled this trait in her daughter,



who is now a family nurse practitioner. Karen was always afraid she wouldn’t be a good enough mother, but it turns out, she was by far the best mother a girl could ever have.

A Letter to My Mother: Mom, you will always be my best friend. You were there for me through thick and thin, no matter what, throughout my entire life. You loved me unconditionally and I loved you with all my heart. You were always a special woman; many people saw that. You were the strongest, most independent woman I ever met. I have always been so proud of you and everything you have accomplished in your lifetime. I don’t want to live without my mommy; it’s the hardest thing I’ll ever have to do.

You taught me everything I know, except how to live without you.

I love you Mom; I always will. You will forever be in my heart until the end of time. Forever your little girl I’ll be, Tyffany.

Ms. Venditto is survived by her mother, Jennie Venditto; brother, Michael Venditto Jr.; daughter, Tyffany Nyland and her husband, Michael Roten Jr.; granddaughter, Annabella Roten; grandson to be, Gunner Roten; nephew, Satya Venditto-Angelani; niece, Ceiba Venditto-Angelani; best friend, Christine (Chris) Miner and her husband, John Miner; aunt, Elena Mazzone; cousins, Donna Gariboldi and her spouse, Jean Carr as well as Chuck Gariboldi and his wife, Laurie Gariboldi and their three children; nephew, Edward (Eddie) Landers and longtime friend, Bill Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Valerie Daiello; step-father, John McCormack; aunt, Annette Gariboldi and her husband, Charles Gariboldi.

At her request, no public service will be held. A private family gathering will be held in her honor at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Karen’s name to: Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Angell Animal Medical Center (MSP-CA-Angell) 350 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. Published by Tyffany Nyland.

## Patricia M. (Fortucci) Wojcik

May 10, 1966 - August 10, 2021

Patricia Marie (Fortucci) Wojcik was born May 10, 1966 and grew up in Revere most of her childhood. Trish passed Tuesday morning August 10th in Lynn. She thrived when she was with her family and loved to be with all of her children. Motorcycles and music were her biggest passions and she took her dog Lucy wherever she went.

Patricia is survived by her daughter Carla Marie and her sons Robert and Joshua. She is also survived by her mother (Nana) Mary Fortucci of Melrose, MA.

Relatives and friends



are invited to attend an hour of visitation in the Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, 549 Lincoln Ave., SAUGUS on Thursday (8/19/2021) from 10-11 a.m. followed by a graveside service at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For directions and condolences [www.bisbeeporcella.com](http://www.bisbeeporcella.com).

## Carol Eaves Gaff

Graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1972

Carol Eaves Gaff, 67, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 12 at Southwood at Norwell Nursing Center where she had been receiving supportive care. A native of Chelsea, she was born and raised in Chelsea and was the beloved wife of the late Laurence “Larry” Gaff and the beloved daughter of the late CPD Lt. Ralph H. and Laura (Siewko) Eaves.

Carol attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1972. After graduating Carol worked as a youth counselor with Care About Now in Chelsea. Later she worked for ITT Technical Institute in Chelsea as a student enrollment administrator.

She married Laurence “Larry” Gaff and was widowed in 2007 after 20 years of marriage.

A resident of Chelsea for most of her life, Carol and Larry resided in Everett and then in Salem before retiring to Wolfeboro NH.

In her lifetime, Carol absolutely loved her time at the family’s second home, “the Cottage” on Pine River Pond in Wakefield, NH. Carol enjoyed



snowmobiling, water skiing, reading, playing cards, and feeding the chipmunks.

She is survived by her brother, Dr. Ralph W. Eaves and his wife Karen of Norwell. She was the loving aunt of Sarah Eaves and Madeline Eaves, and she is also survived by several cousins, extended family members and friends.

A private family farewell was held on Tuesday followed by graveside prayers and Carol’s interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Anthony Memorial - Frank A. Welsh & Sons Chelsea.

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# Ride-for-hire working group releases recommendations for electric vehicle adoption

Staff Report

State agencies and utilities have a guide to encourage electric vehicle adoption in the ride-hailing, taxi and livery industries, thanks to a set of recommendations developed by the Massachusetts Ride for Hire Electrification Working Group.

The group, composed of representatives from Greater Boston’s ride-hailing, taxi, and livery industries, utilities, municipalities, state agencies, environmental groups and private-sector companies, identified a set of 14 proposals to reduce barriers to electric vehicle use among ride for hire drivers. Five were prioritized for implementation within the next year.

The electrification of the ride for hire sector – comprised of ride-hailing companies like Uber and Lyft as well as the taxi and livery industries – is part of a broader effort to support the use of less carbon-intensive forms of transportation in the Commonwealth.

“Electrifying the ride-hailing, taxi and livery industries is key to reaching the state’s carbon emis-

sions reduction goals,” said Megan Aki, Clean Energy and Climate Systems Manager at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC).

“Over the past several years, Massachusetts has seen a rapid growth of ride-hailing vehicles on the road,” said Alison Felix, MAPC Principal Planner. “Although these numbers dipped during the pandemic, we can expect these vehicles to return over time.”

In 2019, TNCs provided 91.1 million rides – about 12 percent more than 2018 and 41 percent more than 2017. This steady increase took place statewide and in cities and towns of all sizes. A 2018 MAPC report estimated that ride-hailing had a net carbon footprint of nearly 100,000 metric tons.

Many Uber and Lyft drivers are from underserved and low-income communities and the majority of rides start or end in low-income communities. The Working Group took this context into account as proposals were developed, forming strategies that will help low-income drivers and communities gain access to electric vehicles and EV infrastructure.

“The Baker-Polito Administration is committed to bold action to cut pollution from transportation and achieve the Commonwealth’s target of Net Zero emissions by 2050,” said Dan Gatti, Director of Clean Transportation Policy for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. “Electrifying vehicles for hire can play an important role in helping Massachusetts reduce emissions from the transportation sector, and we’re pleased to collaborate with our partners across industries and sectors through this working group.”

MAPC served as the primary convener and facilitator for the working group, which met five times between October 2020 and April 2021 to develop and reach a consensus on the recommendations.

Proposals focused on vehicle incentives, charging infrastructure, dedicated funding sources, and education and driver incentives.

The five recommendations prioritized for implementation in the next year are:

- The Administration should establish an electric

vehicle rebate for qualified high-milage fleet operators and drivers under the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) program.

- The Administration should establish an electric vehicle rebate for low- to moderate-income drivers.
- Utilities should support residential charging in the next iteration of their EV Make-Ready program, which offers incentives to offset the costs of installing electric vehicle charging stations.
- Utilities should file proposals for an electric vehicle charging rate structure. (Traditional rate structures feature demand charges, which can be very high for electric vehicle charging stations that are quick and power-intensive.)
- The Administration should collect and publish anonymized and aggregated origin/destination data from ride-for-hire providers to help inform where charging infrastructure should go.

Read the full list of recommendations and learn more at: [www.mapc.org/resource-library/ride4hire-electric](http://www.mapc.org/resource-library/ride4hire-electric).

# Repeat sex offender sentenced to significant prison term

Staff Report

A man previously imprisoned for a break-in rape was sentenced to more than two decades in state prison yesterday after a Suffolk Superior Court jury convicted him of committing nearly identical offenses while on GPS monitoring and house arrest, District Attorney Rachael Rollins said.

On August 10, 2021, at the conclusion of his Superior Court trial, a jury found Edwin Castro, 32, of Chelsea, guilty of home invasion, assault with intent to rape, armed assault with intent to rob, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (knife) and indecent assault and battery. During a sentencing hearing yesterday, Judge Janet Sanders agreed with the Commonwealth and imposed a term of 20 to 24 years in state prison to be followed by five years of probation.

“As District Attorney, I made a promise to the residents of Suffolk County that I would direct my office’s limited resources to addressing the serious and violent crimes that cause the greatest harm in our communities. We will always fight to protecting our community from individuals like Mr. Castro, who has proven repeatedly that he is a serious threat to the safety of women in Suffolk County. It is Mr. Castro’s violent, sexual actions that got him where he is today. I’m grateful to my team and the Chelsea Police Department for their work to hold this individual accountable for his actions,” District Attorney Rollins said. “Rape is horrible crime. I have described it as a homicide where the person lives. The victim is often forever changed. They survive, but often as a different person then they were. To take such a sacred part of someone requires the most severe of punishments.”

During the course of three days of testimony, Assistant District Attorney Ian Polumbaum, Chief of District Attorney Rollins’ Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit, introduced evidence and testimony that Mr. Castro exited his Broadway residence and entered a multi-family home across the street at approximately 7:00 a.m. on October 12, 2018. When a female resident of the building opened her door to leave for work, she encountered Mr. Castro wearing a ski mask and holding a knife. He forced her into her apartment at knife point, demanded money and sexually assaulted the victim. In spite of her attacker’s demands that she not scream, the victim repeatedly cried for help and attempted to flee. Mr. Castro ran from the building and back to his home after the victim continued to resist the attack.

A neighbor heard the victim’s screams and the violent struggle for help and called 911. Chelsea Police arrived at the location after the assailant fled and began an investigation.

At the time of the attack, Mr. Castro was free on bail in 2017 case charging him with breaking and entering. The conditions of release in that pending case required Mr. Castro to wear a GPS monitor and stay inside his own house. GPS ev-

idence corroborated that Mr. Castro left his home and crossed to the victim’s home, barely outside the house-arrest zone, during the period surrounding the 2018 attack. In addition, DNA on the victim’s torn clothing was matched to Mr. Castro.

In recommending a lengthy term of imprisonment, District Attorney Rollins’ office cited Mr. Castro’s history of serious offenses. At age 16, Mr. Castro was indicted under the state’s Youthful Offender statute in connection with a 2005 breaking and entering, armed robbery and rape for which he was ultimately sentenced to six to eight years in prison. Like the most recent case, the 2005 event involved an early-morning masked, knife-point attack on a woman in her own home only yards from where Mr. Castro lived.

“This individual preyed on women in the community he called home. We as women have every right to be safe in our homes, in our neighborhoods and out in any community. Sexual assault is not a women’s problem. This type of violence impacts everyone. We are your mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, nieces, cousins, wives, girlfriends, partners, and grandmothers. Our trauma impacts you. Men need to stand up and call out inappropriate sexual behavior when they see it. Fathers and caretakers need to teach their sons about respect and consent and reprimand inappropriate behavior. Until we acknowledge sexual assault as the enormous societal problem that it is, we will unfortunately continue to see sexual violence continue,” District Attorney Rollins said. “My office remains available to this brave survivor and the survivors of all sexual violence. We are available to provide culturally-competent services in the language that survivors are most comfortable and to connect them with the resources they deserve and are entitled to. I also want to thank the neighbor that got involved and called the police. Their quick actions made an enormous difference.”

Sexual assault can happen to anyone. While the victims of any crime are asked to call 911 in an emergency, survivors of sexual violence can also call their local rape crisis center for free and confidential services and to discuss their options. Support is available for all survivors of sexual violence, regardless of whether they wish to take part in a criminal prosecution. Services by city and town can be found at [www.janedoe.org/find\\_help/search](http://www.janedoe.org/find_help/search).

In Suffolk County, the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center offers a free and confidential 24-hour hotline at 800-841-8371. The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center provides medical accompaniment and many other free services to victims of rape and sexual assault. Suffolk victim-witness advocates can assist in referrals to BARCC and a wide array of non-profit service providers who can offer additional support and services.

Alexander Jaramillo is the assigned victim witness advocate. Mr. Castro was represented by attorney Christopher Kenney.

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# Massachusetts virtual job fair aims to connect the unemployed to available jobs

Staff Report

In anticipation of federal pandemic-related unemployment benefits ending Sept. 4 the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and MassHire Career Centers across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announced that the MassHire: Massachusetts Virtual Job Fair will run August 16 – 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. daily.

“The end of federal enhanced unemployment benefits on September 4

means that for 300,000 people across the Commonwealth, payments will stop,” said Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta. “We have amped up our services to help people find jobs and these efforts include the virtual job fair.”

Federal unemployment insurance (UI) benefits that stop the week ending September 4, 2021 include FPUC, PUA, PEUC, and MEUC. No weeks after that will be paid even if claimants show a balance

or remaining weeks.

“For those affected, it is critical that you begin looking for work now, and our Re-Employment Center and MassHire Career Centers are here to help,” said Secretary Acosta. “We invite the unemployed and underemployed to start with the virtual job fair, which is the state’s largest job fair to date.”

This five-day, free event is part of an increased effort to connect jobseekers to employers and more than 200,000

available jobs, and features general industry days, plus focused days in high-need areas like hospitality, healthcare/human services, technology, and education. Learn how to register, see a list of participating employers—855 and counting—, and view job fair partners at [mass.gov/jobfair](https://mass.gov/jobfair).

In a video that encourages jobseekers to attend the MassHire: Massachusetts Virtual Job Fair, Governor Charlie Baker states, “Massachusetts is returning to work and our

Administration wants to put you in the best possible position we can to help you succeed.”


The job fair will be hosted on Premier Virtual where jobseekers can video chat with employers, submit resumes, review job openings, and find company information. Training for how to register on this platform is available through MassHire.

MassHire also offers additional resources for jobseekers such as weekly webinars, Thurs-

days at 10 a.m. running through September 30, training opportunities, career workshops, and more. Information is available at [mass.gov/jobseeker](https://mass.gov/jobseeker).

In addition, MassHire offers multiple programs for employers including weekly webinars, Thursdays at 2 p.m. running through September 30, Bizworks, Workshare, and more. Information is available at [mass.gov/em](https://mass.gov/em)ployer.

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500 Broadway  
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval for a bus stop improvement at Park Street and Hawthorn Street.  
Per Order  
Chief Brian A. Kyes  
Chairperson

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Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the elimination of one parking spot along Second Street, between Broadway and Winnisimmet Street, due to a refurbishment project at Chelsea Square and Second Street.  
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

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• Relocate three (3) JO poles, p.3/100,9.3/101, and p.3/102 on the northerly side of Broadway at a point approximately 48' from existing pole locations on the southerly side of Broadway. This petition is necessary to accommodate new construction. The public is invited to attend.  
Fidel Maltex  
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# Tenacity celebrates its successful tennis program at season-ending awards day at Voke Park

By Cary Shuman

Ned Eames said tennis is a sport that you can play for a lifetime. The CEO of the renowned Tenacity program, Eames was a standout player at Doherty High School when he advanced to the state finals to compete against Tim Mayotte, who went on to become a top-10 professional player in the world.

Eames came to Voke Park Aug. 13 for the Tenacity Summer Tennis and Reading Program's season-ending awards celebration and luncheon for Chelsea youths who were given the opportunity to learn how to play tennis this summer in the Tenacity program.

Tenacity started in Boston 22 years ago. The program expanded to Worcester before Chelsea became the third community in Massachusetts to be honored with its presence.

"We had a very motivating, energizing, joyful program – tennis and reading – for the kids every morning of the week," said Eames.

Tenacity, which is a non-profit charity, collaborated on its summer program with the Chelsea Recreation and Cultural Affairs Division which is under the direction of Bea Cravatta.

"Working with Bea has been an absolute delight," said Eames. "Tenacity really prides itself and loves to work as a public-private partnership. It's been a joy to partner with Bea and the City of Chelsea to provide this program for Chelsea



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino thanks Tenacity CEO Ned Eames for bringing the outstanding youth tennis instructional program to Chelsea this summer.

kids this summer."

Eames, who played Division 1 college tennis at San Diego State, said he continues to enjoy the sport as a player.

"I'm now in my early 60s and I play 4-5 times a week in the summer and love it," relates Eames. "Tennis is a sport of a lifetime and that's one of the beauties of this summer site for the players. They're getting introduced to a sport that can be a sport for a lifetime."

Eames grew up in Worcester's Plumley Village housing project, where he was first introduced to tennis. "Tennis became the activity I really loved as a teenager and helped me navigate those difficult teen years. I know what tennis and other sports and activities can do for young kids."

Looking back to his state championship match against Mayotte, Eames said, "Not surprisingly, Tim won, 7-5, 6-2."

But in the long run, Chelsea has won by having Tenacity here in the city.



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Tenacity CEO Ned Eames, Site Supervisor Richard Wilson, Senior Staff member Alberto Valle, and Junior Staff member John Paul Nowicki are pictured with players on Team Tenacity who won the gold medal in the Olympics-style competition during the Tenacity summer program.



From left, Ned Eames, Founder & CEO of Tenacity; Alberto Valle, Senior Staff; John Nowicki, Junior Staff; Richard Wilson, Site Supervisor; Carolina Rivera; Junior Staff; Omar Miranda, Manager, Chelsea Recreation; Bea Cravatta, Director, Chelsea Recreation; Matt Johnstone, Director, Tenacity's Tennis & Summer Operations.



Mayor's Cup Tournament semifinalist Clara Camargos, with her mother, Quitiana Moreno, her brother, Victor Camargos, and Site Supervisor Richard Wilson, at the Tenacity awards celebration at Voke Park.



Aaliyah Trotman, recipient of the Best Friend Award, pictured with her grandmother, Eula Balloon, her mother, Tracey Trotman, and her father, Maurice Trotman. Aaliyah is also the goddaughter of former Chelsea High All-Scholastic quarterback Reggie Wilkerson.



Chelsea Public Health Director Flor Amaya, Tenacity CEO Ned Eames, and parent Vera Martins.



Tenacity CEO Ned Eames (right) joins Tenacity staff members and participants at the summer tennis program's season-ending celebration at Voke Park.



News in Brief

SERVE ON THE ARPA BOARD – GET PAID!

Signed into effect by President Biden on March 11, 2021, the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) seeks to help the country recover from the devastating impacts of the pandemic, providing emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. The City of Chelsea expects to receive a total of \$40,323,106 from the American Rescue Plan Act over the next year.

Some \$15 million will be dedicated toward initiatives and priorities developed by the community. The City is seeking residents interested in serving on the new ARPA Community Advisory Committee to create a roadmap for using ARPA funds.

To know more, please watch the last informative session at <https://www.facebook.com/Chelsea-CommunityCable/videos/813259366028638> or visit <https://www.chelseama.gov/arpa>.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY 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.

HOOVER STREET RETAINING WALL

The City of Chelsea and the Department of Public Works announced that construction has started on Hoover Street that will result in a new retaining wall and drainage system. Parking will be affected during the duration of the project, which is expected to be completed in September. If you have any questions on this project, please contact Lou Mammolette at (617) 293-1799.

Click the link below for more information: <https://www.chelseama.gov/public-infrastructure-projects>

STOP THE SPREAD TESTING UNTIL OCTOBER

The “Stop the Spread” COVID-19 Testing Program has been extended through October 31, so Chelsea residents will continue to be able to use the testing site located in the tent outside of City Hall until the end of October.

Given the infectious nature of the Delta variant for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, the City encourages everyone to get tested regularly.

Anyone experiencing even mild symptoms and anyone who has had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 should get tested.

Read more at <https://www.chelseama.gov/FreeTestings>

ORANGE STREET AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Planning the transformation of 41-43 Orange Street into affordable housing is underway. The City Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board is looking for your feedback on community needs. Your comments will help inform development decisions. This survey will inform decision-making in the stages of architecture, design and economic viability of the project. <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdF-cleaC81pZu.../viewform>

For more information visit <https://courbanize.com/projects/41-43-orange-st/information>

WEDNESDAY MOVIE NIGHTS

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. 25, Babe (Clark Avenue School Amphitheatre)

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

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 Homeowner 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: Pfizer (for ages 12+) – 1st and 2nd shots.

One-Dose Johnson & Johnson (for ages 18+)

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

FEDERAL RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

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

\$10 million per business in COVID-19 relief for payroll costs, rental payments, debt service and more. If used correctly, these funds don’t have

to be refunded. Priority will be given in the first 21 days to restaurants owned by women, veterans and socially or economically disadvantaged groups. Learn more about the restaurant revitalization fund at <https://www.sba.gov/restaurants>. Get help with your application by calling 1-844-279-8898.

TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS AVAILABLE

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

- Private Property (including privately owned parking lots.)
- Sidewalks.

- Other public spaces such as streets or parking spaces adjacent to your establishment (Permits to use such adjacent streets or parking spaces require approval from the Traffic Commission).

Permits are valid through November 5, 2021 or 60 days until after the Governor ends the Pandemic. With each of these options, restaurants that currently serve alcohol may also serve alcohol outdoors in accordance with the Licensing guidelines. Apply for a permit online: Application for 2021 Temporary Outdoor Dining for Restaurants and Eateries. The City will also offer free technical assistance to business owners who need help with outdoor space design. To coordinate a meeting with the team, please contact Lourdes Alvarez via email at [lalvarez@chelseama.gov](mailto:lalvarez@chelseama.gov) or by calling 617-487-9763. Read more at [www.chelseama.gov/OutdoorDining](http://www.chelseama.gov/OutdoorDining).

State hits milestone of awarding more than \$100 million in skills capital

Staff Report

The state announced Monday \$9.7 million in grants from the Skills Capital Grant Program to 47 educational organizations across the Commonwealth to update equipment and expand student enrollment in programs that provide career education. The awards announced today mark \$102 million in total funding provided to high schools, colleges and other educational organizations since the program’s inception in 2015.

Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta and Education Secretary James Peyser visited Peabody Veterans Memorial High School to announce the awards and to tour the high school’s electrical engineering and culinary arts classrooms, which received a \$175,000 award last year.

The Skills Capital Grant Program was originally launched in 2015 with the goal of replacing outdated equipment and technology, mainly at vocational technical high schools and community colleges. Since then, the program has evolved into a crucial component of local workforce training efforts by expanding the number of young people and adults trained and experienced with the newest technologies used by local employers. Approximately 40,000 students across

the Commonwealth have directly benefitted from these grants.

“The Skills Capital Grants have helped give thousands of young people opportunities in high-demand jobs, and the grants have had a tremendous impact on students, schools and local businesses,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “These significant investments made over the past six years in this program with our partners in the Legislature will help train students to adapt to the changing needs of our economy.”

Since 2015, 387 grants totaling more than \$102 million have been awarded to 187 different schools and educational institutions across the Commonwealth, with many organizations receiving multiple grants over the years. The state’s investment also helped institutions leverage the grants to gain an additional \$25 million in local matching funds.

The competitive grants are awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with local businesses, as well as align curriculum and credentials with industry demand to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the state. The 2018 Economic Development Bill, filed by the Governor and passed by the Legislature, established an additional \$75 million in Skills Capital Grant funding over five years.

About two-thirds of the

investments made with the grants are directly aligned to reduce skills gaps in high priority industry sectors, including health care, manufacturing, IT and skilled trades. A percentage of the funding, about 5 percent, has been invested in multi-year strategic projects in manufacturing, healthcare and energy training programs which are projected to have significant regional impact.

Approximately 68 percent of the funds have been awarded to traditional high schools and vocational technical schools, 24 percent going to colleges, and another 8 percent to community-based organizations. A focus of the more recent grant awards has been the launch and expansion of the Governor’s Career Technical Initiative, which supports vocational-technical schools in expanding their impact by operating programs in the afternoons for local high school students and in the evenings for workers and adult learners.

In January 2020, the Administration began awarding larger multi-year grants, allowing educational institutions to apply for either one or two years of funding. In this round of grants, Massachusetts Bay Community College received a two-year grant totaling \$750,000 to purchase new equipment to support students in the nursing and allied health programs. Entities which receive two-year awards require a local matching

contribution of \$1 to every \$3 of state funding.

The Skills Capital Grants are awarded by Governor Baker’s Workforce Skills Cabinet, which was created in 2015 to bring together the Secretariats of Education, Labor and Workforce Development, and Housing and Economic Develop-

ment to align education, economic development, and workforce policies in order to strategize around how to meet employers’ demand for skilled workers in every region of the Commonwealth.

The following local organizations received awards in this round:

- Northeast Metropoli-

tan Regional Vocational High School, Wakefield - \$61,000, Allied Health Programs: The school will upgrade and modernize equipment in the health assisting and dental assisting programs, which serves more than 180 students.

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