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Above, Assistant Supt. of Chelsea Schools Adam DeLeidi is pictured with parents and students as they walked to the entrance for the first day of the new school year. See Page 7 for more photos.

## BACK TO SCHOOL IN CHELSEA

Chelsea students returned to school. Teachers greeted students and their families as they gathered. Students will be required to wear masks for in-person learning until at least October 1, according to the mandate by Commissioner Jeff Riley, unless they have an existing medical issue preventing the student from wearing a mask.



Right, Malik Howshan, Coordinator of the Extended Learning Program, pictured with students Gissella Vila-Guardado, Bryan Rodriguez Guardado, Alan Rodriguez-Guardado, and Emely Ayala on the Chelsea public schools' first day of the new school year.

## Markey hosts Climate Action Conversation

By John Lynds

At a Climate Action Conversation at the New England Aquarium last Thursday U.S. Sen. Ed Markey called the global warming crisis a 'Code Red' and outlined steps needed to be taken now to ensure a sustainable future for the planet.

Markey was at the Aquarium to call for the passing of the \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation package in congress.

"We join together at the New England Aquarium to talk about the severe reality of climate change and the urgency of this moment," said Markey. "The budget resolution represents our best opportunity to confront the climate crisis with jobs and justice. Let's get it done."

Markey, co-author of the Green New Deal resolution

and Chair of the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate and Nuclear Safety, said all the signs of a warming planet are evident, the science is pretty conclusive and the need to act is now.

"This is a code red," said Markey last week. "We are also seeing the real impacts of the climate crisis in our country. With the wildfires in the West, where people have lost homes and families have been broken apart, these extreme weather events are causing crises like the Dixie Fire in California. This is real, whether it was in 2020 or today the United States is experiencing extreme weather events regularly."

Most recently Hurricane Henri, said Markey, could have been a catastrophe for Downtown and other Boston coastal neighborhoods.

"If the tide was just five feet higher the day Henri hit

we would have had a storm surge that would have put downtown and other Boston neighborhoods under water," said Markey.

Of the budget resolution Markey said, "This (budget resolution) will be a generational investment in the future of our people and our planet. It confronts our climate crisis and gives working people a fair shake, all while making corporations and the ultra-wealthy finally pay their fair share. For too long, the playing field has been tilted towards the rich and powerful and against working Americans who bear the brunt of climate change, economic inequality, racial injustice, and the COVID-19 pandemic. This budget resolution puts us on a path to address these

interlocking crises, including taking meaningful and powerful action on the climate crisis. We can create millions of good, union jobs and unleash clean energy technologies that are made in America. I look forward to working with my Democratic colleagues to pass this budget for the American people."

Markey said recently the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued its Sixth Assessment Report, which details how human activity is unequivocally driving global temperature rise and changes in weather at unprecedented rates. The IPCC report finds that global temperatures will contin-

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Celebrate Safely

## Council looking at affordable housing opportunities

By Adam Swift

The City Council is continuing its discussions on the appropriation of \$75,000 for appraisal and consulting services that could eventually lead to the creation of affordable home ownership opportunities on Suffolk Street and Congress Avenue.

The Council's Subcommittee on Conference held a second meeting on the issue on Monday evening. If approved by the full City Council, down the line the appraisals could lead to the friendly taking or taking by eminent domain of parcels by the City, according to Council President Roy Avellaneda.

"The first step is to get the appraisal values to see what parcels could be involved," said Avellaneda.

The Council President said there has been some misunderstanding

about the process, and that the city is not spending \$75,000 to take anyone's homes or properties by eminent domain. The money currently under consideration is only for the appraisal services.

"We are trying to engage with the parcel and lot owners," said Avellaneda. "A lot of those parcels are unused and empty."

Avellaneda said there is the opportunity for the creation of affordable deed ownership homes along the stretch. While there have been a number of affordable rental developments either proposed or built over the past several years, Avellaneda has pushed for more affordable home ownership opportunities.

"At the end of the day, I am steadfast in my goal

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## Events set for Lewis Latimer's 173rd birthday commemoration

By Cary Shuman

Well-known Chelsea brothers Ronald Robinson and Leo Robinson have been promoting the extraordinary work of Black American inventor and scientist Lewis Howard Latimer in the city for more than 20 years.

Mr. Latimer was born in Chelsea on Sept. 4, 1848.

The Robinsons, who founded the Latimer Society in 1998, have decided to honor Mr. Latimer on the 173rd anniversary of his birthday with a series of event.

The Robinson-led schedule will begin today with a special Thomas Edison-Lewis Latimer lightbulb exhibit at Gallery 456, located at 456 Broadway, Chelsea.

Another major event on the schedule will be an outdoor exhibit at Port Park on Marginal Street.

"Our activities are based on the life of Lewis Latimer, where he lived in Chelsea, and information about his work for a number of years with Thomas Edison in Edison's legal department defending his patents," said Ronald. "He [Latimer] was also an original member and the only Black American member of the Edison Pioneers."

The Latimer Society has drawn plaudits for its annual science festival at Port Park. Unfortunately, the event had be rescheduled last year to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Leo Robinson and Ronald Robinson, co-directors of the Lewis Latimer Society, have planned a series of events this month to honor the esteemed inventor and scientist on the anniversary of his 173rd birthday. Mr. Latimer, who collaborated with Thomas Edison on many projects, was born in Chelsea in 1848.

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## TRASH NOTICE

Trash will be delayed by one day due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, Sept. 6







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>.

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>

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, shut-

tle 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 25. 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 3-7 pm.
- Saturdays and Sundays 10 am - 5 pm.
- Mondays, 2-6 pm

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

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

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.

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>

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

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Terry and Joe England – 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

Terry and Joe met in Boston at a Valentines Day dance 48 years ago and one thing led to another. Joe was in the navy.

“We bought in 1972 before the fire. It missed us, thank god! The kids were still young when we started to get involved. Within five years the city started to get crazy and this is when we started to get interested in TND [Chelsea Neighborhood Developers.] and SNI [Safe Neighborhood Initiative]. We had a lot of neighbors, back then we knew a lot of people, and the kids played together, but they’ve all moved away.

There were all kinds of people moving in. At first



Terry and Joe England.

Cambodians moved in, and then Spanish people moved in. The Cambodians all left, just like the Jewish people. Chelsea was very highly populated with Jewish people I heard, and they migrated out too.

I wish people would take pride in where they live. A lot of people don’t care, they just want to pass it on the landlord. If you look up and down the streets all you see is

trash. That causes diseases and mice and rats. Just use common sense and put trash in the trash. That’s what I wish would happen, take pride in their city. And the cars with the rolling boom boxes, that drives me crazy. The people are fine, the people are great, that’s not the problem, it’s just the look.

It’s lot better than it was. Everyplace has it’s own problems, but it looks a heck of a lot better now.”

FRESH & LOCAL

Dips for Dinner

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In a recent New York Times Food video, host Vaughn Vreeland cooked a week of meals for himself as a solo diner. He made dips for dinner for one of the meals and inspired us to explore this menu option.

You can collect a few dips with a visit to a grocery store or as takeout from restaurants with dip-pable or spreadable items on the menu. (Most dips can be used as spreads, so we are including both ways of enjoying them.) The healthiest and perhaps tastiest options can come from your kitchen with an assist from a food processor, blender, or mortar and pestle.

Healthy Dip Options

Penny went straight to her favorite bean cook-books as a starting place for planning this menu. Many cultures rely on beans or legumes as a base for a dip or spread. Our favorite source for dried beans is Rancho Gordo. Their cookbook, “Heirloom Beans: Great Recipes for Dips and Spreads, Soups and Stews, Salads and Salsas, and Much More from Rancho Gordo” is a great place to start.

One of this book’s recipes combines black beans with cauliflower. That can be spread on toast or scooped up with a tortilla or flatbread. By combining the beans with a grain you create a complete protein. If you add a chopped vegetable like the cauliflower, you have added both flavor and nutrition.

Dips for dinner could also be a mezze (also called



Here’s a pantry-ready spread. Mash a can of smoked trout, add a bit of plain yogurt, season with pepper, and serve with multigrain crackers and celery sticks.

meze or mezza) spread. Penny enjoyed a MasterClass on this topic hosted by Yotam Ottolenghi. In his class notes he wrote, “If you’re going to serve a mezze spread, there are a few things to keep in mind. First, there’s the matter of making things in advance—cooking and serving so many different dishes in one meal is a lot of work. Fortunately, many components can be made well ahead of time, and plenty of dishes taste better the next day.” His choice of mezze included Muhammara (a roasted pepper dip), a pea spread, and a garlic hummus recipe.

You can also mix up dips from different cultures to make an international selection. Two Italian favorites are Tuscan bean dip and Sicilian caponata. You could even top the bean spread with the caponata the way you might top a red lentil dal dip from India with chutney.

Leftovers Can Be Dippable Flavor

As you read through dip and spread recipes you’ll see that there is a lot of freedom for the cook to exchange one ingredient for

another. This means that these dishes are the perfect place to use up bits of flavor sitting in your refrigerator as a leftover. If you have an extra ear of corn, cut it off the cob and add it to salsa or bean-based dip. Leftover greens sautéed with garlic and olive oil just need a can of cannellini beans and a minute in a blender or food processor to be ready to dip or spread.

And, if you prefer to let the pros do the preparation, you’ll find shelves of hummus, dips, and spreads in supermarkets. When we visit the Middle Eastern markets in Watertown, we always bring home a few containers of the various mezze they offer. Baba ganoush is a favorite because it takes a bit more work than many of the recipes mentioned here.

You could also sample a dinner or brunch of dips and spreads at a local restaurant. Try anoush’ella in the South End or Krazi Meze & Wine in the Back Bay.

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## ENJOY A SAFE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

There's a temptation for people to splurge at the end of things. We all are familiar with the idea, "If this is the last, let's make it a blast!"

We don't have anything against that sentiment, but all too often that sort of mindset leads to risky behavior and tragic outcomes.

If there is nothing else we have learned after being in the newspaper business for more than 50 years, it is this: A person can do everything right and live by the book for their entire life, but all it takes is one mistake of judgment that can change everything, both for themselves and others.

Persons who otherwise might not have a drinking problem can indulge just a bit too much at an event such as an end-of-summer celebration and -- presto, in the snap of a finger -- they have killed or maimed themselves or others in a driving, boating, or other accident.

And then there are the problem drinkers among us who look for any excuse to "celebrate," which means getting hammered at a Labor Day weekend gathering, instantly making them a threat to the safety of themselves and others.

However, the usual excessive partying is not the only danger we face this Labor Day weekend. The Delta variant of COVID-19 is lurking everywhere and no one -- not even the vaccinated -- are safe from infection.

As we are writing this, the forecast calls for a sunny Labor Day weekend with pleasant temperatures in the 70s (a welcome respite after our washouts of the Memorial Day and July 4 holiday weekends), which means that we will be able to engage in our Labor Day activities outdoors where we can socialize safely -- though from a distance.

But if our festivities are not outside, all of us need to be wary of gathering indoors unless everybody is masked.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

## THE 13 SERVICE MEMBERS WERE TRUE HEROES

Every American was saddened last week upon hearing the news of the suicide bombing by a terrorist in Afghanistan that claimed the lives of 13 U.S. service men and women, 11 of whom were Marines and one each from the Army and Navy.

If any of our readers have not had a chance to read the personal stories of these brave and dedicated young men and women, we encourage you to do so. Their life-stories are inspirational and demonstrate the high-quality of the dedicated individuals who serve in our armed forces today. They were amazing young men and women who came from disparate backgrounds and from all across the country, but who stood united in their desire to show the world the best that America can be.

These 13 service members knew of the danger they were facing outside of the Abbey Gate at Kabul's Hamid Karzai Airport, yet they continued to process the hundreds of Afghan nationals who were seeking to come to the United States to flee persecution from the Taliban.

They did their duty in the face of danger for which they made the ultimate sacrifice.

Contrary to what the pundits and usual-suspect politicians are saying, the incredible effort by these 13 soldiers and their comrades that resulted in the airlifting of more than 125,000 of our Afghanistan allies stands as a testament to the ability of our military to complete its mission.

No other nation on earth could have accomplished what we did in Afghanistan over the past two weeks -- and no other nation even remotely will be able to come close in the future.

Our military could have packed its bags and said, "Good luck," when the Afghan government fled, but instead we made a herculean effort to get our people and allies out of the country.

The Supreme Sacrifice made by those 13 servicemen and women forever will stand as a reminder to the world of America's resolve and strength, which once again has proven that we are the greatest and strongest nation on earth by any measure.

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Dr. Glenn Mollette

Afghanistan is an unending nightmare that will never go away.

We got Osama Bin Laden. We wanted to avenge the heinous deaths of September 11, 2001. We were all mad and we are still angry about what evil people did on that day. We will never forget. We could have covertly taken out Bin Laden and many more terrorists without all that our political leaders have done over the last 20 years.

Thousands of parents lost their children in Afghanistan. Thousands of spouses lost husbands and wives. Children lost their parents. These precious Americans will suffer the rest of their lives over the loss of their loved ones.

The long Afghanistan war broke the hearts of Americans as 6,294 Mil-

## Afghanistan will never go away

itary and American contractors have been killed. Sixty-six thousand Afghan national military and police have been killed. Over 47,000 Afghan civilians killed. Aid workers killed. Journalists killed. The Afghanistan and Iraq war has cost Americans \$2 trillion. Financially it will never be over for most living Americans.

There are reports that the United States has committed to pay \$2 trillion more in health care, disability, burial and other costs for roughly 4 million Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans. America has a tough job caring for our own Veterans. For years we did a very poor job of providing good care for Veterans with physical and mental needs.

The estimated interest costs of these wars by 2050 is \$6.5 trillion.

There will never be an end to our 20-year nightmare war in Afghanistan. Families will suffer every day from the grief of the loss of loved ones who sacrificed their lives. Every year we all will pay on the trillions of dollars in debt created by the war. For the rest of most American's lives, we will pay on the trillions of dollars of money that we have committed to care for Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans. As we pay these huge obligations, Americans will struggle to pay for health care. Senior adults will be given minimal cost of living increases. American young people will be buried by college debt.

Further, reports indicate that we have handed over to the Taliban approximately 22,000 Humvees, 8000 large trucks, 42,000 pick-up trucks, 358,000

assault rifles, 64,000 machine guns and 126,000 pistols, plus 155 mine proof vehicles. We have equipped them with billions of dollars of high-priced items that we will pay on forever. They will use American equipment to dominate a defenseless nation of people that will now be left behind to try to survive a revitalized Taliban.

We may be finally leaving Afghanistan, but Afghanistan, for our generation, will never go away.

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

## Florence & Chafetz expands assisted living memory care with twelve new apartments

Florence & Chafetz Home, a specialized memory support residence operated by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, is pleased to announce the expansion of its assisted living memory care residences on September 1, 2021. The twelve newly open private studio apartments, each with a private bathroom, showcase bright and airy common spaces that foster resident interaction in a secure environment.

"When we embarked upon the expansion, our goal was to create memory care apartments with an open concept setting," said Kristen Donnelly, Executive Director of Florence & Chafetz Home and Cohen Florence Levine Estates Assisted Living. "Most importantly, these new living spaces enable our residents with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia to walk about freely yet safely."

Interior design elements such as bright color schemes and an abundance of natural light were specially selected to enhance the warm, calm, and comforting environment."



A huge activity room is one of the features in the new complex.

The apartments feature individual heat and air conditioning control, handicap accessible bathrooms, and showers with seats. Many of the new spaces overlook the expansive grounds and courtyard. Common spaces include living room, café with fresh baked goods, library, courtyard, dining room, salon and huge activity room.

"We have been receiv-

ing so many requests for memory care assisted living," said Jennifer Fazekas, Director of Marketing for Chelsea Jewish Lifecare. Added Jen, "It is gratifying to offer the local community new living options for those who need specialized care." Located on scenic Admiral's Hill at 201 Captains Row, the assisted living offers 69 studio and one bedroom apartments for traditional assisted living and 36 for memory care.

For information and/or to book a tour, please con-

tact Jennifer Fazekas at [jfazekas@chelseajewish.org](mailto:jfazekas@chelseajewish.org) or call 617-887-0826.

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, a highly respected leader in senior living, employs over 1500 people and provides care to over 1500 individuals daily, with campuses in Chelsea, Peabody, West Roxbury and Longmeadow MA. Offering a full continuum of services, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare ([www.chelseajewish.org](http://www.chelseajewish.org)) is redefining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The eldercare community includes a wide array of short-term rehab and long-term care residences, ALS and MS specialized care residences, traditional and specialized assisted living options, memory care, independent living, adult day health, ventilator care, home care and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.

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LABOR DAY TRAVEL ADVISORY

MassDOT advises to expect high volume of traffic Thursday and Friday afternoons

RMV centers closed Monday; scheduled construction to halt Sept. 3 - 7

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is advising the public to plan ahead for Labor Day Weekend travel, drive in off peak hours if possible, utilize available technology tools for trips including [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), consider public transportation if possible to reach destinations and bring a face-covering as some municipalities have a mask mandate for indoor venues.

“We expect traffic levels to be high this Labor Day Weekend especially during the afternoon hours on Thursday and Friday,” said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. “Anyone driving should plan ahead, anticipate that trips will take longer than expected, and if possible use public transportation to reach destinations.”

Due to the anticipated higher than normal daily traffic volumes for several days leading up to and including Monday, Labor Day, MassDOT is taking several steps to ease congestion:

- Shutting down scheduled non-emergency con-

struction effective at 5 a.m., Friday, September 3. Scheduled road work will then resume at the start of normal business hours on Tuesday, September 7.

- Deploying the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on I-93 between Boston and Quincy earlier than usual in the afternoon by opening at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 2 and at 1:00 p.m., on Friday, September 3. The HOV lane will be closed on Monday, September 6. The HOV will have normal hours Thursday and Friday mornings, from 5 a.m. through 10 a.m. Normal deployment resumes on Tuesday, September 7.
- The additional “swing lane” on Route 1A southbound at the Sumner Tunnel will be closed on Monday, September 6. Normal deployment resumes on Tuesday, September 7, from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

At Boston Logan International Airport, Worcester Regional Airport, Hanscom Field and Flynn Cruiseport Boston, passenger and employee safety is Massport’s top priority. A federal mask mandate remains in place at all transportation facilities, which requires all passengers and staff to wear face covering while at the airport and cruise

terminals, as well as while riding public and private transportation systems.

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The public is reminded that Monday, September 6, is a state holiday and among offices closed are those of the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Customer service centers which have been open during the pandemic will reopen by appointment only on Tuesday, September 7. Meanwhile, AAA members may visit any AAA Northeast location by appointment for some Registry transactions and more than 40 Registry transactions can be done online: [www.mass.gov/RMV](http://www.mass.gov/RMV).

MassDOT’s Highway Assistance Program, sponsored by MAPFRE, will be increasing patrols on all major roadways to

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Due to the holiday weekend, the MBTA has released the following information regarding travel on Monday, September 6:

- All subway and commuter rail lines, buses, trackless trolleys, and commuter rails will operate on a Sunday schedule.
- There will be no ferry service on the F1 (Hingham - Boston).
- All other ferry lines will operate on a weekend schedule.
- The RIDE will operate on a Sunday schedule.
- Please note that there is no Sunday service for the Stoughton and Needham lines.
- For more information, visit: [www.mbta.com/holidays](http://www.mbta.com/holidays)
- MBTA customers are reminded that, due to COVID-19, masks are mandatory on MBTA vehicles, at MBTA stations and at bus stops.

Drivers are reminded to avoid littering on roadways. Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$5,500 for the first offense.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation wishes all members of the public a safe and enjoyable holiday.

MVES nurses work as part of interdisciplinary team in caring for individuals

Staff report

They say home is where the heart is. Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) nurses know this holds true for so many older adults so in turn they work tirelessly to help keep consumers living safely in their own homes in the 11 communities served by the agency. Nurses are a key component of the MVES interdisciplinary care team and work day-to-day in coordination with the other professional caregivers employed by MVES as well as health-care providers in short-term rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, adult day health centers, and other organizations throughout the region.

“Our nurses strive every day to provide the very best care for consumers

and they offer vital support, resources and education to family caregivers,” says Roza Budilovsky, nurse manager for MVES. “No two situations are the same so our nurses work hard to ensure that each individual care plan is customized to the unique needs of each consumer we serve.”

Not only does MVES play an important role in supporting older adults living at home, they serve as a critical bridge in helping consumers to return home safely after a hospital or short-term rehabilitation stay. “Our nurses are able to support even very complex cases where consumers are dealing with myriad health concerns or housing challenges,” stresses Budilovsky. She points out that her team adapted quickly to

the added challenges of providing in-home care during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic by leveraging additional technology and increased communication.

As part of the interdisciplinary team, MVES nurses act as a care advisors and work in partnership with MVES care managers and each individual to complete a comprehensive needs assessment and a person-centered care plan that addresses the older adult’s specific needs, personal goals, and necessary services. The care team will continue to work with the individual on an ongoing basis for as long as services are needed.

Diane Manganaro, a family caregiver from Melrose, shares that her mother Sarah Pollack has been with MVES for over 15 years and remains living independently in the single family home Diane grew up in, also in Melrose. “It’s a huge testament to the nurses and other team members at MVES that at 100 years old, my mother has been able to remain living in her beloved home,” Manganaro says. “The nurses and other professional caregivers have helped make my mother’s home

safe and put in round-the-clock supports to enable her to stay at home – home health aides, adaptive equipment, Meals on Wheels and much more. There have been so many things MVES nurses have been helpful with and their comprehensive approach has brought me tremendous peace of mind as my mother’s primary caregiver.”

The longevity of MVES nurses’ tenure and their passion for working with older adults adds tremendous value to the agency, Budilovsky shares. “Our nurses are deeply committed to helping people age in place safely and with dignity. I am constantly impressed with their dedication, knowledge and responsiveness,” she states.

“I am so grateful to have reached out to MVES for help with my mother,” Manganaro adds. “Without them, I am not sure where we would be right now. I strongly suggest contacting MVES if you need help with an aging parent or loved one. They are truly lifesavers.”

To learn more about Mystic Valley Elder Services programs, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit [www.mves.org](http://www.mves.org).



Diane Manganaro of Melrose is a family caregiver for her mother Sarah Pollack, also of Melrose, who is 100 years old and has been with MVES for over 15 years.

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# Chelsea officials welcome back CPS staff and teachers

By Record Staff

The annual convocation ceremony for the Chelsea Public School (CPS) teachers and staff was held on Monday. The ceremony was held virtually this year. The CPS staff heard welcoming remarks from City Manager Thomas Ambrosino and Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta as well as from School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia-Mirza, Kathryn Anderson, President of the Chelsea Teachers' Union and Natalie Restrepo who is a Civic Engagement Organizer at La Colaborativa of Chelsea who told of her educational experiences in the local schools.

Chelsea Teacher Peter Pappavaselio was presented with the Butterfly Award. The award is presented to one teacher each year who is selected by the teachers and staff of the school system for their work with the Chelsea students. Christine Lee, Director of Human Resources at CPS presented the award to the Pappavaselio who has worked in the system for more than a decade.

Dr. Abeyta remarks are as follow:

Dear Colleagues,  
Welcome Back! We have missed you!

As I was thinking about what to say in this convocation speech, I thought about all that we have been through since March 2020. We have been through so much together, from the initial jump into remote learning to welcoming our students back to in-person learning a year later in March 2021.

I want to thank all of

you for your work during this time. I know it has not been easy. Thank you to our operational staff for working daily during this pandemic and keeping the district running. And, thank you to our teaching and learning staff for continuing to provide instruction to our students. This past June we graduated 301 students from Chelsea High School and our students earned over 4.5 Million in scholarships. We have so much to be proud of in Chelsea!

We are living in unprecedented times! And, we have risen to the occasion and have supported our students and one another like family because in Chelsea Public Schools, we are family!

We lift our students up despite the mountains that have threatened to block us from our mission. We made a commitment to our students and families to continue to educate and welcome all, even in a pandemic! May we continue to support our students and families during this time, and may we remember why we got into education in the first place.

I am reminded of my why because it is what keeps me going through those days when the obstacles may seem insurmountable. By the time I was in second grade I had already lived in two different countries and attended two grade schools. Thus, I had gaps in my education. I can remember being in the Blue Bird reading group; that was synonymous for the low reading group. You may as well have called us the turtles. My second-grade

teacher told my mother after the first nine weeks that, "Almi likes to finish her work quickly so she can play. She's not reading on grade level and will probably grow up to be a C student." What this teacher did not know is that my mother was not about to have anyone label her child or put her child in a box; my mom was a teacher and worked with me. By the end of the year, I had caught up in every area. My mom has always believed in me and been my biggest encourager; she saw a doctor of education in me before I did!

*Many of our students in Chelsea are school dependent; thus, we need to step in and be the adult that believes and connects with them. In Chelsea Public Schools we will know our students by name, strength and story.*

Now, I'm fast forwarding to my principal days. It was 2004, and I was in my first year of the principalship. When you're a principal, you meet the students who get sent to the office and you get to build relationships and know their stories. The first student I met was a student by the name of Natalia in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Natalia would come to my office with the biggest attitude. But, I always enjoyed my time talking with Natalia. And, when she would leave my office, I would remind her that she's special and a leader. When she was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, her mother would call me and say, "Ms. Abeyta, can you please talk to Natalia.



Christine Lee, Director of Human Resources at CPS presented the Butterfly Award to Chelsea teacher Peter Pappavaselio.

She's not listening to me, and I worry for her. She listens to you." After graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I didn't see Natalia until about three years later in 2010 at the Maverick T station. I heard a, "Ms. Ms." I turned around and saw Natalia. "Ms., I'm getting my act together. I just had a baby girl, and I'm getting my GED. Thank you for always believing in me."

Then, just this past June, at the City's first Juneteenth celebration at Chelsea Square, I stopped at the La Colaborativa table and guess who is working at the table? Yes, Natalia! And, of course, she's doing well and a mother of two children. Her youngest child will be attending the ELC this year. I feel like a proud grandmother!

*We are family!* What we do impacts generations. May we know our students by name, strength and story and help them climb moun-

tains!  
I hope you have a wonderful school year and wish you the very best!

Town Manager Tom Ambrosino's remarks are as follow:

On behalf of the City, I want to welcome all of you back to the Chelsea Public Schools for the 2021-2022 academic year.

I know that at the conclusion of school in June, we were all optimistic that this school year would bring a full return to normal operations. Unfortunately, that is not the case – and it seems we all have to adjust to the new reality of living with COVID in our midst.

But even though COVID continues to occupy our time and attention, and different operational changes may be needed throughout the school year, I know that it will never detract at all from your commitment to our children. Your dedication is evident to me each time that I engage with the School Dept.

Of course, I need not remind any of you that this coming year will be unique in one particular aspect: you will be seeing this year a fair number of children who haven't been in a classroom for almost 18 months. And, given the incredible toll COVID has taken in this community, some of these children will have likely suffered from some real trauma. They will need an all of your support, patience and love.

But, I know you are all up to that task. None of you would be in this particular School District unless you had a passion for helping the most vulnerable. I know that you will do your best to comfort our returning students, make them feel safe, and give them the best educational environment possible.

The City is fully behind you in this endeavor, and wishes you the very best for making this a safe, healthy and productive school year.

## Metro Tech building project receives funding

Special to the Journal

Superintendent David DiBarri and the Northeast Metro Tech Building Committee are pleased to share that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has awarded the district a grant of up to \$140.8 million grant for a new building.

Northeast Metro is operating out of a more than 50-year-old building that requires educational, capital and maintenance improvements. The new school will address the current facility's outdated building systems, including much-needed ADA accessibility and code compliance upgrades, in addition to

overcrowding.

The new facility will allow Northeast to grow enrollment from 1,270 students to 1,600, a 26 percent increase. This is expected to dramatically shorten the district's annual waitlist, which averages 400 students.

"We are grateful to the MSBA for supporting a new Northeast Metro Tech, giving our next generation of students new and expanded opportunities," Superintendent DiBarri said. "MSBA has been a great partner throughout this process, guiding us toward a state-of-the-art career technical education center while keeping costs in check. Most importantly, this grant

significantly reduces the financial impact on residents and businesses in our 12 District communities."

"This would not have been possible without the commitment and support of the District's delegation at the State House, which advocated strongly on our behalf," Superintendent DiBarri said.

The new school will feature 21st-century learning environments, improved Individualized Education Program (IEP) accommodations, state-of-the-art shop space, expanded program offerings, a new primary access roadway from Farm Street to reduce traffic congestion, a full-size gym, a 750-seat auditorium, outdoor space for learning and a new cafeteria.

With a focus on sustainability, the project is targeting LEED Silver+ certification with energy-efficient mechanical systems, provisions for solar panels, and vegetated roofs. The compact, four-story design will feature an upper-level courtyard, roof decks, and a double-height library rotunda.

The project is estimated to cost \$317.4 million. The District will now have up to 120 days to receive support from its 12 sending communities. The District must receive all approvals before Dec. 23, 2021; doing so will result in sending com-



A rendering of the proposed Northeast Metro Tech building.

munities saving about \$24 million in additional funds.

With the vote of the MSBA Board, tax impact information for all 12 communities will be available and communities will have the opportunity to vote on the project this fall.

Updates regarding the project and details about future communi-

ty forums will be posted to the building project website here and Facebook page here, as they become available.

The project, being Designed by architect Drummey Rosane Anderson with PMA Consultants, Owner's Project Manager, and Gilbane Building Co. serving as construction manager at-risk.

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FIRST DAY OF BACK TO SCHOOL IN CHELSEA



Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta arrived early to greet third grade student Brianna Cruz Messer and her mother, Dinia Messer, on the first day of school Wednesday at the Mary C. Burke Complex.



Anthony Mellace and his son, fourth grade student Durran Mellace, pictured outside the Mary C. Burke Complex.

Photos by Cary Shumn

More than 6,000 Chelsea students began the 2021-22 academic year Wednesday morning at the ten schools in the city.

Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta personally arrived well in advance of the starting time to welcome back students at the Mary C. Burke Complex.

“We’ve been waiting for this day for a good

year-and-a-half,” said Abeyta. “To be in-person and to be all-in is very exciting.”

The COVID-19 pandemic greatly affected the previous school year as students participated in remote learning programs until mid-March when elementary and middle school students began to return to the classroom. In May, high school students returned to the classroom.

“We find that to be really helpful, because it helped everybody ease back into school,” said Abeyta. “A lot of our teachers said, ‘oh, we can do this amidst COVID-19, and we can keep everyone safe’.”

“A lot of people commented to me that they were thankful to have the last part of the [2020-21] school year in person,” said Abeyta.

Of the 6,000 returning students, Chelsea High School has the largest individual enrollment at a single school in the city with 1,500 students. The John Silber Early Learning Center has the second largest enrollment with 940 students. A virtual learning program is also making its debut this year.

School personnel and students will be wearing masks inside the school. Extra custodial staff has been hired to clean the school facilities more frequently, according to Abeyta.

“And we will be social distancing as much as possible at lunchtime,” she added.

Abeyta is being aided in the administration of the Chelsea school system by Assistant Superintendent of Schools Adam DeLeidi, the former principal of the Berkowitz School, and Michael Lovato, the former special education director in the Lowell public school district.

Interestingly, though she is beginning her third year as superintendent of schools, Abeyta was participating in her first in-person, opening day of the school year.

“It’s kind of weird because I’m beginning my third year in Chelsea, but this is my two-and-half year of superintendency,” explained Abeyta. “My predecessor, Dr. Mary Bourque, and I had an overlap of six months, so I’m actually starting my third year in Chelsea, but because of COVID, there was no in-person opening day last September (2020).”



Shown to the left, Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta welcomes back third grader Karla Romero on her first day of school.



Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta and Kelly School sixth grade teacher Sarae Ramos.



Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta is pictured with Kelly School teacher Sarae Ramos and sixth grade students as they prepared to enter the building for the first day of school.

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# Sports

## CHS GIRLS SOCCER PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-TEAM JAMBOREE

Photos by Bob Marra

Girls soccer got underway for area high schools Sunday with a multi-team

Jamboree at Medford High School. Chelsea played one of its games against the Winthrop Vikings.



Chelsea's Julissa Santiago (12) gets a foot on the ball to slow a Winthrop advance.



Kaylee Adams (7) goes on the offensive with Winthrop's Nora McCarey close behind.



Chelsea's Chailey Socop (10) attempts to block a kick by Winthrop's Stefania Spinazzola.

## CHS ROUNDUP

### CHS FALL SPORTS SET TO OPEN 2021 SEASON

With the pandemic restrictions of 2020 hopefully in the rear-view mirror and a return to near-normalcy on the horizon, the Chelsea High 2021 fall athletic season is set to start next week.

The volleyball team, under head coach Gabriel Morales, and the cross-country team, under head coach Sam Fogel, will get their 2021 campaigns underway next Wednesday, September 8.

The volleyball squad will host Lynn Classical and the cross country team will run at Somerville.

The CHS boys and girls soccer teams will kick off their seasons the following day on Thursday, September 9.

Coach Mick Milutio-

vic's Red Devil boys will entertain Lynn Classical on the turf at Chelsea Stadium, while coach Randy Grajal's girls squad will trek to Classical.

"We're getting ready for our season," said Grajal of his Lady Red Devils, who participated in a jamboree at Medford High School this past Sunday. "We played two short games against Everett and Winthrop. We lost both scrimmages, but they provided a great opportunity for the players to experience a game since some of them haven't been part of the team before."

The Chelsea High football team, which will be under the direction of recently-named head coach Michael Jackson, will kick-off their 2021 season next Friday, September 10, at Salem.

## City launches bilingual program for small buisness development

Staff Report

The City of Chelsea, along with Roads Consulting Group, have partnered to establish "Chelsea Strong," a bilingual small business development and entrepreneurship program that will enable small business owners in Chelsea to enjoy strong growth and achieve sustainability in the community. Open to all small businesses and entrepreneurs in Chelsea, the City has tailored this program to support small businesses and entrepreneurs disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, namely firms owned by Communities of Color, women, and veterans.

The City created Chelsea Strong to help the City of Chelsea's small businesses thrive and succeed, recognizing the extreme economic hardship wrought by the pandemic. The program will use a multi-faceted approach to support small business owners and entrepreneurs through technical assistance, one-on-one business coaching, and a series of workshops on different business topics. Chelsea Strong will offer business owners a variety of assistance, including accounting and finance, marketing, website development, team building, human resources, and business planning. Further, the program will work with small businesses to navigate COVID-19 relief and loan programs and more. Dedicated business coaches will be available to participating small businesses to provide their insights on all these topics, while the project team will host workshops on sustainably growing business operations, identifying new markets, and leveraging strategic resources.

"Chelsea Strong is a collaborative endeavor between the City of Chelsea and Roads Consult-

ing Group that will truly benefit our small business owners," highlighted Department of Housing and Community Development Director Alexander Train. "The small businesses in Chelsea play a pivotal role in the economic growth of the City – they provide essential goods and services, employ scores of residents, and actively contribute to the community. The City is pleased to offer Chelsea Strong, a program focused on their long-term growth and sustainability."

Roads Consulting Group will contribute services as well. They will host a series of workshops on pursuing contracts and obtaining a variety of business certifications.

"We are proud to collaborate with the City of Chelsea on Chelsea Strong," announced Jose Perez, CEO of Roads Consulting Group. "At Roads Consulting Group, our services are always aligned to make businesses grow, and we can't think of a better way to accomplish that in Chelsea than with Chelsea Strong."

Participation in the program is offered to Chelsea small business owners free of charge. A community meeting will be held after Labor Day where residents and potential applicants can learn more about the program. In the meantime, small business owners can apply for participation in the program by visiting <https://www.chelseastrong.com>, by phone (857-344-0445) or by picking up a paper application at City Hall. Questions can also be emailed to [info@chelseastrong.com](mailto:info@chelseastrong.com).

For additional information contact: Lourdes Alvarez, Communications and Community Engagement Manager, [lavarez@chelseama.gov](mailto:lavarez@chelseama.gov), 617-466-4100.




## AVISO DE AUDENCIA PUBLICA

Por la se de avisa de una reunion de la comunidad sobre un establecimiento de Marihuana. Estara programada para Fecha: Miércoles, September 16th, 2021 Lugar : Chelsea City Hall 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, 02150 (3rd floor City Councilor Chamber) 6:00 P.M

El propuesto establecimiento de Marihuana sera localizada. 307 Broadway Chelsea MA, 02150 Habra opurtunidad para el publico de preguntar preguntas.

Si tiene cualquier pregunta sobre esta reunion, oh comentarios sobre la propuesta porfavor de contactar

Vladimir Samuel  
617-466-9480  
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## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a Proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for: Date : Wednesday, September 16th, 2021 Place : Chelsea City Hall 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, 02150 (3rd floor City Councilor Chamber) 6:00 P.M

The Proposed Marijuana Establishment is anticipated to be located at : 307 Broadway Chelsea MA, 02150 There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions

For any questions about this meeting, or comments on the proposal feel free to contact Vladimir Samuel  
617-466-9480  
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Carmen Riccio

February 11, 1945 – August 25, 2021

Carmen Riccio passed away after a brief illness with his loving family at his side on Wednesday, August 25 while at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. He was 76 years old.

Born and raised in Grottaminarda, Italy, he was a beloved son of the late Nicola and Carmella Riccio. Carmen received his formal education as a young boy in Italy. There he developed his love for working with his hands and perfecting his skills in carpentry, cabinetry and masonry trades. He immigrated with his family to the United States in 1958, settling in East Boston.

At the age of 13, he would help his family financially by shining and repairing shoes.

He married Antoinette “Toni” Saggese and together would raise their own family in Chelsea. Carmen went on to work as a cabinetmaker with his brother, Pasquale. He later worked as an independent general contractor, master mason and carpenter. He built his own home in Chelsea and later went on to completely renovate his son’s home, as well as constructing beautiful natural stoned retaining walls found on the property.

After his family, his life’s enjoyment was his work. He most enjoyed building and creating things from nothing. His hands were never idle, even after suffering a se-



rious work injury 20 years ago.

Carmen was widowed in 2012 and in addition to his wife and parents, he was also predeceased by siblings, Pasquale Riccio and Anna Hellrigel. He was the beloved husband of the late Antoinette “Toni” (Saggese) Riccio; devoted father of John M. Riccio and his wife, Jessica of Saugus, Tina Bagnera of Chelsea and her husband, Ronald Bagnera, dear brother of Salvatore Riccio of Chelsea, Michelle Ciccariello of Burlington and adored grandfather of Tanya Bagnera and Sienna Riccio.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Should friends desire, contributions in Carmen’s name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham MA 01701 <https://donate3.cancer.org/>

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.welshfh.com](http://www.welshfh.com).

Anthony Polidoro

Will forever be remembered for his kindness and infectious laugh

Anthony Polidoro, 59, of Deltona. FL, formerly of Revere, passed away on Friday, August 27.

He was born on August 12, 1962, the son of Joseph and Carmela Polidoro.

Anthony’s love for cars and cooking for his family, as well as fishing and hunting with his friends, brought him the most joy in his life.

Anthony will forever be remembered for his kindness and infectious laugh; he certainly knew how to light up a room.

Anthony is survived by his parents, Joseph and Carmela (Fusco) Polidoro; his sister, Linda (Polidoro) Trapane, her husband, Paul and their children, Olivia and Michael; his brother, Joseph Polidoro, Jr. and his wife, Lisa and their children, Joseph III and Gabriella as well as many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.



Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to visit at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Saturday, September 4 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the visitation at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 12 Noon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Anthony’s name, may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to a charity of your choice.

Charles Braid

September 30, 1944 – August 28, 2021

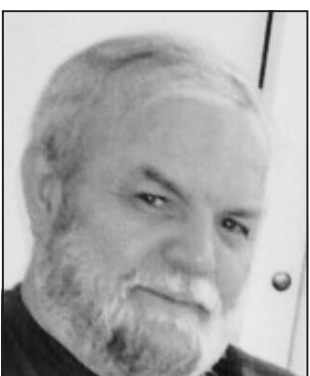
Charles Braid, 76, passed away on Saturday, August 28 at the Mass. General Hospital in Boston after a brief illness.

A resident of Chelsea for most of his life, he was a beloved son of the late Harold and Grace Braid. He attended local schools and was a graduate of Chelsea High School. His first and only job was working as a mechanic at GE in Lynn and he retired from GE after 30 years of employment.

As a young man, Charles played softball and was a lifelong Red Sox fan. He moved to Revere 18 months ago living with his niece and caregiver, Kelly Carron.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his sisters, Janet Carron, and Grace Robichaud and his brother, Harold Braid.

He is survived by his four children: Chuckie Braid, Todd Braid, Kimberly Kowalski and Scott Braid, five grandchildren, his sister and brother-in-law, Patricia Detweiler of



Florida and John A. “Sonny” Carron of Chelsea and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Charles will be placed to rest with his parents following graveside services on Saturday, September 11 at 9 a.m. in Glenwood Cemetery, Washington Ave., Everett. Relatives and friends are invited and asked to meet at the cemetery gate at 8:45 a.m.

Should friends desire, contributions in Charles’ name may be made to your charity of choice.

For online guest book or to send expressions For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit : [www.welshfh.com](http://www.welshfh.com)

Michael George Dwyer

Lifelong Chelsea Resident



Michael George Dwyer entered into eternal rest Saturday afternoon, August 28 at the Chelsea Soldier’s Home. He was 71 years old.

Born in Everett, the son of the late Christopher and Rosemary (Carberry) Dwyer, Michael was a lifelong resident of Chelsea. He attended school in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1969. After high school, Michael enlisted in the US Army on September 23, 1969 during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on September 2, 1971.

Michael held various positions over the course of his working career. In the late 1980’s he worked at the Fire Department 911 Center. Michael also worked for the US Postal Service for five years as a mail handler in Boston and at the IMC in Chelsea. He also worked as the night manager of the parking lot at the former

Whidden Hospital in Everett. Michael has been residing at the Chelsea Soldier’s Home for the past three years. He will be forever missed by all those who love him and his friends at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

He was the beloved brother of William J. Dwyer and his wife, Eileen of Chelsea and Noreen Cotter and her husband, Mark of Billerica.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel (Chelsea Soldiers Home) 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea today, Thursday at 10 a.m. Funeral Services will conclude with Military Honors at the Soldiers Home. Interment will take place at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at 1:45 p.m.

Funeral arrangements by the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea.

John J. Lava, Jr.

Retired Fiscal Manager for the

Massachusetts Department of Corrections



John J. Lava, Jr., 80, a longtime resident of Melrose, passed away on Monday, August 23, at Mass General Hospital.

John was born in Chelsea on December 13, 1940, one of two sons of the late John and Doris (Lavandier) Lava. Raised and educated in Chelsea, he enlisted in the US Air Force shortly after graduating from Chelsea High School. He proudly served four years as an Airman, First Class and was honorably discharged in October of 1962.

After receiving an accounting degree from Bentley University, John worked in the Boston financial industry for several years before becoming the Fiscal Manager for the Department of Corrections for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

John married Carol Sarni on August 21, 1965 and they settled in Melrose to raise a family of three children.

John was an avid Boston sports fan, but especially loved college football. For many years, he spent Saturdays in the fall watching his favorite team, Alabama, with his family. He enjoyed playing cards, watching a sporting event and always had a reason to celebrate with a family gathering.

Well read, John was a regular visitor to the Melrose Public Library, and the Boston Public Library. He also was a movie buff who enjoyed all types of movies.

Above all, family was most important to John and he cherished any family celebration or event. He loved watching his



grandchildren play sports, playing cards with his family, or going on a family outing to the Golden Gate Restaurant in Chinatown.

John will be deeply missed, but always remembered for his steady, positive outlook and incredible generosity. His uplifting nature and love for laughter will live on in the hearts and minds of his family. May he rest in peace.

John was the beloved husband of the late Joan “Carol” (Sarni) Lava with whom he shared 51 years of marriage; loving father of John P. Lava and his wife, Marisa of N. Reading and Susan M. Lava and Michael D. Lava, both of Melrose; caring brother of Kenneth D. Lava and his wife, Cathy of Chelsea; loving Papa of Sarah, Brian, Nicholas, Isabella, Mia, Christian, Jaxon and Ayva. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather hours at the Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., Melrose today, Thursday, September 2 at 10 a.m. for his Funeral Service. Interment with US Air Force honors will be in in Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose. For online tribute visit [RobinsonFuneralHome.com](http://RobinsonFuneralHome.com).

Metro Tech awarded State Grant to strengthen health assisting programs

Staff Report

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech has received a \$61,000 Skills Capital Grant from the Baker-Polito Administration.

The grant was announced during a ceremony held at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School on Monday, Aug. 16, during which Gov. Charlie Baker handed out Skills Capital Grants to 47 educational organizations.

The School will use the grant to expand career and technical education opportunities in its Health Assisting and Dental Assisting programs, which serve more than 100 students. The District will purchase new medical equipment necessary to enable Northeast students to successfully compete for high-paying jobs in high-demand fields.

"Thank you to Gov. Baker and his administration for this support," Superintendent DiBarri said. "There will be a large demand for workers in the health-care industry in the next decade. This grant will allow our students to learn on state-of-the-art equipment, making their education relevant and their job prospects bright."

Through its Skills Capital Grants, the Baker-Polito Administration has worked to increase the number of students enrolled in programs where they can learn and train for

occupations in high-demand careers.

"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," Gov. Baker said. "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."

Skills Capital Grants are awarded to educational institutions that are able to showcase their partnerships with local businesses and whose curriculum and credentials seek to meet the demand of growing industries in the Commonwealth. More than 300 educational programs have received financial support from the Skills Capital Grant initiative, Gov. Baker announced that the Workforce Skills Cabinet funding has now exceeded \$100 million.

"Massachusetts is ranked as one of the top economies for innovation. When you think about innovation, you think about the problems that exist in the world, and the people who have the skills and knowhow to fix them," Lt. Gov. Polito said. "To continue to be competitive, we need to invest in skills development, and in educational opportunities."

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING  
Case No. 2021-21  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:00 p.m. Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor  
With reference to the application of: 122 Warren VG, LLC For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a two-family dwelling within 122 Warren Avenue, as shown on a proposed subdivision plan, with an existing three-family dwelling to remain within proposed subdivided lot Lot A1 – proposed subdivided lot to contain existing three-family structure does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for: Frontage, side yard setback, combined side yard setback, lot size, open space, number, size and width of parking spaces, and aisle width Lot B – proposed subdivided lot contain proposed two-family structure does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for: Front yard, side yard, combined yard setbacks, frontage, property line buffer and which exceeds maximum height, and number of stories at the premises known as: 122 Warren Avenue  
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: The City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednes-

day and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon  
8/26, 9/2


LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE  
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Aurora R. Hernandez to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated October 1, 2004 and registered at Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 689420 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 131142 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2005-0P1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-0P1 is the present holder by Assignment from Sand Canyon Corporation f/k/a Option One Mortgage Corporation to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2005-0P1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-0P1 dated November 16, 2012 and registered as Document No. 812760 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 131142, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 330 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on September 21, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on

Washington Avenue, Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Said land is shown as Lot CC on a subdivision plan drawn by S. Albert Kaufman, Surveyor, dated October 8, 1946, as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as Plan No. 21-13, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 47688. For title, see Certificate No. 111855.  
SOUTHEASTERLY: by Washington Avenue, Forty-Four and 01/100 (44.01) feet;  
SOUTHWESTERLY: by Reynolds Avenue, Seventy-Two and 37/100 (72.37) feet;  
NORTHWESTERLY: by Lot EE, the running through a way as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned, Forty-Eight (48) feet;  
NORTHEASTERLY: by Lot DD, the line running in (art through a way as shown on said plan, Thirty-Eight and 29/100 (38.29) feet; and  
SOUTHEASTERLY: four (4) feet; and  
NORTHEASTERLY: thirty-five (35) feet by said Lot DD.  
For title see deed to the mortgagors recorded herewith.  
For mortgagor's title see deed registered at Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 689419 and Noted on Certificate of Title No. 131124 and Suffolk County Probate for Luis Orlando Fernandez Hernandez SU18P1960EA. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restric-


tions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.  
Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF CHELSEA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC


HEARING  
The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6pm at City Hall 3rd Floor at the chambers office.  
Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Verizon New England Inc. for the following petition: Second Street: Relocate one (1) JO pole, P.22/3 on the northerly side of Second Street to a point approximately 6' northwesterly from its existing location. This petition is necessary to accommodate new construction. The public is invited to attend.  
Fidel Maltez COMMISSIONER  
9/2/21, 9/9/21

LEGAL NOTICE


  
AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS  
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA  
El Departamento de Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el martes 14 de septiembre de 2021 a las 6 pm en el 3er piso del Ayuntamiento en la oficina chambers. Trabajo propuesto y propósito: Petición de Verizon New England Inc. para la siguiente petición: Segunda calle: Reubique un (1) poste JO, P.22 / 3 en el lado norte de Second Street a un punto aproximadamente 6' al noroeste de su ubicación actual. Esta petición es necesaria para dar cabida a nuevas construcciones. Se invita al público a asistir.  
Fidel Maltez Comisionado de Obras Publicas  
9/2/21, 9/9/21

9/2/21, 9/9/21

LEGAL NOTICE

  
Re: Joes's Kwik Marts MA, LLC, 251 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA  
Chelsea Licensing Commission  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Petroleum Storage License application for Joe's Kwik Marts MA LLC, 251 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150. Please be advised that you must notify all abutters, via Certified Return Receipt mail, of this hearing.  
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator  
8/26/21, 9/2/21

LEGAL NOTICE

  
SECTION 00100  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
City of Chelsea, Massachusetts (Owner)  
Sealed bids for construction of Lead Service Replacement, Contract No. 2022-34, for the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, will be received at Room 204, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 until 11:00 a.m. prevailing time, on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work includes removal and replacement of up to

205 lead water services in the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts. Work shall be performed in the public right of way and private properties. The Contractor shall secure right of entry and local permits required to perform work. Scope shall include, but is not limited to, preconstruction coordination and premise inspection; furnish and installation of underground water service line and appurtenances, including new copper tubing, corporation stops, curb stops, service boxes, and unions; coring and sealing of service entries to basements; interior plumbing as required to plumb new piping through the meter setting; and comprehensive surface restoration in the public and private rights of way.  
The required contract completion date is September 30, 2024. The contract is broken into three work "periods" with substantial completion requirements for each period described in Section 00410, FORM OF GENERAL BID.  
Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the totals of Periods 1, 2, and 3 bid, in accordance with Section 00200, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Copies of the contract documents are available through the City of Chelsea Purchasing Department online at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. The Purchasing Department website requires prospective bidders enter their name, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and email in order to secure contract document. Addendum will be published to furnished email

addresses.  
The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total of contract Periods 1, 2, and 3 as stipulated in Section 00700 GENERAL CONDITIONS of these specifications.  
This project is funded by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Lead Service Line Replacement Loan Program. This program is committed to planning and executing comprehensive public and private lead service replacement. Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE), Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) and Equal Employment Opportunity policies of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) are applicable to this Contract. The Bidder shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to nondiscrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action, including without limitation executive orders and rules and regulations of federal and state agencies of competent jurisdiction. The Bidder shall make positive efforts to achieve: (1) a minority employee work force hour goal of 10.00 percent, (2) a woman employee work force hour goal of 6.90 percent, (3) a goal of 7.24 percent participation of Minority-owned Business Enterprise(s), and (4) a goal of 3.60 percent participation of Woman-owned Business Enterprise(s) within project contracts. All MBEs and WBEs shall be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO). At a minimum, the community should allow MBEs

and WBEs the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for subagreements performed under the project. The Bidder shall submit completed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) forms (EEO-DEP-190 & EEO-DEP-191) with the bid. Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may be deemed to render a proposal nonresponsive. No waiver of any provision of this section will be granted unless approved by the Owner.  
All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.  
Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.  
By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids.  
The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids.  
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LEGAL NOTICE

  
Re: M. A. Limo Service, LLC,  
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Chelsea Licensing  
Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Limousine/Livery License application for Mohammed Aini d/b/a M. A. Limo Service at 67 Murray Street, Chelsea, MA 02150. Please be advised that you must notify all abutters, via Certified Return Receipt mail, of this hearing.  
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA  
INVITATION FOR BIDS  
Shared Streets Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Park/Hawthorne, Addison and Division Street  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Shared Streets Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Park/Hawthorne, Addison and Division Street".  
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after August 26, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Shared Streets Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Park/Hawthorne, Addison and Division Street" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, September 9, 2021. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by

the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."  
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.  
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.  
The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M.  
Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR  
WATER METERS, ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE, AND WEB PORTAL SERVICES  
CONTRACT 2022-81  
The City of Chelsea (Owner) Department of Public Works herein solicits proposals for furnish of solid state water meters, radio frequency (RF) modules, and plumbing supplies; furnish and configuration of a hosted customer web portal integrated with the Owner's existing advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) and customer information/billing system; and annual support and maintenance services for AMI. RF modules shall be Sensus SmartPoint 510M and 520M and compatible with the Owner's existing Flexnet AMI system, or the proposer may offer a competitive alternative including furnish, supply, configuration, and support of a new AMI system, whole and integrated, for all furnished devices. The contract shall be a three-

year term, with years 2 and 3 dependent upon Owner appropriation of funds. The contract will procure approximately 3,262 water meters, 5/8-inch to 8-inch, and RF modules. The Owner seeks proposals only from vendors who 1) offer single-manufacturer water meters and RF modules 2) satisfy local reference requirements, 3) demonstrate local implementation and support resources, and 4) demonstrate product history of reliability and performance.  
Proposal submissions (as required in the proposal documents) will be received at Room 204, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 until 11:00 a.m. prevailing time, on September 28, 2021. Copies of the contract documents are available through the City of Chelsea Purchasing Department online at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. The Purchasing Department website requires prospective bidders enter their name, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and email in order to secure contract document. Addendum will be published to furnished email addresses. The RFP documents will be available to prospective bidders starting on September 7, 2021.  
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or parking spaces require approval from the Traffic Commission).

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

### JOIN THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Interested in beautifying the City? There is a Beautification Committee that meets monthly with the City Manager, ISD and the DPW to talk about trash and problem properties and to consider beautification initiatives such as improved

signage, cigarette butlers and public art. If you are interested in being part of this Committee, please contact either Laura Brockington at [greenrootschelsea.org](mailto:greenrootschelsea.org) or Monica Elias at The Neighborhood Developers email [melias@tndinc.org](mailto:melias@tndinc.org).

### MASS SAVE LOOKING FOR APPLICANTS

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

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

### PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

Applications are available for the Senior Property Tax Work-off Program and the Veterans Tax Work-off Program. The programs have no income eligibility requirements. Any senior 60

years or older, and any veteran, with an ownership interest in real estate is allowed to participate in the Tax Work-Off Program regardless of assets or income. Participants receive a \$1,500 reduction on property taxes, working 111.11 hours for the City. Interested persons should contact the HR Department at 617-466-4170 or find applications online by visiting [www.chelseama.gov/elder-services/pages/senior-tax-work-program](http://www.chelseama.gov/elder-services/pages/senior-tax-work-program).

### RESIDENTIAL PARKING STICKER EXTENDED

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

### HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

Chelsea Housing Legal Clinic is available to help low-income residents with landlord mediation, eviction proceedings, and other housing legal issues. Due to Covid-19, the office cannot accept walk-ins. Please call 617-603-

1700 or 1-800-342-LAWS for initial inquiries and to schedule an appointment. The call center pandemic hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-noon  
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Please be patient as the CHLC expects to receive a large number of calls.

For more information, visit [www.chelseama.gov/CHLC](http://www.chelseama.gov/CHLC)

### RAFT PROGRAM RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If anyone needs help paying rent, they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Massachusetts Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. RAFT has expanded its eligibility requirements to help people with COVID-19 related job losses or financial hardship. Some things to consider:

- Your immigration status does not matter.

- You may be eligible for RAFT if you have not been, or will not be, able to pay rent, mortgage payments, or utilities due to COVID-19.

- You must be in con-

tact with your landlord or property manager (RAFT funds are paid to them).

- If you are not on the lease, you can provide your landlord's contact information to confirm that you are a tenant.

- If you need help to cover your security deposit (for first or last month's rent), you can specify the unit you plan to move into, even if you have not yet signed the lease.

- You are not eligible if you are in an Emergency Assistance Shelter.

Households can receive up to \$4,000 for a 12-month period. To check eligibility and for help with applications, call the CONNECT Hotline at 617-712-3487.

### WATER LEAK ALERTS

The City of Chelsea is offering a free service to residents to help efficiently manage water usage and lower monthly bills. The service also notifies residents if usage indicates a possible leak. Register for this service at <http://chelseama.aquahawk.us> or call 617-464-4041 for more information.

### CHELSEA STREET BRIDGE APP

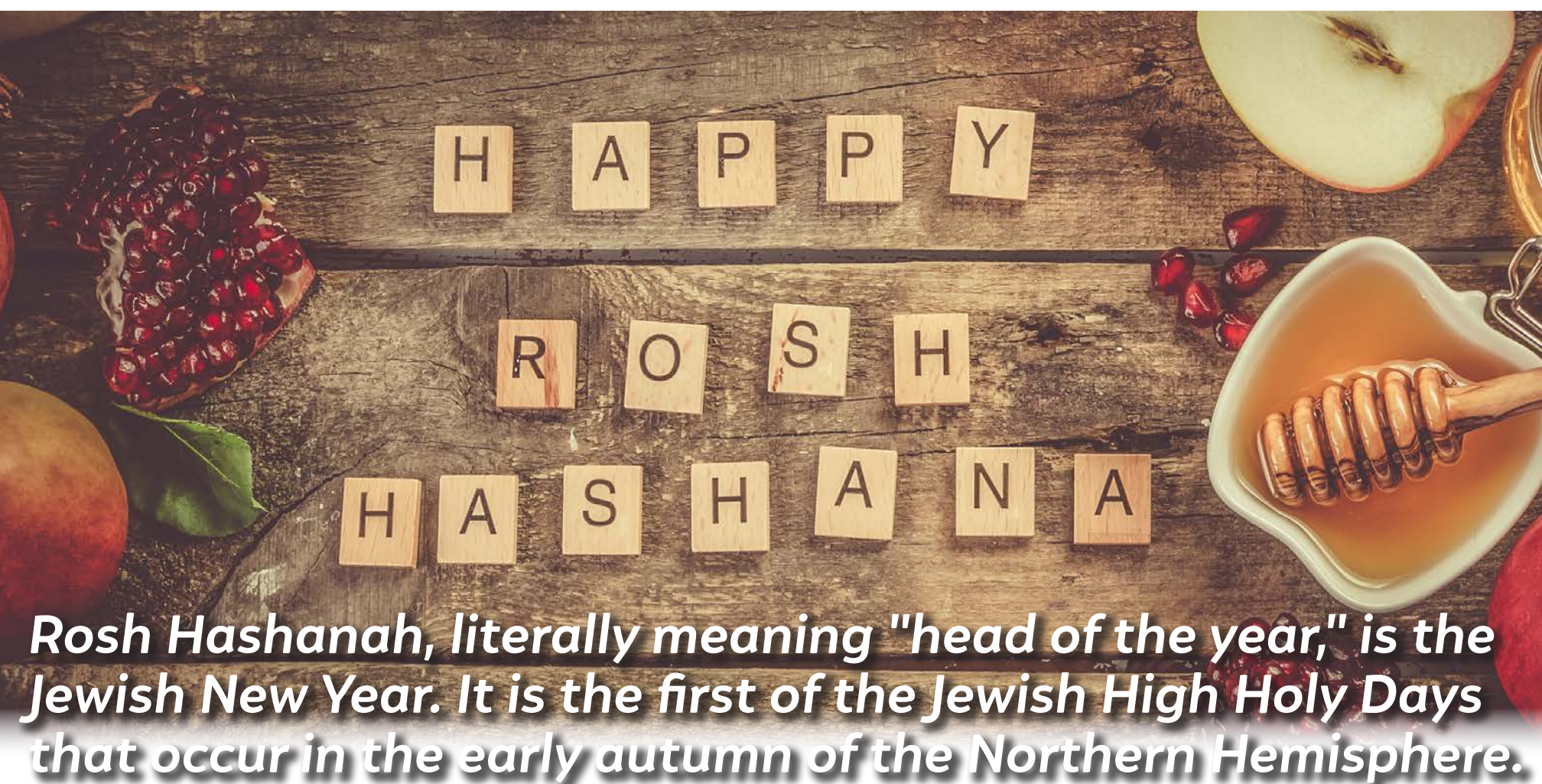
For those seeking real time information about the Chelsea St. Bridge closures, Massport is operating a Twitter account which alerts drivers whenever the bridge is opening for shipping and closed to traffic. The Twitter account is @LoganToChelsea. This real time information supplements the new vehicular warnings systems now currently active on Broadway and Williams St.

### MASSPORT NOISE COMPLAINT LINE

Residents who are being disturbed by airplane noise are encouraged to call the MassPort Noise Hotline 24 hours a day. The phone number is (617) 561-3333.

### SENIOR WATER AND SEWER DISCOUNT

Chelsea senior citizens are reminded to sign up for the new Senior Discount for water and sewer charges. Any senior 65 or older who owns and occupies his/her own home may apply. The discount is 10% off the monthly bill.



**Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning "head of the year," is the Jewish New Year. It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days that occur in the early autumn of the Northern Hemisphere.**

**On Rosh Hashanah wishing you peace, happiness, good luck God's blessing and success.**

**L'shanah Tovah!**

**Happy Rosh Hashanah!**

**Calvin T. Brown**  
Councillor District 8



Rosh Hashanah is a two-day celebration that begins on the first day of Tishrei, which is the seventh month of the ecclesiastical year. It marks the beginning of the civil year, according to the teachings of Judaism, and is the traditional anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman according to the Tanakh, and the inauguration of humanity's role in God's world.

**Wishing You a Happy and Healthy New Year.**



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