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21ST ANNUAL KIWANIS TRACK AND FIELD DAY



Chelsea Kiwanis Club members hosted their 21st Annual Kiwanis Track and Field Day. From left, are From left, are Alexandria Christmas, Yaritza Morales, Carolyn Vega incoming President Rich Cuthie, Sharlene McLain, Cassandra Thompson Kiwanis President Sylvia Ramirez, Joe Carreiro, Patty Costas (New England & Bermuda District 12 Lt. Governor), Veronica Dyer Medina and Gerry McCue. See Page 6 for more photos.

City celebrates Chelsea Day this Saturday

By Adam Swift

The downtown will be filled with the sounds of music and the smell of fresh-baked treats as Chelsea Day returns on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Local businesses will be open for shopping along Broadway. The stage at the intersection of Broadway, Washington, Bellingham, Hawthorn and Fifth Street will feature music and entertainment from

the Hispanic Stars, DJ Harry Renaud, and Pablo Argenis.

There are also scheduled appearances from Governor Charlie Baker and City Council President Roy Avellaneda, as well as spoken word poetry, a raffle, and a senior bake-off.

Along Broadway and the surrounding area, there will be carnival games, a beer garden, tattoo painting, pumpkin decorating,

a selfie booth, mini golf, and pony rides.

At Monday night's City Council meeting, the council officially proclaimed Saturday as Chelsea Day, and praised the role City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher has undertaken to organize the event with city leaders, businesses, and nonprofits.

"This is a good opportunity for us to go down and support our city with this

annual event," said District 8 Councilor Calvin T. Brown. "It's been a really trying 16 months, and it's an opportunity where we can move around a little bit and get out, and we can go out and support our local restaurants, support our local businesses and just be out there and show folks that under the right circumstances ... that we can get out there and start to gather a little bit."

Council approves funding for firefighter, dispatcher contracts

By Adam Swift

The City's firefighters and E-911 dispatchers have new three-year contracts.

Monday night, the City Council unanimously approved the funding sources to help pay for the proposed raises in the new contracts. Both contracts cover the three-year periods from

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

For the first time, the agreement with Chelsea Firefighters Local 937 includes a residency requirement.

"The most significant concession from the City's perspective is the agreement by the fire union to accept, for the first time,

a residency requirement, which was a specific demand of the City Council," said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. "The new residency requirement is identical to the residency provisions negotiated previously with the two police unions."

The annual raises negotiated in the contract are

also identical to the agreements for the two police unions, according to Ambrosino.

The contract includes a 2.75 percent raise for FY22, 2.75 percent for FY23, and in FY24, there is a 3 percent raise on July 1, 2023, and a 0.5 percent

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Council withdraws support for bike lane on Hawthorne Street

By Adam Swift

Some City Councilors are wary of seeing dedicated or shared bike lanes on some of Chelsea's busier roadways.

Monday night, the council reconsidered a vote on the Traffic Commission's recommendations from its September meeting. During the reconsideration, the council voted against supporting a traffic improvement plan near the Early Childhood Center that included a shared bike lane on Hawthorne Street.

Originally, the plan was for a dedicated bike lane along Hawthorne Street from Central Avenue to Bellingham Square which would have narrowed the two travel lanes on the street. The plan was modified to change the dedicated bike lane to a shared bike lane.

"We have explored now for a couple of years intro-

ducing bike share lanes or bike lanes in our city, and I am a proponent of increasing bike use, however strategically," said Council President Roy Avellaneda. "Without knowing that at some point there had to have been a vote approved by this Council to implement a bike lane on Everett Avenue from Arlington Street to Broadway, and by doing so, particularly on Everett Avenue from Chestnut to Broadway, it took away a travel lane for a right-turn only lane. What we now see, what I've never experienced in all my years of living here in Chelsea, is a queuing up of cars and backing up from Broadway all the way to Kayem to Dunkin Donuts to Everett Avenue all the way to Second Street."

Avellaneda said the backups are happening because the bike lane forces

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Robinson questions new council seating arrangement

By Adam Swift

A few people have noticed that the seating arrangement at City Council meetings looks a little different lately, with City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher sitting directly to the left of Council President Roy Avellaneda.

"After last week's meeting, I got a lot of phone calls from former councilors and people in the community asking me why they saw the city solicitor, who is not part of the council, sitting up with the council," said Councilor-At-Large Leo Robinson.

Avellaneda said the decision to have Watson Fisher up with the

full council, rather than at her customary place in the audience next to City Manager Tom Ambrosino, stemmed from a recent meeting where there were a number of legal questions.

"I found it very helpful to have Ms. Watson, basically our attorney for the city, to my immediate left assisting me during the meeting," said Avellaneda. "I've watched other city council meetings in the area, Revere and Everett come to mind in particular, and in some of them, they have the City Clerk as part of the meeting, and in others they've actually had the City Solicitor

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PATRIOTS, GULF OIL DONATE TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



The New England Patriots and Gulf Oil partnered to present the Jordan Boys and Girls club a \$25,000 donation to support the technology program at the clubhouse of Willow Street. Devin McCourty, the Patriots' and Rutgers University star defensive back who has played on three Super Bowl championship teams (including one with his twin brother, Jason, who now plays for the Miami Dolphins), delighted the JBGC members with his remarks and by so graciously all gracious from the boys and girls in the audience who were enthralled by his warmth and the friendly way he connected with the audience. Gulf Chief Marketing Officer Sue Hayden, Patriots star Devin McCourty, Gulf CEO Eric Johnson, Technical Director, Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Gina Centrella, Patriots cheerleaders Sarah Barrett and Eliza Kanner, and Pat the Patriot Mascot participate in the \$25,000 check presentation ceremony. The Patriots and Gulf Oil partnered on the generous donation to the club.

Quigley Park receives state grant

Special to the Record

Building on efforts to enhance and protect natural resources, the Baker-Polito Administration awarded \$10,090,749 in grant funding for park improvements, open space acquisitions, and land conservation projects in 37 Massachusetts communities and six conservation districts including \$400,000 for Quigley Park. The project will include the installation of 2-5 and 5-12 age group play structures, a dish swing, a multisport goal with painted graphics on asphalt, bike racks and recycling barrels, new splash pad, rubber safety surfacing, new utilities, and shaded seating areas.

"We are thrilled to be able to upgrade Quigley Park, long a high priority

for the City Council. With the proposed funding from the Commonwealth, the City will be able to make significant improvements to the park that will greatly benefit neighborhood residents," said City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

The grants, funded by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' (EEA) capital budget and administered through several programs,

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Judith Dyer Sept. 21, 2021

My father was a tugboat captain in Boston Harbor. That's why we lived in Chelsea because his boat was docked in East Boston. This was in the days when people didn't have cars, and he would walk home. Everybody walked in those days. If you had a car, that was something special. When my father knew he was coming through the bridge in



My very best girlfriend growing up was Jewish.

I have such fond memories!

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"Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the state's green spaces and parks has never been more important to residents in every community across the Commonwealth," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "The PARC, LAND and

“Through these programs, the Baker-Polito Administration is partnering with local communities and land trusts

Additionally, the Conservation District Innovation Grant Program also offers funding to any of the conservation districts across the state to help conduct outreach and education, and implement new and innovative ideas for projects. The funding will also enable Conservation Districts to implement innovative projects to improve soil health, enhance carbon sequestration, and increase climate resilience.

Attorney Olivia Anne Walsh announces candidacy for District 2 City Councilor

- * 1976 University of Massachusetts, Boston: BS in Management
- * 1981 Suffolk University, Boston: Master of Public Administration
- * 1987 New England Law, Boston: Doctor of Jurisprudence



Olivia Anne Walsh.

Among community affiliations Walsh included:

- * Member, City of Chelsea Human Rights Commission
- * Chair, Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee
- * Commander Chelsea

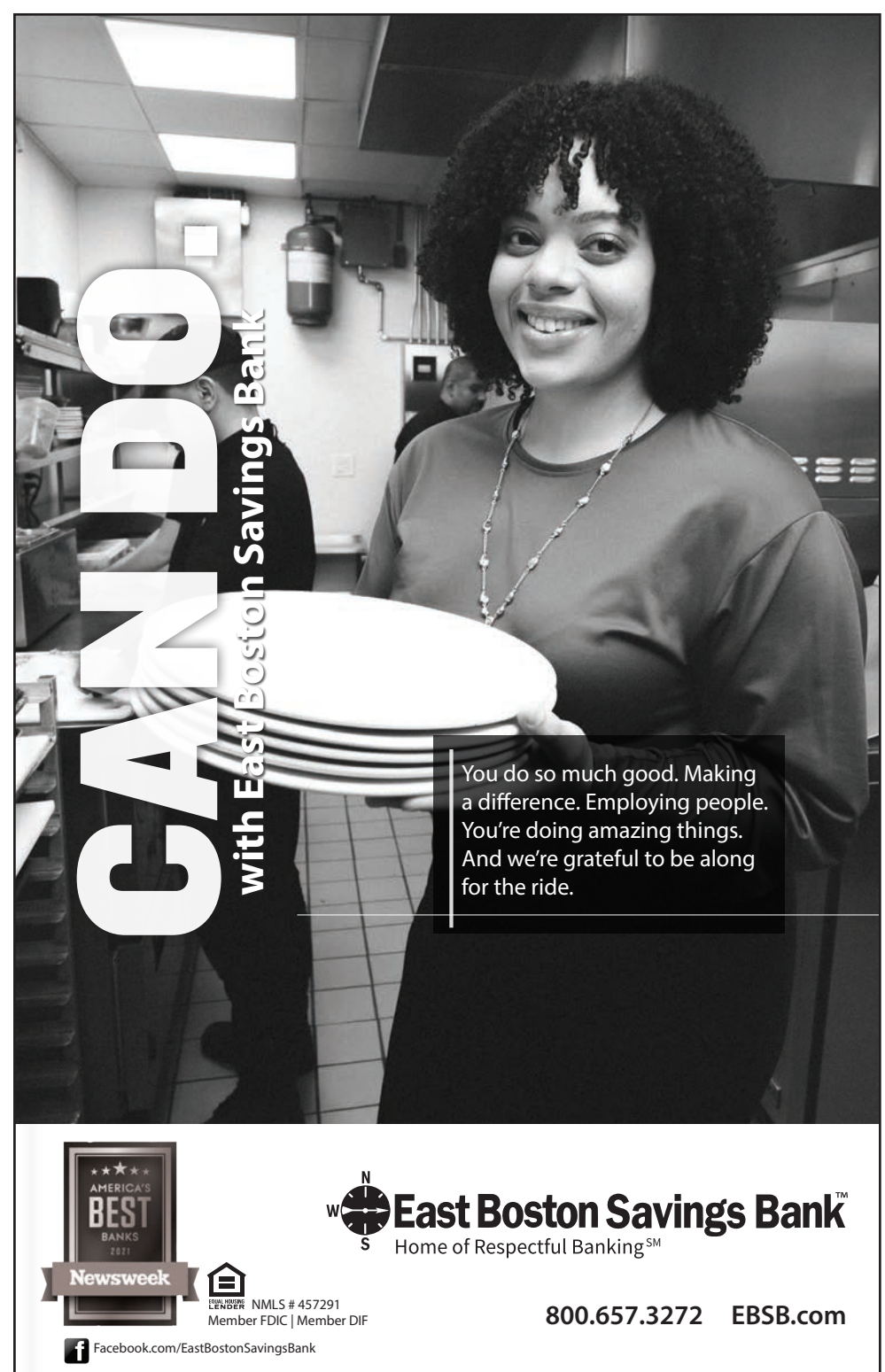
Attorney Olivia Anne Walsh resides at 91 Crest Ave. and is available to hear your concerns at (617) 306-5501.

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If the city does want to

"You need to remember that our city was built over 100 years ago when horses were there; the roads are small," he said. "When you limit the amount that a

“Hopefully, we can come up with better routes for bikes that are not the same as bus routes, that are not on our busiest streets, and will not cause the backed up traffic that we are seeing already in certain areas of the city,” said Avellaneda.



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HEY YOU -- TAKE A HIKE!

For many New Englanders, fall is their favorite season. The warm days and crisp evenings serve as the perfect midpoint between the heat and humidity of summer and the chill of winter.

When you add in the spectacular colors of the foliage throughout our region, it is no wonder that the anticipation of autumn makes us feel alive and eager to enjoy the outdoors.

We've always found that this is the best time of year to take a daytime hike in the mountains in our region, whether it be in the Berkshires or in Vermont and New Hampshire. There is something about being in the outdoors, under a canopy of brightly-colored trees with the sound of a running stream, that soothes us both physically and spiritually in a way that is altogether lacking amidst the constant noise and congestion of our lives in the city.

So we urge all of our readers to make the time for themselves and their families to travel west or north over these next few weeks and go for a hike in the mountains.

A hike, particularly during this time of COVID-19, will be a reminder that the best things in life are free.

A SAD -- BUT PREDICTABLE -- OUTCOME

Amidst all of the big news stories during these past two weeks, perhaps the one that has grabbed the most attention from Americans of all ages involved the mysterious disappearance of 22 year-old Gabrielle Petito, the young woman who had been on a cross-country trek in a van with her 23 year-old fiance, Brian Laundrie.

When Laundrie returned home in early September without Petito, and with no explanation as to where she might be, it was obvious that Ms. Petito -- whose body was found this past Sunday in a camping area in Wyoming -- had become yet another tragic victim of domestic violence in this country.

Despite all of the strides we have made to combat domestic violence since the 1980s, the fact remains that a woman in this country is in more danger from an intimate partner than from any other source. Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime in the United States.

The cold, hard statistics paint a grim picture:

-- 1 in 4 women have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

-- 1 in 7 women have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime.

-- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.

-- Women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.

That last statistic fits the profile of the relationship between Ms. Petito and Mr. Laundrie.

As this is being written, the authorities are searching for Mr. Laundrie, who disappeared early last week, according to his family.

The tragic death of Gabrielle Petito is yet another sad reminder of the pervasiveness of domestic violence in this country, a problem for which there appears to be no end in sight in our society.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

If you want a friend be a friend. There is never a guarantee. However, if you do not put anything into a friendship it's certain the friendship will never grow.

Keep in mind that friendships take time. The Bible says a man of too many friends will soon come to ruin," Proverbs 18:24. Why is this? Because too much time maintaining too many friends doesn't allow you the time you need to work your job, spend time with your family, do your school work, life work and take care of your business. If a person has ten or twenty friends to spend time with every week or even month, they will eventually neglect their family or careers.

The key is balance. Invest in people with your time and life and some of

MARIA BELEN WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT CITY COUNCILOR

To the Editor:
"All politics is local," a phrase often attributed to the late Massachusetts Congressman Tip O'Neil, is the notion that voters are strongly influenced by political decisions that directly impact them and that politicians who want to stay in office need to make voters a priority.

I am reminded of this phrase every two years

ESTEBAN NAMED TO SNHU DEAN'S LIST

Evelin Esteban of Chelsea has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

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Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Focus on what you do

It will come back to you from others. Sometimes it won't this is why you have to be realistic in building your network of friends and relationships.

Many years ago, a prospective student called about enrolling in our school and asked, "If I enroll in this school will I get anything out of it?" I said, "If you don't put anything into it, you won't get anything out of it. If you put a lot into it, then you'll get a lot out of it." The man enrolled and went on to become a President of a college.

Growing up I remember my relatives being hard workers. Some of them raised amazing gardens, while keeping their property clean and maintained. It took work but they took pride in their homes and how they lived their lives. They put a lot into where they lived and it showed.

If you put a lot into something it shows. Your marriage, job, children, career and your life in general. School work will reflect your effort. If you put money into an Individual Retirement Account or 401k or 403b every month your wealth will eventually grow and reflect your efforts. Social Security income checks reflect years worked and how much paid into the system.

However, anyone can put a lot into something without experiencing success. Businesses, marriages and careers have come short or even failed even though people invested everything. Often there are other factors beyond our control that all the work and focus will not resolve or overcome. You can't control what other people may or may not do that impacts your life's work and ambitions.

With this said, we have to remember the principle of reaping and sowing. If you want a good garden. You have to sow and care for the garden. Neglecting the garden is a sure path to failure.

Important aspects to relationships, wealth, health, career success and more are focus and investing wisely. The more you sow, the more you will reap. You can't control all of life's circumstances and influencers but you can control what you do.

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.

LETTERS to the Editor

when Chelsea holds its City Council elections and find it particularly meaningful this cycle because in District 8 we have a candidate for City Council, Maria Belen Power, whose everyday work for the past ten years makes the residents of Chelsea a priority.

Years ago, when I volunteered for various environmental campaigns led by Green Space, later GreenRoots, I first met and worked with Maria Belen. I was then, and

am now, impressed by her skills as a vibrant, inclusive community organizer.

Maria Belen is passionate about her work in seeking and securing positive outcomes for our community and a better quality of life for us all. As a City Councilor, she will be able to build upon the improvements she has fought for in housing security, the environment, and transportation. In doing so, she will continue to be thoughtful and inclusive, asking probing questions

and then listening to the answers so that her work is informed by the needs and desires of the community in which she has chosen to live, work, and raise her family.

I am confident that these skills will make Maria Belen an excellent City Councilor for District 8. I look forward to casting my ballot for her as City Councilor, and I encourage my neighbors to do the same. We need Power for Chelsea.

Sharlene McLean

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL RESIDENTS AMONG 4,582 GRADUATES

UMass Lowell recently honored local residents among its 4,582 graduates.

Despite the pandemic, UMass Lowell was able to offer graduates the chance to safely celebrate their success through a combination of virtual ceremonies and the in-person presentation of their diploma covers with a family photo at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell May 12 through 14.

Local residents among UMass Lowell's Class of 2021 are:

* Gabriella McLellan of Chelsea, who received a bachelor of science degree in computer science

* Danelia Ramirez Aguilar of Chelsea, who received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice

* Coral Gonzalez Diana of Chelsea, who received a bachelor of science degree in nursing

* Adriel Cedano of Chelsea, who received a bachelor of science in business administration degree in business admin-

istration

* Nelson Martinez of Chelsea, who received a bachelor of science in business administration degree in business administration

* Elaine Ferreira of Chelsea, who received a doctor of nursing practice degree in nursing practice

* Victoria Moscatel of Chelsea, who received a master of arts degree in criminal justice

* Heidy Rivas of Chelsea, who received a master of arts degree in criminal justice

* Lisa Rodriguez of Chelsea, who received a master of education degree in education administration

* Christ Romero of Chelsea, who received a master of science degree in environmental studies

* Frehiwot Shiferaw of Chelsea, who received a master of science in engineering degree in electrical engineering

More on UMass Lowell Commencement is avail-

able at www.uml.edu/commencement.

SNHU ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2021 PRESIDENT'S LIST

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2021 President's List.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Ricardo Carmenatty of Chelsea
Joseline Pineda Ruiz of Chelsea

Sarah Ros of Chelsea

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Sports

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL IN FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST REVERE

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

Revere got back into the win column with a 34-0 victory over Chelsea Friday night at Chelsea Stadium'



DANCE IN THE FOG: Chelsea's Jayden Batista (1) and Revere's Sami El Asri create an artistic figure as the two react to a broken pass play during the first half of Revere's 34-0 win over Chelsea Friday night at Chelsea Stadium.



ROOM TO ROAM: Chelsea running back Herman Esquivel Mendez has some clear space to gain yardage during Chelsea's 34-0 loss to Revere Friday night at Chelsea Stadium.



GETTING AWAY: Chelsea running back Herman Esquivel Mendez breaks away from a would-be tackle.



POWER DRIVE: Chelsea fullback Maykin Funez drives forward.



SEEKING AN ESCAPE: Chelsea quarterback Erick Galeano Flores looks for some running room.



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21ST ANNUAL KIWANIS TRACK AND FIELD DAY

The Chelsea Kiwanis Club of Chelsea held its 21st Annual Track and Field Sept. 18 at the Mary C. Burke Complex.

Following are results of the individual races:

Race 1: Sandra Cruz (first place), Annie Estrada, and Sophia Valladares.

Race 2: Brandon Hernandez (first place), David de la Cruz, and Oliver Jallow.

Race 3: Monserat Ayala (first place), Allison Figueroa, and Sophia Morales.

Race 4: Kory Leon

(first place), Armani Castillo, and Jayden Lugo.

Race 5: Farrah Henderson (first place), Jaliyaa Santiago, and Emily Estrada.

Race 6: Deavin Vieira (first place), Diego Godoy, and Carlos Gutierrez.

Race 7: Kayden Perez (first place), Jayden Lugo, and Brian Hernandez.

Race 8: Misael Godoy (first place), Jose Oliva, and Youne Maisat.

Race 9: Syomora Cruz (first place), Sophia Morales, and Myah Power.



District 12 Lt. Governor Patty Costa, Chelsea Kiwanis President and incoming Lt. Governor Sylvia Ramirez, and incoming Kiwanis President Rich Cuthie.



Race champion Farrah Henderson, Jaliya Santiago, Emily Estrada, with Jaliyaa's father, Antonio Santiago, and Emily's father, Jeremias Estrada.



Kiwanis race champion, Dearin Viera, and his grandmother Cecilia Viera.



Maria Belen Power, Cassandra Thompson, and Sylvia Ramirez, with competitors in the first race of the day at Kiwanis Track and Field Day.



of Schools, District 3 City Naomi Zabot, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Yolanda Valles, Berkowitz School parent liason, with competitors at Kiwanis Track and Field Day Sept. 18 at the Mary C. Burke Complex.



Former Chelsea High star athlete John Thompson led a family delegation that greeted his granddaughter, Sandra Cruz, 5, at the finish line after she won her race at the Kiwanis Track and Field Day. Pictured above are race champion Sandra Cruz, and her sister, Syomara, Cruz, along with their mother, Cassandra Thompson, grandmother Lisa Thompson, grandfather, John Thompson, and aunt, Charisse Thompson.



Jeremias Estrada with his daughters, Annie Estrada, Emily Estrada, Amy Estrada, and their cousin, Emelin Rosales (left).

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LEO ROBINSON HOSTS A RECEPTION AT THE HILTON DOUBLE TREE HOTEL

Chelsea’s Councillor at Large, Leo Robinson and his committee hosted a reception at the Double Tree Hilton on Everett Ave.

Robinson greeted his guests in then main room and a delicious buffet was ready and waiting for the full house of supports that

turned out for the event. While there was no speaking platform, Councillor Robinson took time a addressed and listened to any issues or concerns from his supporters in Chelsea, and freely offered his opinion on matters that were brought to his attention.



Long time friends and supports of Councillor Leo Robinson, Paul and Scott Nowicki.



Rosemarie Carlisle, Councillor Leo Robinson, Linda Gallo and Lisa Rizzo at the reception for Councillor Robinson.



Joining the party at the Chelsea Hilton Double Tree, Chelsea and Revere elected officials, Calvin Brown, Todd Taylor, Tony Zambuto, Jessica Giannino, Leo Robinson and Roy Avellana.



Bruce and Gail Mauch, Steven Haley and Joe Perlatonda enjoying the delicious meal at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel on Everett Avenue.



Minna Karas-Marino and Nick Marino supporting their Councillor at Large Leo Robinson.



Director of Sales at the Hilton Garden Inn at Logan Airport, Steven Haley joins his friend Councillor Leo Robinson at the Hilton Double Tree.



Councillor Clavin Brown with his colleague Councillor Leo Robinson and the Committee to Re-elect Leo Robinson.



Robert Repucci, Councillor Tony Zambuto, Revere Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, Councillor Robinson and Paul Revere.

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raise on Jan. 1, 2024. The total cost of all the wage increases over the next three years is approximately \$1.8 million.

The contract also adds Juneteenth to the list of holidays, increasing the number of holidays from 12 to 13, and changes the annual clothing allowance from \$1,100 to \$1,200.

On Monday night, the City Council authorized the transfer of \$289,000 from the city’s salary reserve account to FY22 fire department salaries account to help cover the cost of the negotiated raises for the current fiscal year.

The new contract for the E-911 dispatchers includes a 3 percent raise for FY22,

3.5 percent for FY23, and 3.5 percent for FY24. In addition, each member of the union will receive a signing bonus totalling \$3,500; \$2,500 allocated for FY20 and \$1,000 for FY21.

Ambrosino said the salary increases are slightly higher than those that have been negotiated with other unions.

“The reason is that the E-911 dispatchers did not receive any percentage increase for either FY20 or FY21,” he said. “Thus, this financial package is actually covering five fiscal years. The total cost of all wage increases over these five years is approximately \$308,000.”

As with the firefighters contract, there is a residency provision in the dispatcher contract that applies for 10 years.

The City Council authorized a transfer of \$90,000 from the city’s reserve salary account to the FY22 emergency management salaries account to help cover the cost of the salary increases in the contract.

“I want to thank our City Manager, Tom Ambrosino,” said District 8 Councillor Calvin T. Brown. “Any time this summer I have been in his office, he’s been dealing with the contracts, and I know it is a lot of work he has spent on it that has gone unnoticed.”

CHELSEA DAY

Saturday, September 25th, 2021
From 1-5PM @ Broadway, Chelsea

Come join us
A Community Event for all.

- Talent Showcase
- Senior Bakeoff
- Carnival games
- Dunk Tank
- Selfie Booth
- Mini-Golf
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- Adult only Beer Garden
- Pumpkin Decorating

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- Mini golf
- Comprar en Chelsea
- Furgoneta de vacunas
- Artistas callejeros
- Decoración de calabaza
- Cerveza al aire libre para adultos

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST EVERETT

Senior forward Gitalia Boyce knocked home five goals as Everett topped Chelsea in girls soccer, 6-0, at Chelsea Stadium on Thursday, September 16.



FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION: Chelsea's Rusby Santizo battles Everett's Emilila Maria-Babcock for possession of a loose ball.



DOWN BUT NOT OUT: Chelsea goalkeeper Katie Arias is flat on her back but held on to make the save on this attempt by Everett's Gitalia Boyce. Boyce and her Crimson Tide teammates eventually got the best of Arias and the Red Devils as Boyce scored five times in a 6-0 win at Chelsea Stadium on September 16.



DEFENSIVE GEM: Chelsea's Sheyly Socop Morales makes a sliding defensive move to slow down Everett's Gitalia Boyce.



IN THE CHASE: Chelsea's Sheyly Socop Morales races Everett's Emilia Maria-Babcock for the ball.



TOE TAPPING: Everett's Leandra Germain gets a toe on the ball as Chelsea's Dariana Lopez-Lobo battles for possession.



MAKING THE PLAY: Goalkeeper Katie Arias extends to keep an Everett shot out of the net.



WHO WANTS IT?: Chelsea's Kaylee Armas (9), Maybelin Ramirez Cea (7) and Everett's Stephanie Azurda all have their eyes on a loose ball.



MIDFIELD TRAFFIC: Chelsea's Maybelin Ramirez Cea and Everett's Shyann Ambersley collide as they pursue a loose ball.



HEAD GAMES: Chelsea's Lana Pineda and Everett's Emilia Maria-Babcock in are eye-to-eye with each other and the ball.



FOOTRACE: Chelsea's Layla Betancur-Cardona tries to slow Everett's Gitalia Boyce.

CHELSEA EMERGENCY MICROENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM

The MicroEnterprise Grant Program is designed to be another source of relief for small businesses in Chelsea affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will provide support for the establishment, stabilization and expansion of qualifying micro enterprises.

Eligible micro enterprises -- **businesses with five (5) or fewer employees** -- are invited to apply for consideration to receive the grant. Recipients will obtain up to \$10,000 to cover various operating costs for up to three months, including rent, utilities, and more.

- Hard-copies available at City Hall
- Applications can also be submitted electronically by emailing all materials to Lourdes Alvarez, Communications and Community Engagement Manager, and Karl Allen, Economic Development Specialist, at lavarez@chelseama.gov and kallen@chelseama.gov.

Need assistance with your application?
Contact Jenny Cepeda or Deise Paraguay at the Chelsea Business Foundation, 617.819.4229.

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Miguel Ramirez

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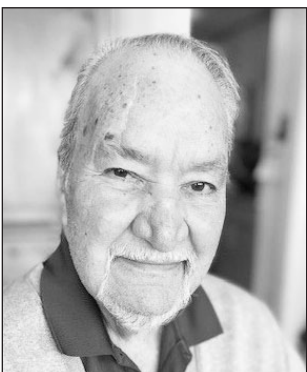
Miguel S. Ramirez, 83, passed away in the peaceful surroundings of his Boston home on Saturday, September 18 after living courageously with Parkinson’s Disease for several years.

Born and raised in Laredo, Texas, one of 14 children born to Felipe I. and Maria E. (Sanchez) Ramirez, Miguel graduated from Martins High School in Laredo and continued his education at Junior College in Texas. He served in the US Army and was honorably discharged.

He came to the Boston area and settled locally in 1960. He was employed for several years as a Cold Weather Researcher beginning at Natick Laboratory Army Research and Engineering Center. He later continued his research work with Arthur D. Little on Memorial Drive in Cambridge. Thereafter, with his wife Marianne, the couple owned and operated the Seven Hearths Inn in Sunapee, NH. for seven years. He completed his working career as a Case Worker for Boston Home Health Care, a non-profit agency.

Miguel had a profound love for the theater and worked evenings as a ticket collector working the doors at several of Boston’s prestigious theaters like the Colonial, Wilbur, Schubert and Wang Center. He was a member and past president of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 11.

In his lifetime Miguel enjoyed cross-country road trips with his wife,



visiting with family in the southwest and touring many of our National Parks. He took pride in preparing traditional Mexican Sopa de Fideo and passing his own recipe on to his family.

He was also an avid art collector acquiring many landscape paintings for his home. Miguel was the much-revered “Tio Mike” and family historian to his many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Miguel was also predeceased by his 13 siblings. He is lovingly survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Marianne Callahan. He was the cherished uncle “Tio Mike” to numerous nieces, nephews, grand and great grand nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

A private Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Should friends desire, contributions in Miguel’s name may be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation of New England Chapter, c/o 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131 or visit www.Parkinson.org/donate

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the

Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit, www.WelshFH.com

Anita Arigo

Longtime employee of Leonard Silver Manufacturing

Anita J. (Milano) Arigo of Wellington FL, formerly of Revere, died suddenly on September 18.

Anita was born and raised in Revere, graduated from Revere High School, Class of 1963 and worked for many years at Leonard Silver Manufacturing. Anita enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

The beloved wife of the late James Arigo, she was the devoted mother of Laurie Bensaddik and her husband, Houssaine and the late James Arigo Jr., loving grandmother of Bianca, Naima and Nadia and dear sister of Vincent Milano and his wife, Car-

ol of Burlington.

Her Funeral will be held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere today, Thursday, September 23 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony’s Church, Revere at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited.

At the family’s request, masks will be required when entering the funeral home and church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one’s choice. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. For guestbook please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Marcia Miller

She always put others before herself and family meant everything to her

Marcia J. (Whalen) Miller peacefully entered eternal rest on September 13 surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle at Massachusetts General Hospital. She succumbed to her illness at 82 years old.

Marcia embodied the true spirit of a Libra. She was always putting others before herself and wishing for peace among all, especially her friends and family. She was a devout member of the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, and enjoyed attending Sunday coffee hour there with many of her friends.

Marcia was born and raised in Melrose and moved to Chelsea during her young adulthood. She lived out her final days in the Chelsea/Everett area and was an active member of the community. Marcia had an established career as a homemaker where she deeply cared for her patients and loved getting to know them. She was a warm and maternal woman and absolutely adored children.

Marcia volunteered at the George Keverian elementary school for many years and generously took her grandchildren on countless trips into Boston; she especially loved spending time on the swan boats and shopping at Quincy Market.

Additionally, Marcia was a gifted writer and poet which were attributed to her compassionate nature. She loved writing for her friends and family and took great care in thoughtfully selecting cards for every occasion.

Having never had a driver’s license, Marcia walked everywhere she went and got around us-



ing public transportation. This gave her the opportunity to connect with all different types of people which brought her great joy. Most of all, Marcia cherished spending time with her family, particularly with her husband, Donald Miller by whom she was predeceased. They spent 35 loyal years together traveling and making memories.

Family meant everything to Marcia, most importantly her daughter, Sandra LaPointe, whom she is survived by, along with her husband, Edward of Sandown, NH: sisters: Barbara Gould and her husband, Howard of Old Lyme, CT, Linda McGrail and her husband, Phil of Reading; granddaughters: Danielle LaPointe of Cambridge, Andrea Waldron and her husband, Chris of Boscawen, NH, Nicole Dizer and her husband, Shane of Sandown, NH and two great-grandchildren who she cherished, Autumn and Collin Dizer, as well as many nieces and nephews.

To carry on her legacy please consider making a donation in Marcia’s name to the First Congregational Church, 26 County Rd., Chelsea, MA 02150.

Marcia’s visitation and funeral services were conducted at the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea on Monday, September 20. Interment private.

Diane Hoffman

Graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1966

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere on Friday, September 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish – St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 670 Washington Ave., Revere at 12 Noon for Diane H. (Donovan) Hoffman, 73, who died on Friday, September 17 at the Beverly Hospital following a long illness.

Diane was the beloved daughter of the late Edward J. and Jacqueline Anne (Kelley) Donovan, former wife of George “Cookie” Hoffman of Peabody and the loving and caring mother of Craig Michael Hoffman of Ashland.

She is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family and friends.

She was a graduate of Chelsea High School,



Class of 1966 and a former employee of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Department of Revenue and the Bristol County Sherriff’s Department.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Metro Residential Services, Attn: Maureen Delaney, 465 Waverly Oaks Rd., Suite 120, Waltham, MA 02452.

To send online condolences or for more information, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

State health officials announce seventh human case of WNV

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced an additional case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. WNV infection was identified in a woman in her 30s who was exposed to WNV in Bristol County. This is the seventh human case of WNV this year.

Previously, since September 1, DPH has announced six human cases and one animal case of WNV in Massachusetts. Twenty-seven communities in Essex, Middlesex, Brookline and Suffolk counties are at high risk and forty-nine communities are at moderate risk. Based on mosquito findings and the new human case, eleven additional communities are being raised to moderate risk. Those communities are: Fall River and Seekonk in Bristol County; North Andover in Essex County; Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax, and Plympton in Plymouth County; and Blackstone, Hopedale, Milford, and Millville in Worcester County. As overnight temperatures get cooler, mosquito activity right around dusk and dawn may be more intense.

“This is our first West Nile virus case this year in someone under the age of 50,” said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. “This is a reminder that although people over the age of 50 are at greater risk from West Nile virus, all ages can be affected. Risk from West Nile virus will continue until the first hard frost and people should remember to take steps to prevent mosquito bites anytime they are outdoors.”

In 2020, there were five human cases of WNV infection identified in Massachusetts.

WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all

ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

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Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

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Fourth Street off ramp closed on Saturday

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the closure of the off-ramp from Route 1 northbound to Fourth Street in Chelsea. This closure will occur on Saturday, September 25, from

1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in support of the community celebration “Chelsea Day”. Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution. For more information on traffic conditions, trav-

elers are encouraged to: Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions. Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic

conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT’s GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.



Retiree Georgia Green (left) and Retiree Sheila Arsenault.

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Zonta Club honors retiring members

The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recently honored two of their members who are retiring with a celebration at the Continental Restaurant in Saugus. Both retirees had many years of service with Massachusetts General Partners. Sheila Haas Arsenault retired at the end of August after 33 plus years of managing their medical facility in Chelsea. She has been a nurse since 1966 and helped many people in our area. Georgia Green LICSW is a social worker at the Chelsea MGH facility. Georgia works closely with the Chelsea Police Department always on call for domestic violence calls; caring for the children in those homes. She also had a private practice in Newton for many years and recently closed just before COVID-19 hit. Both of these Zonta members have worked tirelessly in our service club creating a better community for us all. We wish them all the best in this new chapter of their lives.



Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore members and friends:
Back: left to right, Janice Sikorski, Barbara Lawlor, Pam Miller, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Theresa DiPietro, Elizabeth Fama, Patricia O’Flaherty, Delia Cassano, Mary Jane O’Neill, Bonnie Fishman. Front, left to right: Christine DePrizio, Roberta Bayne, Retiree Georgia Green, Retiree Sheila Arsenault, Diane Cambria, Gina Guange.

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The People’s Memorial Project pop up display coming to downtown Chelsea

Staff Report

Artist Cedric “Vise 1” Douglas presents a forward-looking vision for the future of memorials and monuments in the United States with his newest version of the on-going series “The People’s Memorial Project,” a pop-up public video projection installation which addresses the current debate about public monuments and their controversial status.

In Downtown Chelsea, Massachusetts, a monument dedicated to Christopher Columbus was removed after months of debate led by local Chelsea High School students. These students came together to denounce the memorial, on the basis that Columbus does not represent the city’s predominantly LatinX community’s values. The empty pedestal that once anchored Columbus will for one night, on September 30th 2021, be home

to a temporary public art installation designed by Douglas, located at 179 Winnisimmet Street from 7-10PM.

With so many statues and monuments being forcibly removed around the country, Douglas’s artwork provides an answer to the question “What’s next?” This past July, Douglas led a kick-off conversation with Chelsea residents and students to further consider the implications of these questions and answers. At the event, local residents began the process of nominating local figures, both historic and currently living, that better represent the community to be featured in the temporary artwork.

Residents have been invited to nominate underrepresented people in their communities whom they would like celebrated during the night of Sept 30th at the pop-up public video projection installation. In August and September, Cedric and his



On the plaza of City Hall in Bellingham Square, a bright orange mailbox has been placed to receive ballots. There, passersby share names of Chelsea people who inspire them. More than 250 nominations have been received so far.

street team engaged with the community at several events and have received over 250 nominations to date. A bright orange mailbox at Chelsea City Hall is receiving nominations through Sept 26th.

“The intent of this project is to create a glimpse into the future, by replacing an antiquated view of history with a vision of to-

morrow where all people who have contributed to the growth and prosperity of the local community and the broader nation, are recognized and honored” says Douglas.

Douglas’ artwork provides an opportunity to rethink whom we, as a society, are choosing to memorialize in the form of public statues and monuments. “The People’s Memorial Project” is more than an artwork; it is a campaign to rethink the future of memorials and monuments on the broadest scale. This concept is not just for the Christopher Columbus site, but for all locations, it is a proposal for a better process for nomination and giving tribute to the individuals who make our community and our world a better place.

With this productive and forward-looking artwork and nomination campaign, Douglas and his team hope to ignite a nation-wide movement of public mon-



Artist Cedric Douglas (right) brought a cart to the downtown to encourage neighborhood conversations as part of the outreach effort through the month of August and September.

uments that are for the people and by the people . Artist: Cedric “Vise 1” Douglas - cedricdoug-lasdesign@gmail.com Producer: Vanessa Till Hooper / Studio HHH - studiohhh.com, vanessa@

studiohhh.com Creative Technologies: Jeff Grantz - illuminusboston.org, jef-grantz@gmail.com Project Manager: Teresita Cochran - sitacochran@gmail.com #the-peoplesmemorialproject

News in Brief

KITE FESTIVAL PLANNED

After a two year hiatus, The Kite Festival will be returning to the Mary O’Malley Park at Admiral’s Hill on Saturday, October 16 from 11 a. m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and is open to all children. The rain date will be October 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There are plenty of free kites -- so come on down. For more information please call 617-889-4469.

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR PEOPLE’S MEMORIAL PROJECT

Chelsea Prospers, the city’s initiative for neighborhood vitality, is still accepting nominations for the People’s Memorial Project.

The top nominations will be featured in a temporary public art project on Thursday, Sept. 30 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Images of the selected individuals will be projected, hologram-like, standing atop the plinth that formerly held the statue of Christopher Columbus in Chelsea Square.

The intent of the project, and the nominations, is to generate a conversation about how memorials present one view of history and leave other stories untold, according to the Chelsea Prospers website.

The artist behind the project is Cedric “Vise 1” Douglas, the founder of

the Street Memorials Project and Up Truck, a mobile creative art lab.

Douglas has a background in graffiti art, and has given talks about how he learned to use his background productively. He went to college at the Mass College of Art to study graphic art where he met a professor who taught him that design can be about creating a message to share with the world.

“The intent of this project is to create a glimpse into the future, by replacing an antiquated view of history with a vision of tomorrow where all people who have contributed to the growth and prosperity of the local community and the broader nation, are recognized and honored,” Douglas said.

From his first art project in college, Douglas’s art and projects have focused on raising social awareness in communities.

With the People’s Memorial Project in Chelsea, some of the topics up for discussion include who decides who gets memorialized, why has Christopher Columbus celebrated in so many neighborhoods, including Chelsea, and how do the memorials influence and reinforce a vision of what it means to be an American.

In downtown Chelsea Square, the monument dedicated to Christopher Columbus was taken down after a request spearheaded by Chelsea High School students. These

students came together to denounce the memorial, on the basis that Columbus does not represent the city’s values and Latino community.

The People’s Memorial Project poses the question: What does it look like to bring those who have been excluded back into the conversation? What would it mean for Black, Latino and other people of color, the poor and other marginalized people to be recognized in our public square? The project opens an accessible, community-based conversation about civic monuments and their role in the community of Chelsea.

Nominations can be made on Facebook at www.facebook.com/The-Peoples-Memorial-Project, by text message at (872) 713-6153, by voice-mail at (617) 958-1760, or by email at peoplesmemorialproject@gmail.com.

VETERANS FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO CONTINUE AT CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER

The City of Chelsea will host in-person food pantries for veterans at the Chelsea Senior Center beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

The food pantries at the Senior Center will replace the food deliveries to veterans that occurred over the last seven months. Deliveries will no longer occur. Veterans will still be able to access food distribution through the pan-

try offered at the Senior Center, which will occur on the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00 am-12:00 pm beginning in October. Please check the schedule at <https://www.chelseama.gov/home/news/veterans-food-distribution-continue-chelsea-senior-center>.

THE HOMEOWNER STABILIZATION PROGRAM (ROUND II) IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS

The Homeowner Stabilization Program (Round II) is currently accepting new applications, and will be doing so until all funds have been exhausted. This relief program can cover a variety of costs for homeowners including mortgage, tenant rent, utilities, property taxes, and homeowner insurance.

Applications can be submitted in-person at City Hall and online at <https://www.chelseama.gov/homeowner-stabilization-program>

CHELSEA DAY RETURNS THIS SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, September 25, Chelsea Downtown will transform into a city-wide celebration for Chelsea Day. Join your fellow residents at this community event that will feature music, entertainment, a Bake-Off, Beer Garden (21+), and much more!

Support Chelsea’s local businesses by participating in Shop Chelsea, an exciting event that will culminate in a raffle for residents on Chelsea Day!

Until Sept. 25, shop at any store, restaurant or establishment that gives receipts in Chelsea, and bring your receipt to the Chelsea Chamber to enter. There is NO limit on entries. Submit any receipt that you have from shopping in Chelsea during the two-week period to increase your chances of winning. Support the City’s local businesses, and bring the receipts to the Chelsea Chamber for your chance to win prizes at Chelsea Day! Winners will be announced on Saturday, Sept. 25th!

CHELSEA POETRY WALK

The first-ever Chelsea Poetry Walk is a showcase of expression in the downtown business district. Poetry written by Chelsea residents of all ages are out on display at numerous establishments for all to enjoy through September. We hope you choose to take a walk!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

City’s ARPA Community Engagement Process

The City has received over 50 applications from residents and small business owners to join the Community Advisory Committee. The City will interview all the final candidates by mid-September.

Following a competitive procurement process, the City awarded a contract to Health Resources in Action to serve as a professional facilitator and logistical coordinator and manage upcoming activities.

The first Community Advisory Committee Meeting will be held the last week of September. The process should be completed by early 2022 with a Report from the Committee identifying priorities for the use of ARPA funds.

SMALL BUSINESSES CHELSEA STRONG

The City of Chelsea has partnered with the Roads Consulting Group to create the “Chelsea Strong Program”, a new program designed to help small business owners thrive in the City of Chelsea.

Chelsea Strong will use a multi-faceted approach to help small business owners across the City in various areas. They provide technical assistance in every aspect of business including accounting, financial operations, digital marketing, website development and more. They also offer assistance with COVID-19 relief programs, grant applications Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) applications, and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness.

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