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The Chelsea City Council for 2022-2024. City Council Clerk Paul Casino (second from left) along with Councilors Calvin Brown, City Clerk Administrative Assistant Fatima Melara, Todd Taylor, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Leo Robinson, Norieliz DeJesus, Roy Avellaneda, Tanairi Garcia, Enio Lopez, Judith Garcia, and Giovanni Recupero.

Avellaneda to serve as Council President again

By Adam Swift

For the third straight year, Councillor-At-Large Roy Avellaneda will serve as the City Council President.

Avellaneda garnered 9 of the 11 votes at Monday night's council inauguration and reorganization meeting. Avellaneda himself voted present, while Councillor-At-Large Damali Vidot was unable to attend the meeting.

District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown was chosen as the new council vice president, while new District 7 Councillor Tanairi Garcia was chosen as the council's delegate to the School Committee. District 3 Councillor Norieliz DeJesus joined Garcia as a new councillor on Monday night.

"I was asked if I was excited about the next term, and I said, how could I not be," said Avellaneda.

Avellaneda said he and his fellow elected officials serve because they want to make the world a better place for their children



Councilor Roy Avellaneda is sworn in as Chelsea City Council President by City Clerk Jeanette Cintron White.

and neighbors.

"I sat down with the city manager, and we have talked about the next six

months and what's laying in front of us for this council and how we can plan for it," said Avellaneda.

On the immediate horizon are issues including a home rule petition that will codify mitigation for development in the community, as well as an ongoing process as to how the community will spend American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The president also took time to highlight the historic nature of the new City Council.

"I want to just take time to recognize what happened here recently," said Avellaneda. "Taking a look at our roster, half of this board is now women."

With five women on the council, many of them mothers, Avellaneda said the council now more closely represents the community.

"So it's not just my night, it's their night, too," he said.

Avellaneda said a few words about each of the women on the council who were present at Monday night's meeting and gave them each a chance

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Commission recommends safety measures for Marlborough Street

By Adam Swift

The Traffic and Parking Commission is recommending action to help safety issues in one area of the city, while continuing to look at recommendations for the intersection of Jefferson and Washington avenues.

Tuesday, the commission approved several traffic calming measures on Marlborough Street at the request of District 4 City Councillor Enio Lopez.

Lopez said there have been complaints from the neighborhood about speeding along Marlborough Street, adding that a child was struck by a car on the street over the summer.

Housing and Community Development Director Alexander Train said the city's traffic consultant made several recommendations for the intersections of Marlborough and Highland streets, as well as for Marlborough Street toward Broadway.

"Our traffic consultant developed a traffic calming plan for Marlborough Street, as well as the intersection of Marlborough Street and Highland Street," said Train. "Right now, the plan calls for the implementation of three speed humps on Marlborough Street that are approximately three inches in height that would slow speeding traffic, combined with new pedestrian signage and pavement marking at the intersection of Marlborough and Highland."

The traffic consultant had also recommended an elevated intersection at Highland and Marlboro, but the fire department determined that the elevated intersection would inhibit the movements of fire trucks.

Train said there would be solar-powered flashing lights to warn drivers on Marlborough Street of the upcoming speed humps.

The commission approved the safety plan,

Fidel Maltez named new town manager of Reading

Chelsea's DPW Commissioner will begin new post Feb. 14

By Cary Shuman

Fidel Maltez, who has served commendably as Chelsea's commissioner of public works since 2019, has accepted a position as the new town manager of Reading.

Maltez, who was previously Chelsea's assistant DPW director, will begin in his new leadership role Feb. 14. He will leave his position in Chelsea Feb. 11.

Maltez, 38, signed his contract in Reading Monday, with his wife, Maria Belen Power, and their two daughters, Maya and Ana Victoria, proudly viewing the ceremony in the presence of the Reading Select Board.

Maltez said he was excited about his new position.

"It's a great opportunity for my family and my professional career," said Maltez. "It's a very prestigious position and Reading is a very, well-managed town. It's a town that's known for having great finances and great staff. It's definitely a good position to step into. It's a little different from Chelsea, but what I've learned in Chelsea will definitely help me succeed in that position – which is to be resident-oriented, to be out in the community, to not lead from a desk but lead from the residents, and really try to do right by the residents."

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Fidel Maltez



The newly elected Chelsea City Council members take their oath of office from City Clerk Jeanette Cintron White.

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THANK YOU AND BEST OF LUCK, FIDEL MALTEZ

Bad news for Chelsea and good news for the Town of Reading came this week with the announcement that Chelsea DPW Commissioner Fidel Maltez is leaving our city to become the Town Manager of Reading.

Fidel has done a tremendous job in his five years as head of the Chelsea DPW and has been a great asset to City Manager Tom Ambrosino, assisting Tom with the annual capital plan and city budget.

During Fidel's tenure, the streets in Chelsea have been very clean and the city looks great. Infrastructure projects on various streets have been successful.

Maltez grew up in Managua, Nicaragua, where he met his wife, Maria Belen Power, a well-known leader in the Chelsea community who recently was named by President Joe Biden as an appointee to a national environmental justice advisory council.

They both came here for college and decided to raise their family in Chelsea (with their two young daughters) and will continue to reside here. Maria has worked at GreenRoots, a local agency dedicated to environmental justice and environmental issues.

Fidel Maltez has an impressive background -- he is a graduate of Lafayette College, has a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Tufts, and recently was accepted as a Senior Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Executive Education.

We know we join with all of our fellow residents in thanking Fidel for his service to the Chelsea community and wishing him congratulations and the best of luck upon his new position.

IF COVID-19 HAS A BRAIN, IT'S MUCH SMARTER THAN US

We don't pretend to be experts in biology -- and maybe we've been watching too many science fiction movies these days -- but the ability of the COVID-19 virus to mutate (or shape-shift, in the lingo of sci-fi fans) in order to make itself both more transmissible and more evasive of vaccines makes us wonder: Does COVID-19 possess intelligence?

If COVID-19 has a brain, it clearly has a much-higher IQ -- and more common-sense -- than the large number of human beings who refuse to get vaccinated and who do not take precautions to avoid the disease.

New statistics reveal that the death rate has risen particularly sharply for middle-aged white people. COVID-19 now accounts for a much larger share of all deaths for that group than it did before vaccines were widely available. To paraphrase the motto on New Hampshire license plates, some people choose to live free -- AND die,

There always will be a certain number of humans who do stupid things every day that result in their own deaths -- and those who are unvaccinated by choice fall into that category.

But in most places, the unvaccinated thankfully represent a small minority of people.

On the other hand, the new Omicron variant is sickening even those who are vaccinated at a rate much greater than at any time since the start of the pandemic. Up until the past few weeks, vaccinated persons were told they could feel fairly confident in the immunity supposedly conferred by the vaccines.

While it may be true that vaccinations still are hugely successful in limiting the number of deaths and serious illnesses requiring hospitalization, Omicron has upended the best-laid plans of even the most-cautious and health-conscious among us as we try to return to normal life.

The onslaught of the Omicron variant has affected almost every aspect of our daily lives, from travel to schools.

So does COVID-19 have a brain? Who knows?

But what we do know is that no matter what we throw at it, COVID-19 always is one step ahead of us.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.....

The lengthening of the daylight hours is imperceptible at first.

The least amount of daylight occurred on December 22, clocking in at nine hours, seven minutes. But by the end of this week, January 8, we'll have nine hours and 19 minutes of daylight, an increase of 12 minutes.

That may not seem like much, but it's noticeable when we go outside to take our sunset photos and realize that the sun is setting later each and every day.

The trend toward longer days will begin to accelerate, so that on January 30, we'll have exactly 10 hours of daylight.

Public health experts tell us that the next six weeks or so will be very difficult because of the impending widespread impact of COVID-19 thanks to the Omicron variant.

But as our days get longer and we get to enjoy more daylight, at least we will have something to brighten -- literally and figuratively -- the dark days that lie ahead.

Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Develop a plan for 2022

to determine what we believe we would enjoy doing. The will of God is what we would determine to do if we just had enough sense. We will never rise above what we do not want to do. If we want to do something our chances of success are greater.

What is stopping you? Consider your life and where you want to be and determine the blockades. Sometimes the greatest blockade is the decision to move forward. Until we make that decision we aren't going anywhere. Once we know then we

can assemble what is required to reach our destination.

Learn from the past and put it behind you. Past failures often eliminate us from life participation. We remember when we failed. A life that is fearful usually accomplishes far less than the life that has faith and confidence. Fear freezes us in our tracks.

Who are you today? Who you are and the direction you are going is far more important than where you have been. You can't change the past but you can steer your life in a

new direction.

Develop a life action plan. Why not plan a strategy for the next six months and even the next year? You and God can determine where you will be. Start today!

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.

Best-selling author Laurie Stolarz speaks to Chelsea High students

Laurie Faria Stolarz, award-winning author of several popular young adult novels including the Dark House series, the Touch 17 series, Shutter, and Bleed, made a guest speaking appearance at Chelsea High School.

Stolarz, who has sold

more than one million books worldwide, delivered an inspirational talk to CHS students. She related that while she wasn't a standout student in her English classes in high school, she never gave up on her dream of being an author.

Through perseverance, a strong belief in her skills, and a marvelous ability to entertain young adults with her captivating works, Stolarz generated interest from book publishers. Once given the opportunity to showcase her ingenious writings,

Stolarz soon became a best-selling author.

"She's just great," offered a student as Stolarz autographed one of her novels following the presentation.



Author Laurie Faria Stolarz obliges students at Chelsea High with autographs following her talk at the school.



From left, School Librarian Trent Bordok, English Language Arts Lead Teacher Rachel Barlage, guest speaker Laurie Faria Stolarz, and Chelsea High English teacher Jay Kirby.



Jay Kirby, Chelsea High School English teacher, greets his neighbor, best-selling author Laurie Faria Stolarz.



Best-selling author Laurie Faria Stolarz meets Chelsea High School students, from left, Carlos Flores, Abdallah Alhazimeh, Hoa Le, Marelyn Padilla, and Yamil Rivera.

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Impact in Chicisco

The well-maintained streets and parks in Chelsea, from Voke Park to Quigley Park, are a credit to the diligence and hard work of Maltez and his department.

"I've been going above and beyond my normal duties in public works and really learning from Tom [Ambrosino] on what it takes to go to the next step," said Maltez. "Tom is the reason why I was able to get this new position. Tom is a great mentor. He's been in the public service sector for 30 years, and he knows everything about municipal management, and there is not one question that I've asked Tom where he doesn't know the answer. He's seen it all. He's also a very supportive boss."

A success story begins in Nicaragua
Fidel Maltez grew up in Managua, Nicaragua, where he met his future

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Traffic consultants and the public works department will also likely have recommendations for the intersection of Jefferson and Washington Avenue by the February meeting.

"Some guy was coming up from the center, coming up from Washington Street," said Festa. "I heard him come around the corner and heard a big boom."

“We certainly recognize the safety issues at that intersection,” said Train. “Our department, in coordination with the DPW, is looking at various traffic calming and safety measures that could be implemented. Usually, that type of assessment takes two to three months in order to complete, so we are hoping that by the next meeting we will have a recommendation to make to you, the neighborhood, and the Traffic and Parking Commission.”



of reading.

Fidel attended Lafayette College (Penn.) where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. He also holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Tufts University and was recently accepted as a Senior Fellow at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Executive Education.

Fidel Maltez and Maria Belen Power were married in 2011 and live in Chelsea with their two children. Maria is the associate executive director of GreenRoots and an appointee to

Praise from city officials

"Fidel is a fabulous employee, a great manager, and I'm going to miss him a great deal here," said Ambrosino. "But I also think this is a tremendous opportunity for him. I'm really excited for him, and I think he's going to make a great town manager in Reading."

"This is an excellent opportunity for Fidel," said Robinson. "We in the city of Chelsea hate to lose good people, but I wish him nothing but the best. Fidel did a great job in Chelsea. We will miss the energy that he brings to City Hall."



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to speak.

“I am extremely honored and humbled to be here tonight to represent District 3 ... and to uplift all of these ideas my city and district has around housing, affordable housing, affordable home ownership and just the right to have a roof over your head,” said DeJesus.

Tanairi Garcia said she was honored to serve the city she was raised in and wanted the best for her children and her community.

“I’m here for it, and I’m here for you guys, and I’m honored to be working with such a wonderful group of people,” she said.

District 2 Councillor Melinda Vega Maldonado said she also wanted to work for the children and people of the city.

District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia said she was proud to serve with the four other women on council, noting that Vidot was likely watching the proceedings online.

“We have four (other) dynamic, powerful women who are mothers, organizers, and advocates, and tonight is your night,” she said. “This is the first time ever that this body actually represents the city that we represent out there. We have more women here, and as I sit here right now, I can’t stop but think about my mother, who emigrated from Honduras to this country and this city seeking a place that was affordable and seeking opportunity, just like thousands of other families.”

Avellaneda said the city and the council have the ability and conviction to overcome obstacles, “but the resources have



Chelsea City Council President Roy Avellaneda (right) and Vice-President Calvin Brown.

to come from outside, and only the strong advocacy will get us access to these resources. Failure to provide critical aid and policy changes to benefit communities like Chelsea is measured in the loss of lives and livelihoods, and it’s immoral and it’s unjust.”

State Representative Dan Ryan also addressed the council chambers Monday night, noting that it will be his last year representing Chelsea. Thanks to redistricting, Chelsea will elect a representative from the city in the 2022 elections.

“As much as I love and am inspired to represent the good people of Chelsea, at this time next year you will be represented in the Great and General Court by one of your own,” Ryan said. “Someone who walks the same streets and rides the same buses. I cannot stress the importance of this enough, because when all the issues and policies are debated and ideological lines have been drawn, the foundation of democracy is still geography, and you know the cracks in your sidewalks better than I do.”



Massachusetts State Rep. Dan Ryan addresses the assembly as the guest speaker. This will be his last year that Chelsea will be in his district due to redistricting.



Newly appointed City Council President Roy Avellaneda makes acknowledgments and closing remarks. He noted how almost half of the City Council is comprised of women, better representing the demographics of Chelsea.



Chelsea High School student Marta De Los Reyes Gomez sings the National Anthem to start the ceremony.



Police Chief Brian Keyes and Fire Department Chief Leonard Albanese lead the City Councilors into the City Council Chamber.



Fire Department Chief Leonard Albanese points to the portraits of past Chiefs to Police Chief Brian Keyes.



City Councilors Norieliz DeJesus, Judith Garcia, Tanairi Garcia, and Melinda Vega Mondalado.



Councilor Tanairi Garcia is sworn in as Chelsea City Council Liaison to the School Committee by City Clerk Jeanette Cintron White.



Councilor Calvin Brown is sworn in as Chelsea City Council Vice-President by City Clerk Jeanette Cintron White.



City Councilor Judith Garcia speaks with fellow Councilor Roy Avellaneda.



After being sworn in as Liason to the School Committee, Councilor Tanairi Garcia (3rd from right) takes a photo with her daughter Tanari Camancho, brother Mark Garcia, School Committee Charwoman Kelly Garcia, her fiancée and Chelsea Fire Alarm Operator and guidance Joao Lobo, son Nathaniel, and fellow Councilor Melinda Vega Mondalado.



Left, Finn Taylor, son of councilor Todd Taylor, listens to newly elected City Council President Roy Avellaneda make remarks.



The Chelsea City Council for 2022-2024 with City Council Clerk Paul Casino City Manager Tom Ambrosino (third from left), Police Chief Brian Keyes (third from right), Fire Department Chief Leonard Albanese and Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan.



Chelsea City Councilor Leo Robinson with Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan.

CPS, Chelsea Teachers Union unite to distribute COVID-19 tests

Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) and the Chelsea Teachers Union (CTU) gathered on Sunday, January 2, for four hours to distribute rapid COVID-19 tests to teachers and staff before returning to school from winter break.

The rapid test distribution occurred at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex in Chelsea from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Over 400 test kits were distributed to the teachers and staff who came to pick up the kits. The remaining

staff members who were unable to come on Sunday were able to receive their kits on Monday morning at school.

In an effort to provide tests to as many teachers and staff as possible before returning to school, the CPS Buildings and Grounds department mobilized to be able to provide a drive-through distribution for CPS staff to come through and acquire their test kit. Volunteers from both CPS administration and CTU mem-

bers helped run the clinic, checking in staff members, organizing traffic and handing kits to drivers and passengers.

“Our CPS staff mobilized quickly to ensure that our staff had Covid test kits before the start of school. We relied on the same systems we developed in 2020 when we distributed Chromebooks; thus, it made it easier for us to move quickly,” Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta commented. “An amazing team effort to



CTU member Brian Pinales checks a CPS member in at the rapid test distribution site.



Pictured (left to right): Assistant Superintendent Michael Lovato, CTU member Katerina Klavon, CTU President Kathryn Anderson, Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Assistant Superintendent Adam Deleidi, and COA Principal Ron Schmidt.

keep our students and staff safe!”

The test distribution was part of an ongoing effort upon CPS to keep its students, staff and buildings safe during the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to provide quality instruction and learning. CPS has offered free testing of

students all year, and has incorporated a “Test and Stay” protocol that has allowed kids who have been identified as close contacts to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 to stay in school. This program tests students on five consecutive days at school to ensure that they continue to test negative,

which allows them to stay in school and continue learning.

CPS returned for a full day of school on Monday, January 3, after departing for winter break following the end of the school day on Wednesday, December 23.

Local charter public school “Levels Up” its academic program

Jorleny, a second year student at the Phoenix Charter Academy Chelsea, approaches the stage for the third time this evening as a crowd of her peers and teachers cheer her on. She’s already received two certificates for completing Humanities I and Math I, her last two classes as a Category I student, Phoenix’s equivalent of the freshman year of high school. Now, she approaches the stage to receive a “Level Up” Award, officially recognizing and celebrating her advancement to Category II, or what is known as sophomore year in most high schools. She’s 25% closer to graduation, and it’s only December.

Level Up Ceremonies, a new initiative at Phoenix Chelsea, occur six times



Three students show off their course completion certificates and attendance awards after the October ceremony. These same students would all level-up in December, and their names, from left to right, are Perla (East Boston), Jemima (Everett), and Marquise (Revere).

a year, roughly every six weeks. During these ceremonies, students receive certificates and recognition for completing courses, Leveling Up (advancing to the next grade level), or even graduating. At the most recent ceremony on December 9th, eleven students were celebrated for perfect attendance, 33 course completion certificates were awarded, and ten students leveled up a category. “We’re seeing impressive student growth this year,” says Stella Dubish, Head of School. “These ceremonies are an important way to validate that growth, and encourage our students to keep pushing.”

In 2018, the Phoenix Charter Academy Network implemented Competency Based Learning,

a model that uncouples student progress from the calendar year. In this model, students don’t wait until the end of the year to finish courses or advance grades; they move whenever they demonstrate mastery of the competencies, or skills, that they need. “If a student moves up a Level in December, we can’t wait until June to celebrate that,” says Ms. Dubish. “We needed something to mark that achievement sooner, to affirm them and keep that progress going.”

Like many schools, Phoenix Chelsea struggled to engage students after closing down their physical school during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many of Phoenix’s students, half of whom are over 18, work part-



Six students show off their “Level Up Certificates” at the December ceremony, along with two school leaders. accompanied by Stella Dubish (far right), Head of School. From left to right: Audrey Jones (Director of School Culture), Danny (Chelsea), Perla (East Boston), Jemima (Everett), Marquise (Revere), Milleny (Everett), Jorleny (Chelsea), and Stella Dubish (Head of School).

time or even full-time jobs. School leaders say that students took on extra hours to support their families and save some extra money, one reason why attendance and progress in online classes was lower than they would have liked. Level Up Ceremonies are one way the school is working to rebuild the culture of engagement and achievement.

“I feel happy, I feel excited for myself, and I feel proud of myself. [Last year was] a hard year for me, but I tried the best I could to do a lot of work,” says Jorleny. When asked

about the value of the Level Up Ceremonies, Jorleny shares, “We get excited because Phoenix recognizes us for our hard work, and it pushes us to move more and work more.”

As the Level Up Ceremony commences, Tanya Silverstein and Vianca Rodriguez, the school’s Managers of Scholar Success, emphasize the value of the moment for all students, not only those being recognized. As they share with the students in attendance, in both English and Spanish, “Look around you - this will be you if you keep working, stay focused, and follow in the footsteps of those students

who are being celebrated today.”

The Phoenix Charter Academy Network was founded in 2006 and serves over 500 students across Massachusetts, with schools in Chelsea, Lawrence, and Springfield. A network of alternative schools, its mission reads: “The Phoenix Charter Academy Network operates schools that challenge resilient, disconnected students with rigorous academics and relentless supports, so they take ownership of their futures and succeed in high school, college, and as self-sufficient adults.”



A'Niarya's daughter shows off her mother's diploma during Phoenix Chelsea's first ever Level Up Ceremony in September of 2021.



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Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Eversource and Verizon for the following petition:
Eversource:
1. Second St- easterly at the intersection of Cherry St, install approximately 5 feet of conduit, then turning and running down Cherry St, install approximately 134 feet of conduit. W#5184368
2. Washington Ave- at the intersection of Forsyth Street, southwesterly from pole P30/21 to private property at 176-178 Washington Ave, install approximately 157 feet of conduit and one new manhole MH31310 W#5625016
Verizon:
3. Second St- place a new four-inch (4") conduit approximately 6' northwesterly from old pole, P.22-3 located on the northeasterly side of Second St to relocate pole, P.22-3 located on the northeasterly side of Second St. W#4A0QP6U
The public is invited to attend.
Fidel Maltez
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Trabajo propuesto y propósito: Petición de Eversource y Verizion para la siguiente petición:
Eversource:
1. En segundo lugar, en la intersección de Cherry St, instale aproximadamente 5 pies de conducto, luego gire y baje por Cherry St, instale aproximadamente 134 pies de conducto. W # 5184368
2. Washington Ave- en la intersección de Forsyth Street, hacia el suroeste desde el poste P30 / 21 hasta la propiedad privada en 176-178 Washington Ave, instale aproximadamente 157 pies de conducto y una nueva boca de inspección MH31310 W # 5625016
Verizon:
3. Second St- coloque un nuevo conducto de cuatro pulgadas (4 ") aproximadamente a 6 ' al noroeste del poste viejo, P.22-3 ubicado en el lado noreste de Second St para reubicar el poste, P.22-3 ubicado en el lado noreste de Second St. W # 4A0QP6U
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estate by Petition of Petitioner Earl L. Hagstrom Jr. of Mill Valley, CA A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Earl L. Hagstrom Jr. of Mill Valley, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Re: JDC 65R Owner, LLC, 100 Justin Drive, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Petroleum Storage License application for JDC 65R Owner, LLC, 100 Justin Drive, 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
1/6/22, 1/13/22

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405
Docket No. SU21P1980PM
In the matter of: Leila Sykes Of: Chelsea, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Cha-Pace of Cambridge, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Leila Sykes is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Sara Spooner of Auburn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/03/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the

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LEGAL NOTICE



(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS

Mace Tot Lot Renovation
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Mace Tot Lot Renovation". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after December 30, 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 "Mace Tot Lot Renovation" and submitted to the Purchasing Office, Room 204, no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, January 20, 2022.
An Optional Pre-Bid Site

Walk on January 6th at 11:00am at 59 Crescent Avenue Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. 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
1/6/22

LEGAL NOTICE



LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
ISSUANCE OF NEW ON PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Chelsea acting through the Chelsea City Licensing Commission Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws c. 138. A hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Chelsea City Hall, City Council Chambers, Third Floor, 500 Broadway, to discuss the proposed change of acquiring New On Premise Liquor Licenses. The proposed subject matter will be to discuss

the criteria for new applicants and the public need for new on premise liquor licenses. A copy of the City Administration proposal is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Licensing Department, Room 307, Chelsea City Hall, Chelsea, MA; Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to Noon.
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
1/6/22, 1/13/22

LEGAL NOTICE



(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES

The City of Chelsea is seeking sealed bids to provide all labor, tools, equipment, transportation and supervision necessary to accomplish all plumbing installation, repair and replacement services at all Chelsea Public Buildings. Specifications and contract documents will be available on or after Thursday, December 30, 2021 at the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts. Bid documents can be downloaded at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "On-Call Plumbing Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00 AM, Thursday, January 13, 2022. 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 bid, to reject and/or all bids 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 bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
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Chief Procurement Officer
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LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Oakwood Tavern, LLC d/b/a Tambo 22 22 Adams Street, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an Alteration of Premises application of an All Kinds of Alcohol License (On Premise) for Oakwood Tavern, LLC d/b/a Tambo 22 at 22 Adams Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters of this hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
1/6/22, 1/13/22

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 21 SM 001728
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Valerie Sutherland a/k/a Valerie Armstrong and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq): HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2004-A, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-A claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 250 Congress Avenue, Unit No. 38, of the Willow Park Condominiums, given by Valerie Sutherland to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated November 26, 2003, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 33392, Page 35, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 02/07/2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 12/24/2021. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

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OBITUARIES

Douglas Wood-Boyle

True Renaissance Man

The friends and family of Douglas “Doug” Wood-Boyle bade a final farewell to one of the most enlightened humans to grace their lives. Remembered as a true Renaissance Man, Doug’s funeral service and life celebration was held recently at the United Parish of Auburndale, MA.

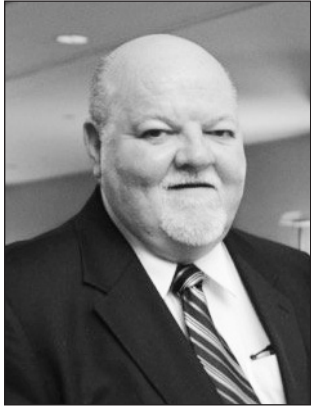
He passed away October 18, 2021 after a short illness. He was the husband of Linda Wood-Boyle for 34 years, making their home in Dorchester for the past 20 years. They were partners from the start and he readily added Linda’s last name to his as an outward sign of that connection.

He was the son of the late Neal Boyle of Malden and the late Catherine (Rogers) Boyle of Everett and is survived by his brother, Neal and his wife, Sandy, as well as nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews and the many friends who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his brother, Lt. Colonel David Boyle.

Born in Everett, Doug grew up in Malden and Lynn. He graduated from Lynn English High School and earned an Associate’s Degree from Leland Powers School of Communication. After graduation, he spent the next decade in radio, as well as touring throughout the country with a professional Children’s Theater Group.

When not touring, he worked security (with his canine companion) for several large companies in the Boston area.

While working security, he began to freelance for several local newspapers, and that’s where he found his true passion. He wrote for the Prime Times of Saugus, the Daily Times-Chronicle of Wakefield and Reading, the Chelsea Record and the Saugus Advertiser. Doug eventually became the editor of the Saugus Advertiser and the Wakefield Daily Times-Chronicle. He later served as the senior writer for the Middlesex East weekly publication, telling local



human interest stories.

He was known for his ability to get people to trust him and open up to him and share their stories. He was genuinely interested in the person he interviewed and really listened to them. After retiring from newspapers, Doug worked as a public relations consultant for local cable access stations, including at the Wakefield Community Access Cable Channel. He also worked as freelance editor, photographer and food enthusiast for local newspapers and magazines in the Boston area.

In addition to his professional work, Doug served as a volunteer for many non-profits, including Recording for the Blind, SPAN, Inc., The United Parish of Auburn-dale, and several LGBTQ organizations.

Doug loved to perform in community theater groups, and if his arm was slightly twisted, would sing when requested. He and Linda shared that love of music and singing, another bond that sealed them in this life. He enjoyed traveling, any activity on the ocean, reading, and old and new friendships. He also deeply valued his relationships with family. Doug embraced everyone he met with humor and love, and the space he left behind is filled with memories of good times and good conversations.

Donations in Doug’s memory can be made to the Outreach Fund, c/o the United Parish of Auburn-dale, 64 Hancock Street, Newton, MA 02466.

Funeral services were coordinated by the Burke and Blackington Funeral Home in Newton, MA.

Richard Doucette

August 22, 1959 – December 26, 2021

Richard Doucette passed away on Sunday, December 26 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton. He was 64 years old.

Born in Boston and raised in Chelsea, he was the beloved son of the late John E. and Marjorie (Litlejohn) Doucette. Richard attended local schools in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1975.

He worked as a print shop laborer for Arctco Printing in Canton and was a hockey referee at Hockey Town USA in Saugus for several years.

He resided in Chelsea and Everett for most of his life and in Bridgewater for the past 15 years.

In his lifetime, Richard enjoyed listening to music, was an all-around Boston sports fan and he enjoyed watching anything that involved a ball or a puck. He also enjoyed candlepin bowling in his spare time.

He was the beloved father of Lauren Doucette and her companion, Steven Moreno of Braintree and Daniel Doucette and his companion, Danielle Frongillo of Melrose and the cherished grandfa-



ther of Vivian Doucette. He was the dear brother of MaryAnne Beck and her late husband, James of Bridgewater, Robert Doucette and his wife, Patricia of Chelsea, Ronald Doucette of Bridgewater, Diane Gonzalez and her late husband, Andre of Easley, SC, Eleanor “Ellen” Grungo and her husband, John of Middleboro, Patricia Gibbons of Everett and Barbara Bessette and her husband, Scott of Lakeville. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

A memorial gathering and celebration of Richard’s life will be held at a later date.

Should friends desire, contributions in Richard’s name may be made to a charity of their choice

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

Thomas Michalski

July 16, 1936 – December 15, 2021

Thomas J Michalski, 85, passed away on Wednesday, December 15 at Care One, Peabody after a brief illness.

He was born in Chelsea on July 16, 1936 and was a devoted son of the late Henry Michalski and Helen M (Grabowski) Michalski Janeck. Tommy was educated in Chelsea schools attending St. Stanislaus Elementary School, Williams Junior High School, and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1953.

As a boy, Tommy worked for Pure White Laundry and Eagle Shoe until he was drafted into the US Army on September 8, 1959. He was Honorably Discharged at the rank of SP4 on November 8, 1963, after serving our country in Korea. He earned a citation for Marksman (Rifle) and a Good Conduct Medal.

As a young man Tommy worked several jobs including at the Chelsea Soldiers Home and eventually retired from the Stop & Shop Bakery in Boston where he was a member of the Bakery and Confectionery Union, Local 348.

In his spare time, he raised and trained homing pigeons, enjoyed going to Wonderland Dog Track and became an avid pool



player when he moved to Billerica 35 years ago. He enjoyed playing cards with his brother, Mickey and sisters, Linda and Dot and listening to 60’s and 70’s music.

Tommy was the beloved brother of Walter “Mickey” Michalski and his wife, Gail of Billerica, Dorothy Young of Revere, Linda Michalski Hartman of Chelsea, Joanne Waters and her husband, Don of North Reading, and Joseph Michalski of Charlestown. He was predeceased by two sisters, Patricia Waters and Henrietta Greenlaw. He was also the loving and devoted uncle to several nieces and nephews and will be greatly missed by all.

Private Services and Military Honors were held at the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. Contributions in Tommy’s name can be made to a charity of their choice.

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

Severino “Sam” Moscatelli

March 4, 1932 – December 30, 2021



Severino “Sam” M. Moscatelli, a resident of Chelsea for

over 50 years, passed away on Thursday, December 30 at the age of 89. Sam was receiving supportive care at the Leonard Florence Center for Living for the past few weeks, living courageously with complications from a stroke he endured a month earlier.

Born and raised in East Boston, he was one of ten children of the late Michael and Felicia (Rispoli) Moscatelli.

Sam attended schools in East Boston, completing the 11th grade at the High School, when he enlisted into the US Army. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1954 at the rank of Corporal.

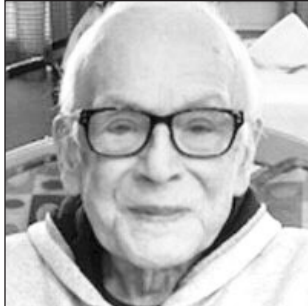
After returning home, he began working at American Optical in Chelsea. There he met Rita Alma Gallant. They married in 1956, sharing 62 years of love and devotion, together raising their family of a daughter and three sons, while residing for many years in Chelsea’s Mill Hill neighborhood.

Sam continued working at Columbia Packing Co. in Boston for 28 years. When the company closed, Sam began working with Custodial Services at the Chelsea Soldiers Home and later with Eastpointe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center until taking full retirement.

In his lifetime, Sam enjoyed numerous trips to Atlantic City, Foxwoods, and Las Vegas with Rita. He was an avid sports fan for all the Boston teams and followed Duke College Basketball and the Alabama Crimson Tide college football team.

Sam could always be depended on to help his family volunteering to assist in house projects for his children. He would frequently and joyously attend his grandchildren’s many events.

In addition to his parents, Sam was also predeceased by all his siblings: Mary Tramonte, Thomas Moscatelli, Laura Nocito, Rose Puglise,



Rita Moscatelli, Evelyn Mitchell, Antoinette Feloni, Michael Moscatelli, Margaret Costantini and his granddaughter, Alyssa Nanopoulos. Sam was widowed by the passing of his beloved, Rita A. (Gallant) Moscatelli in 2019. He was the devoted father of Nancy Nanopoulos and her husband, Andy of Wakefield, Tommy Moscatelli, Sr. and his wife, Donna of Newton, Robert Moscatelli and his wife, Audrey of Phoenix, AZ, and Bruce Moscatelli and his wife Nicole of Lynn. He was the cherished grandfather of Tom Moscatelli, Jr. and his wife, Kelly of Chapel Hill, NC, Christopher Moscatelli and his wife, Korey of Stoughton, Michael Nanopoulos of Wakefield, Nicole Moscatelli of Malden, and Anthony Moscatelli of Newton; adored great-grandfather of Kyla and Cameron Moscatelli. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and nephews, and extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend his Funeral Mass by gathering at the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere on Friday, January 7 at 11:30 a.m. Attendees are required to wear face masks while in the church and physical distancing is advised. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Should friends desire, contributions in Sam’s name may be made to American Stroke Association, 300 5th Avenue, Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451-8750, or visit: www.Stroke.org/donate

Arrangements entrusted to the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com

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OBITUARIES

Maria Isabel Irizarry

July 28, 1944 - December 23, 2021

Maria Isabel Irizarry passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 23 at the Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. She was 77 years of age.

Born and raised in Yauco, Puerto Rico, she was a beloved daughter of the late Juan Irizarry and Cruz Seda-Irizarry. She spent her early years in Yauco, came to New York in 1965, married Santos Irizarry and began to raise her family. She moved with her family to Chelsea in 1972 and resided here for several years before settling in Cambridge 20 years ago.

Maria was a hardworking woman, working outside of her home as a Shift Supervisor at Sweetheart Paper and later working at Native Poultry in Chelsea.

She was very active in the Chelsea Hispanic Community. She was a member of St. Rose Parish where she taught Sunday School, sang in the Choir, was a Eucharistic Minister, and she was a fondly remembered host and DJ for the St. Rose Radio Program “Abundancia.” She was a beloved “Seminarian Den Mother” for many years welcoming Hispanic seminarians from St. John’s Seminary in her home on weekends.

Maria taught herself the art of Spanish cooking. Her home and kitchen was always full of the aromas of her meals, where



she fed many visitors and even prepared meals to be shared with neighbors and other families in need of a hot meal.

She was the beloved wife of 55 years to Santos Irizarry, Sr., devoted mother of Pedro Irizarry of Cambridge, Santos Irizarry of Brighton and Martin Irizarry of Saugus; cherished grandmother of Yarilda Irizarry, Sebastian Irizarry and Jacob Irizarry; dear sister of Efrain Irizarry, Elba Irizarry, Bermain Irizarry, Wilfredy Irizarry, Angel Irizarry, and the late Luznery Irizarry, Juan Irizarry, Benjamin Irizarry, and Hector Irizarry.

Visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea were on Wednesday, January 5.

Should friends desire, contributions in Maria’s name may be made to American Stroke Association, 300 5th Avenue, Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451-8750 or visit. www.Stroke.org/donate

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

Wellness, not weight loss: Advice for starting the new year off right

For many of us, New Year’s resolutions like quitting smoking, getting organized or losing weight are sweeping lifestyle changes, which often fail after a few days or weeks. At the Center for Weight Management and Wellness at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, experts in nutrition and wellness coach patients to focus on making changes that can be sustained for improved health in the long-term.

Registered dietitians Jenna Koroly, MS, RD, LDN, and Ema Barbosa Brown, MPH, MPH, RD, LDN, offer this advice: When considering your goals for the new year, start with small changes.

“If you are not currently in an exercise routine, setting a goal of working out five times per week for 30 minutes can be intimidating and challenging to maintain,” says Koroly. “Instead, start with small bursts of physical activity that you enjoy, such as 10 minutes of walking each day or a 15-minute Zumba video three times per week.”

When it comes to nutrition, the advice is the same:

Increase the amount of vegetables and fruit you eat per day. Vegetables and fruit contain beneficial vitamins, minerals and naturally occurring compounds called phytochemicals that help to re-

duce chronic disease risk. One serving of vegetables is 1 cup of raw vegetables or ½ cup of cooked vegetables. One serving of fruit is about ½ to 1 cup. See if you can gradually increase to 3 to 5 servings per day of vegetables, and 2 to 3 servings per day of fruit. Try meals such as zucchini noodles with turkey meatballs, a cauliflower rice stir fry or oatmeal with berries to increase you intake of vegetables and fruits.

Try something new. If you don’t like vegetables or generally don’t add them to your grocery list, try adding one new vegetable to your grocery list each week for four to eight weeks alternating between red/orange, purple and other colors, leafy greens and root vegetables. Vary the ways you prepare your vegetables for interest and palatability. You may choose to eat them raw (green salads, celery/cucumber/carrots with low fat dip), steamed (broccoli and zucchini), stir-fried (yellow bell peppers, sugar snap peas, carrots, mushrooms, baby corn, water chestnuts), roasted (sweet potato, red onions, bell peppers, scarlet turnips, beets, snap peas), baked (acorn squash, sweet potatoes) or added to stews and soups (yuca, collard greens, yellow squash, yautia/malanga, Brussels sprouts).

Vary your micronu-

trients and fiber. Do the same with fruits regarding color, taste and texture to vary the micronutrients and fiber they provide to enrich your eating pattern. Try a new fruit each week for several weeks until fruit becomes part of your weekly grocery list. Eat fruit as a snack, dessert or as part of a meal such as a fruit/yogurt smoothie for breakfast, cut up fresh fruit or canned fruit added to your salad or mashed bananas in your pancakes.

Make nutritious snack options more accessible. Keep a bowl of fruit on the kitchen counter, pre-portioned packages of nuts towards the front of the cupboard or in a drawer at work and Greek yogurts in the fridge to encourage yourself to reach for the healthy options. Consider a cupboard cleanout so there are nutritious options for everyone in the family.

Aim for mini sweet treats. The first few bites tend to be the most satisfying as our taste buds fatigue with additional bites. This can help you stay on track with your goals without depriving yourself of your favorite foods.

Koroly and Brown say the small changes approach can also be applied to other areas of your life.

“Stress management is key to a healthy lifestyle,” says Brown. “I encourage my patients to aim for 10 to 30 minutes of self-care

per day depending on their schedule. Deep breathing, meditation, physical activity, laughing with loved ones and listening to soothing music can all help to manage stress. Self-care may also include taking a nap when needed, going to sleep earlier or taking a warm bath.”

It’s also important to stay connected with friends and family by eating one daily meal together. If you live alone, try connecting with loved ones at a mutually agreed upon place (restaurant, place of worship, library, mall, park) or via video chat.

With these small changes, you’ll be sure to enjoy 2022 from January through December!

Need help getting started? Speak to your primary care provider or call the Center for Weight Management and Wellness at 617-525-3597.

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Baker-Polito administration announces release of the 2021 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the release of the final 2021 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan. Authorized by the Oceans Act of 2008, the ocean plan protects critical marine habitat and important water-dependent uses, and sets standards for ocean-based development. Under the Oceans Act, the ocean plan is required to be reviewed at least every five years, and the 2021 ocean plan now supersedes all previous plans.

“The newly released 2021 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan provides important updates to the Commonwealth’s framework for balancing ocean uses and resource protection,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “This update and amendment ef-

fort ensures the ocean plan continues to incorporate the best science and evolving policy perspectives for sound ocean resource management.”

“Ocean resources are of critical importance to our economy and way of life in Massachusetts,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “The 2021 ocean plan showcases our Administration’s commitment to proactively and constructively manage evolving ocean uses to meet the needs of our citizens and communities.”

The original Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan, released in 2009 in response to the Oceans Act of 2008, established protections for critical marine habitat and important water-dependent uses in

the Massachusetts Ocean Management Planning Area and set siting and performance standards for specific ocean-based development. The Oceans Act requires the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to review the ocean plan at least once every five years — a process led by the Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) and supported by input from the Ocean Advisory Commission, Ocean Science Advisory Council, technical work groups and a significant public engagement process. The final 2021 ocean plan contains revised maps of special, sensitive, or unique resources and water-dependent uses, a current assessment of the status and trends in ocean

conditions and a Science Framework to ensure progress on key ocean management priorities over the next five years.

“Through the release of the 2021 ocean plan, the Baker-Polito Administration affirms its dedication to the responsible stewardship of ocean resources, which are critical to the state’s prosperity and to the protection of state ocean waters,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “The 2021 ocean plan would not have been possible without the dedication of many individuals and organizations, and I would like to personally thank all of these contributors for their commitment to ensuring the ocean plan meets the needs of the

Commonwealth’s citizens, today and into the future.”

“The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management is committed to balancing the impacts of human activity with the protection of coastal and marine resources,” said CZM Director Lisa Berry Engler. “We at CZM are proud to play a leading role in ensuring the ocean plan remains an evolving document, revised periodically to adapt as better information and science is developed, policy goals evolve and experience in applying the management and administrative framework is gained.”

The review and update for the ocean plan was initiated in 2019. The process was led by CZM on behalf of EEA and supported by

the Ocean Advisory Commission, Ocean Science Advisory Council, technical work groups, stakeholder groups and public participation. In December 2020, the Review of the 2015 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan was completed and published, launching the development of the 2021 ocean plan through continued expert and public input. Then on September 22, 2021, CZM issued the Draft 2021 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan for public review, including four hearings and a 60-day public comment period, leading to today’s release of the final 2021 ocean plan. To download Volumes 1 and 2, see the 2021 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan web page.

Minimum wage increase started Jan. 1

Attorney General Maura Healey is reminding employees and employers that the state’s minimum wage increased to \$14.25 per hour beginning Jan. 1.

The AG’s Office has also made available its wage and hour poster that employers are required to display in both English and any other language that is spoken by five percent or more of the employer’s workforce and for which a translated notice in that language is available from the AG’s Office. The poster is available in seven languages and in formats that employers, workers, members of the public, and organizations can easily access, free of charge.

“Our Fair Labor Division remains committed to protecting the rights of workers and ensuring they are being paid the wages they are legally entitled to, especially as we continue to work our way through the COVID-19 pandem-

ic,” said AG Healey. “We are issuing this notice and providing multilingual resources so that employees and employers are aware of the upcoming minimum wage increase in Massachusetts and worker rights under our wage and hour laws.”

In June 2018, Massachusetts enacted a law that set the minimum wage to increase each year until it reaches \$15.00 in 2023. Tipped employees will also get a raise on Jan. 1, 2022, and must be paid a minimum of \$6.15 per hour provided that their tips bring them up to at least \$14.25 per hour. If the total hourly rate for the employee including tips does not equal \$14.25 at the end of the shift, the employer must make up the difference.

Free copies of the AG’s Wage and Hour poster are available in English, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Khmer, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese on the

AG’s Fair Labor Division website to download and print. To request a paper copy, please visit www.mass.gov/ago/fldposter or call (617) 727-3465.

The Attorney General’s Fair Labor Division enforces laws that protect workers, including minimum wage, timely payment of wages, overtime, earned sick time, child labor, Sunday and holiday premium pay, and the public construction bid and prevailing wage laws. During the Fiscal Year 2021, the Division assessed more than \$8.1 million in restitution and penalties against employers on behalf of working people in Massachusetts.

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Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund reconciliation report released

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts today released a report from KPMG, LLP summarizing the findings of a reconciliation project that examined the finances of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development commissioned KPMG to conduct this independent assessment to determine the impact of federal pandemic relief programs and other effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial status of the Commonwealth's unemployment system and the UI Trust Fund balance for the period from the beginning of the pandemic in March, 2020 through November 30, 2021.

The report outlines the steps KPMG took to evaluate the balance of the UI Trust Fund and provides an overview of the current status of the fund, including the effects of several outstanding financial obligations on the Trust Fund. These obligations include the necessary repayment of federal advances that ensured the Fund's solvency in 2020 and currently outstanding employer credits resulting from a mid-2021 downward adjustment in UI rates. The report also identifies the need for a one-time transfer of approximately \$300 million from funds currently held

in the UI system to the federal government to reconcile state and federal accounts now that emergency programs implemented under federal authority in 2020 and 2021 have come to a close.

As of November 30, 2021 the unadjusted UI Trust Fund balance was reported at \$2.94 billion. The KPMG analysis concludes that this reported balance needs to be assessed in light of outstanding federal loan obligations, outstanding employer credits, and a future additional reimbursement due to the federal government. When these adjustments are factored in, the KPMG analysis concludes that UI Trust Fund had a

\$115 million structural deficit at the time of the reporting period. The details of these adjustments are as follows:

- Outstanding Federal Loans: Massachusetts owes \$2.3 billion in outstanding loan obligations, due in November 2022, to the federal government to repay necessary borrowing during the pandemic.
- Outstanding Employer Credits: The reported UI Trust Fund balance includes \$415 million in employer credits that were the result of the mid-year reduction in 2021 employer UI rates. Net 2022 Employer contributions will be reduced by application of these 2021 Employer credits.

- Future Federal Adjustment: The Commonwealth anticipates it will need to make a future one-time transfer of approximately \$300 million to the federal government to reconcile automated bank returns of benefits issued from various state and federally funded UI programs. EO-LWD is currently awaiting guidance from USDOL regarding administrative procedures to process this reconciliation.

This report does not include the effects of legislation recently signed by Governor Baker that will invest \$500 million to stabilize the UI Trust Fund. The report's assessment of the UI system's current financial position under-

scores the importance of this investment, given the unprecedented impact of the pandemic on the unemployment system and the need to ensure continued solvency to be able to pay claims in the future.

The comprehensive accounting of the UI Trust Fund balance and financial position will also inform the Commonwealth's efforts to issue bonds that will support the repayment of the federal advances that were authorized in 2020 and begin to restore the UI Trust Fund to a more solvent level.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PRESSLEY TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) issued the following statement after receiving a positive COVID-19 test result.

"After experiencing COVID-like symptoms, this morning I received a positive, breakthrough COVID-19 test result. Thankfully, my symptoms are relatively mild, and I am grateful to be fully vaccinated and boosted. I am currently isolating and following all health protocols in order to mitigate further spread and keep my loved ones and community safe.

"Vaccines save lives. With this unprecedented pandemic continuing to rage, I am deeply grateful for the scientists, re-

searchers, and frontline healthcare workers who have worked tirelessly to develop vaccines that are safe and effective, and ensure that our communities are protected. I encourage everyone to do their part by getting vaccinated, boosted and masking up. I wish everyone a safe and happy new year and look forward to continuing to fight for the robust relief our communities in the Massachusetts 7th need and deserve."

TRIAL COURT ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO COURT OPERATIONS

In response to the current situation in the Commonwealth with respect to COVID-19, the Trial Court today issued an or-

der that outlines changes to court operations. Massachusetts trial courts will remain physically open to the public to conduct business and will operate in accordance with protocols that enhance the health and safety of court users and personnel.

The order and related operational guidance issued to the Trial Court today include the following:

- Remote court operations shall be used wherever possible. Courts may continue to hold in-person proceedings in matters where a virtual proceeding is not practicable or would be inconsistent with the protection of constitutional rights.
- Trial Court departments shall reduce the number of staff working in person to no more than 50% of the total number of staff at a time and should

separate their staff into not less than two teams that will alternate their time working in-person and remotely as deemed necessary by the department head. Security, Facilities and ELMO shall be exempt from the 50% reduction based upon job function.

The Trial Court also issued additional health screening protocols and updated information on masking in courthouses. Beginning on Monday, January 3, 2022, the Trial Court will re-introduce the use of screening questions to determine if anyone entering a courthouse, including court staff and the public, has a temperature, is feeling unwell, or has received a positive COVID-19 test, has been exposed to COVID-19, or has symptoms.

The Trial Court mask requirement will remain in effect. Employees, court users and other individuals who work in or visit a courthouse must wear masks that completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of the face with no gaps. The use of gaiters, bandanas, or face shields will not be allowed as a

substitution for a mask. Court Officers will enforce the requirement to properly wear a mask for court visitors. The Trial Court will provide a mask to those who do not have an acceptable mask when entering a courthouse once the Trial Court Security Department has a sufficient quantity for distribution.

CHELSEA RECREATION SPRING 2022 PROGRAMS

Chelsea Recreation & Cultural Affairs has an impressive spring lineup of in-person, small group programs! The Chelsea Afternoon at the Ice Rink returns on Sunday, February 27 from 2:40-4:30! Chelsea residents present your ID at the Cronin Memorial Rink for free admission and ice skate rental! Experience the Amazing Archaeology Fair at the Harvard Museums, learn how to use a Chromebook, refurbish your old jewelry, explore the basics of music production, and on Saturday, April 9, hop over to our annual Spring Egg Hunt


SJC PAUSING ALL JURY TRIALS

Supreme Judicial Court issues new order pausing in response to the current situation in the Commonwealth with respect to COVID-19, the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) issued an order pausing all jury trials in Massachusetts state courthouses until January 31, 2022. All courts otherwise will remain open for in-person business, with a continued emphasis on conducting matters remotely whenever possible.


Today's order partially amends the existing order regarding court operations during the pandemic, which was issued by the SJC on July 1, 2021 and became effective July 12, 2021.

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