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The Chelsea City Council presented Fidel Maltez a citation for his exceptional work in the City of Chelsea. Citations were also presented from Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Representatives Dan Ryan and Jessica Giannino.

## City Council honors outgoing DPW Chief

By Adam Swift

Chelsea's loss will be the town of Reading's gain, as public works commissioner Fidel Maltez prepares to take over as Reading Town Manager.

At Monday night's City Council meeting, Maltez was honored with a celebratory resolution highlighting and honoring his six years of service to Chelsea as assistant commissioner and commissioner of the public works department. Councillors and city officials praised Maltez for his dedication and skill as a leader both on the job and in the community.

"Many of you know

how highly I regard Fidel," said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. "I look at him as someone who is just an incredible administrator and an incredible public servant. He has made my life so much easier here, and a lot of the tremendous progress that we've made in the last five years has come because of his hard work and dedication."

Ambrosino said Reading is getting not only an extraordinarily capable administrator, but also a top-notch human being.

Several councillors noted not just his dedication to the city, but also his dedication to his family and his ability to put the needs of others before

himself.

"This is a huge loss for our city, but a major gain for Reading," said Councillor-At-Large Damali Vidot. "The DPW under your leadership stands head and shoulders above any DPW I've seen."

As DPW commissioner, Maltez helped oversee the launch of a new water and sewer division, renovations to City Hall and its clock tower, and the implementation of the city's 311 program.

"I can't thank you enough for what you have done for the city," said District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez. "We have better streets in the city, better sidewalks, better lights. You are a great leader in

our community and have done an excellent job, and it is great to see fellow Latinos like you taking important roles like you will be doing."

Maltez was born in Nicaragua and came to the United States when he was seven.

Councillors Giovanni Recupero and Judith Garcia said Maltez stands as an example of what immigrants can bring to this country.

"You brought so much hope to this community, and we see in you the possibility of making a place a better place to live. You have improved many

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## Long-time Chelsea City Councilor Leo Robinson announces candidacy for State Representative

Special to the Record

Leo Robinson, the longest serving City Councilor in Chelsea, has announced his candidacy for State Representative in the newly formed seat that has united all of Chelsea, as well as portions of Everett.

"It is with great pride and honor that I enter this race seeking to represent my life-long hometown



City Councilor Leo Robinson

of Chelsea," said Robinson. "I have dedicated my entire life to service and community, and I believe that this unique opportunity will allow me to continue giving back to the place I love to call home. Our next State Representative needs to know the unique challenges facing this district and have the experience and relationships necessary to deliver

the results we so desperately need."

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Chelsea and Everett have had to fight longer and harder to receive the resources necessary to protect our friends and neighbors. Those battles continue to this day when it comes to the availability of vaccinations and testing. As State Representative,

I will be the tireless advocate we need to finally break this cycle and begin to put this pandemic behind us."

"My priorities will also include expanding affordable and workforce housing and combating rising sea levels and climate change. Those have been my issues while serving on the Council and I look forward to taking that advocacy to the State House. One of my greatest accomplishments as a City Councilor has been the passage of the inclusionary zoning policy that is creating affordable housing in our community. We need more advocates pushing for reforms like this, and I will do just that as a State Representative.

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## Chelsea voters against new voke school funding, but passes district wide

By Adam Swift

Voters supported the funding of a new Northeast Metropolitan Technical Vocational High School on Tuesday in a district wide vote.

In Chelsea, unofficial results show the majority of voters did vote against funding for the new school, with 174 voting no and 109 voting yes.

The 12 member communities of the vocational school district were asked to weigh in on the proposed \$317 million project. The vote was triggered by the Chelsea City Council's vote not to support the funding of the project, stating it would place an unfair financial burden on the city.

Saugus Town Meeting voters also opposed the funding of the new high school, which would replace the existing building in Wakefield.

District wide, the ballot question passed by an approximately 80-20 percent split.

"I'm not surprised by the local vote, then again, the other communities are not footing a bill as high as Chelsea's," said City Council President Roy Avellaneda. "It is not the idea of the new school that we are against, it is the amount of the contribution."

While City Manager Thomas Ambrosino has stated in the past that Chel-

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## Councillors raise concerns over Covid testing issues

By Adam Swift

Long lines, limited testing sites, and large numbers of people from outside the city coming to Chelsea for Covid-19 testing are among the concerns some City Councillors voiced at Monday night's meeting.

Councillor-At-Large Leo Robinson introduced a motion requesting City Manager Thomas Ambrosino ask the Public Health Director to produce a breakdown of the

city testing sites and the number of residents versus nonresidents being tested. The primary testing site for the city is at the St. Rose Church on Broadway, but MassGeneral and Beth Israel also conduct some Covid-19 testing at their Chelsea locations.

"I looked into the numbers because I was kind of concerned about seeing the lines, not only at St. Rose, but seeing the

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## SHARING EXPERIENCES



On Tuesday, Chelsea Rotary welcomed Chelsea High School (CHS) Class of 2022 Officers to share their experiences at CHS and what they are working on as a Class. They shared how they are hard at work raising money for prom and graduation. Shown from left: Mike Lovato, Assistant Superintendent on Assignment - Interim Principal, CHS, Asma Bana, CHS President Class of 2022, Todd Taylor, Rotary President and City Councilor, Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Superintendent, Chelsea Public Schools, Dr. Aaron Jennings, Officer of Diversity, Equity and Excellence, Emmanuel Simon, CHS Treasurer Class of 2022, Amanda Alpert, Athletic Director.

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# Developer gives briefing for Soldiers Home rehab

By Adam Swift

Improved housing options and services for veterans are among the highlights the developer for the rehabilitation of the Chelsea Soldiers Home presented to the City Council last week.

Philadelphia-based Pennrose is the developer selected by the state's Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for the major rehabilitation of the century-old soldiers home.

The project calls for the gut rehab of the existing buildings on the site, as well as new construction resulting in an overall count of 248 units. While the existing development is composed of single room occupancy (SRO) units without kitchens and bathrooms, the development project will see all units converted to studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments.

Charlie Adams, Pennrose's regional vice president, said it is still very early in the process, but that the development team wanted to meet with the council to give an update on the project.

"We're getting started on the project," said

Adams. "It's something that we are excited about, and something we are just scratching the surface of how this is going to play out."

Adams said that in addition to being the owner and developer of the property, Pennrose will also serve as the long term property manager and will be providing social services for the residents of the development. He said Pennrose has extensive experience both with developments for veterans housing, and with rehabilitating historic properties.

"We are very much in the early stages of thinking through the site and what we want to do," said Pennrose project manager Karmen Chung.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, Chung said no one from Pennrose had been inside the Soldiers Home buildings.

"There are a lot of services being provided to the veterans now, and we want to make sure as we transition that all the veterans continue to have the services they need," said Chung.

With the change from SRO units to more traditional apartments, Chung said one of the goals is making sure the veter-

ans currently living in the home can adjust to a new lifestyle. The project will likely be done in four phases, she said, so that no veterans currently living in the Soldiers Home will be displaced because of construction.

Another one of the goals of the project is to update the services and interiors of the existing buildings while maintaining their historic quality.

"We are proposing very, very minimal demolition and we are trying to preserve almost all of the buildings on the site and adding some additions," said Chung.

Initial plans also call for creating better landscaping and open space that can be used by the residents and the community, including creating a new plaza and converting the existing power plant into a museum and arts center.

Also proposed is a new building that could house a veterans-run cafe, and four townhouse buildings with four units each.

A veterans resource center would create a space where people can get services they need by having providers come to them, rather than the residents having to travel off-

site, Chung said.

Currently, there are 129 residents at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. The total rehabilitation project calls for 20 studios, 169 one-bedrooms, 55 two-bedrooms, and four three-bedrooms.

While it is a state project, it will still require a special permit under city zoning as a planned development.

Council President Roy Avellaneda raised questions about parking and traffic associated with the project.

Chung said there has not been a traffic study done yet, but that there will be one in the works. Currently, the plans call for 171 parking spaces for the 248 units, she added.

That number falls below the number required under city zoning, and residents of the project would not be eligible for city-issued parking permits.

Chung said the developers plan on beginning the zoning process for the whole site in late spring to early summer. Initial estimates call for about 15 months of construction for each of the four planned phases of the project, she added.

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Finally, Chelsea and Everett are widely impacted by our history of industrial activities, as well as Logan Airport. This, combined with rising sea levels, puts huge swaths of Chelsea and Everett at risk. When elected, I will join my colleagues on Beacon Hill to support the investments necessary to protect our coastal communities and to fight climate change for future generations."

Leo Robinson is a lifelong Chelsea resident. After graduating Chelsea High School in 1968, he attended Burdett College. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and upon his return to the United States, launched his career as a public servant. He started coaching basketball in the Chelsea Youth League and prior to the re-organization of Chelsea city government, was elected for two terms to an Alderman At-Large. He then served on the Board of Chelsea Community Development as a commissioner for the Chelsea Housing Authority.

Currently, Leo serves as a Councilor-At-Large, and has served five terms as President of the City Council. He is also the longest serving Councilor for the City of Chelsea. He is co-founder and director, along with his

brother Ronald, of the Lewis H. Latimer Society. Leo currently serves as Board of Directors Treasurer for the Chelsea Restoration Corporation and formerly as the President of the Community Action Programs Inter-City Real Estate Board.

Proudly, Leo coached the girls' basketball team at Pope John XXXIII High School for thirteen years. He served as Assistant Athletic Director and on the Board of Trustees at Pope John. He has served on The Boston Harbor Association as a Trustee and was awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Award from both the International and Chelsea Rotary Clubs. Leo has also been awarded the 2017 Chelsea Trailblazer Award, Resident of the Year, All Chelsea Awards in 2002, and the George Washington Medal of Honor by the Boy Scouts of America.

Leo is married to Linda Alioto-Robinson who has worked with Chelsea youth for over 40 years. Their daughter, Lucia Robinson Griggs, is a graduate of Bentley University, holds a Master's in Education from Lesley University and currently serves as Head Coach for the MIT Women's Basketball

# Testing/

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cars lined up at Beth Israel backed up on 16 and backed up on Broadway in Revere," said Robinson. "They had to move cars over to the skating rink just to have some law and order."

Robinson said he discovered that of the over 9,000 tests administered in Chelsea, they are split fairly evenly among Chelsea and non-Chelsea residents.

"Are we the regional testing site for all these other communities?" Robinson asked.

If Chelsea is being

overburdened with people coming into the city for testing, Robinson said city officials need to get in touch with the state about setting up more testing facilities in Chelsea.

Resident Imane Rharbi also raised concerns about long lines for testing in Chelsea in a letter he sent to the council.

"I do not think enough is being done to protect the wellbeing of our community," Rharbi stated. "At this point, there is only one Covid test site location at St. Rose, and the line is incredibly long

and many people leave at midday."

District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez said he has spoken to Ambrosino about the long lines and people coming in from neighboring communities.

"When these people come to Chelsea, it is less opportunity for our people in the city to get tested," said Lopez.

Lopez said the other communities should have their own testing sites so they do not have to rely upon Chelsea.

Councillor-At-Large Damali Vidot said the city

needs to be careful about limiting who can access the Covid-19 testing.

"I myself have been tested in Somerville and Revere," she said. "We're in the middle of a pandemic and there are limited resources across the Commonwealth. Wherever you can get a test, we should be accommodating people and not trying to ration resources."

Council President Roy Avellaneda said he is confident that Ambrosino will update the council on the issues at the testing sites and report back to them.

# Two State workers fired for Chelsea Street Bridge mishap

By John Lynds

A motorist got a ride of a lifetime on the Chelsea Street Bridge last Friday but it wasn't a ride she wanted or expected.

According to MassDOT Communications Director Kristen Pennucci, just after 4 pm Friday the Chelsea Street Bridge was raised with a car still on the bridge's span.

"The incident on the Chelsea Street Bridge occurred at approximately 4:15 p.m. on Friday, January 21 and involved one passenger vehicle," said Pennucci. "There were no injuries, negative impact to traffic, and the vehicle drove away from the scene."

The entire incident was captured on video by Randy Andrews who uploaded his video to Facebook Friday afternoon. The video has since been viewed hundreds of times on so-

cial media.

"I've never seen anything like this before. I pulled up expecting the bridge to go up as normal, then I saw the car just going up along with it," he told Boston 7NEWS after the incident.

"The bridge operation was contracted through a private vendor, Cora, and upon an internal review it was determined that policies and protocols were not followed.

"This led to Cora terminating two employees," said Pennucci.

The Chelsea Street Bridge is a vertical-lift bridge that connects Chelsea and Eastie over the Chelsea Creek. It opened to traffic on May 12, 2012, after a \$125.3 million construction project replaced the previous bridge.

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# CBC President Joan Cromwell announces Chelsea Trailblazer Award recipients

Chelsea Black Community (CBC) President Joan Cromwell has announced the recipients of the Chelsea Trailblazer Awards.

The prestigious awards will be presented at the Black History Month 2022 Community Celebration Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

The recipients are: CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, long-time Chelsea Rotary Club member and charitable project organizer Juan Gallego, Sara Arman of GreenRoots, community engagement specialist Loira Moore, lifelong resident and former business owner Paul Smith, and community leader Nicole McKoy.

“We thought about our honorees in terms of their commitment to community wellness and creating inclusive, effective solutions,” said Cromwell.

Cromwell has also announced the following virtual events for the Chelsea Black Community’s Black History Celebration for February:

Beginning on February 1, visit the Downtown Gallery 456 – Photography Exhibit “Hidden Figures in African American History” 456 Broadway, Chelsea. (Display

throughout the month of February)

February 3, 6:30-8pm “What I Hear When You Say”

Film and Discussion: Explores how words can both unite and divide us depending on our own perspective, experience, and interpretation.

Facilitators: Candace Perez, MBA, MA Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, Chelsea, MA

Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon (M.Div., S.T.M., PhD)

Pastor of Chelsea People’s African Methodist Episcopal Church

February 10, 6:30-8pm Health and Wellness in Black/Brown Communities

Presentation and Discussion on activities, rituals, and initiatives toward Health and Wellness and Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care.

Presenter: Nnamdi Amaechina, MD Internal Medicine

February 11, 7-8pm Evening of Performing Arts.

Sister Nuru and Friends- Jazz Ensemble “Saxophone Sam”

Interactive Live Musical Storytelling Perfor-

mance including Mambo, Swing, Zamba ballads

Composers: Yas Ishibashi, Todd Brunel, Terry Doyun, Nurudafina Abena

February 17, 6:30-8pm Exploring and Preserving Black History in Chelsea.

Community conversation on the past, present, and future state of Black history in Chelsea.

Discussion on Collection and Preserving Historical Information

Facilitators: Ronald Robinson, Curator, Executive Director of Lewis Latimer Society Sarah Gay Jackson, Director of Chelsea Publis Library

February 24, 6-8pm Black History Month 2022 Community Celebration

Honoring “Chelsea Trailblazers 2022”–Commitment to Community Wellness creating Inclusive Effective Solutions

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For additional information contact Chelsea Black Community.

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## PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

### Oswaldo A. Gil - 2021

*The following is one in a series of sneak peeks at the upcoming People of Chelsea additions by Chelsea Photographer Darlene DeVita. The new work will ultimately appear on the fence of the Chelsea Public Library (CPL) Spring of 2022 a collaboration between the People of Chelsea project and the CPL.)*

By Darlene DeVita

I’ve been in Chelsea since 2000. I am a chauffeur. Today I’m the chauffeur for the [COVID] testing van, [driving] almost one month for this project. Before the pandemic, I drove one of the big buses that take people to the casino from Londonderry, that was the route I drove for about a year before the pandemic. They’ve canceled it for now.

Our kids were born in Colombia. At nine years old, we brought our son [here], and our daughter was twelve. Now they are more than thirty years old. We started early. I was twenty-one years old. The good thing is you finish early too!

My [ex] wife is a hairdresser. It was her vocation since she was small, she cut her doll’s hair, and she taught our daughter. She did that in Colombia and here. They work here



on Broadway. And our daughter, Vero, Veronica, sews dresses, does makeup, and sold her car seven years ago to go to school. She went to California, near Hollywood, to study makeup and everything.

We have a grandson, 14 years old, Mike’s son. He started early too! He’s a really good kid. He listens and is obedient. Michael knows what he needs to do. He knows what my ex-wife and me did for Michael; we worked hard. If the father and mother are not paying attention, it’s tough. People are working hard, working full-time, part-time, both of them, that’s why you must watch your son. One time I told my boss that I

have a problem with my son, I need to leave early. No problem [he said], you need a car, whatever you need, this is your son. I left work two hours early to watch him when school got out. Later I told him, “Oh come on, I told you don’t stay outside the school!” [He said], “Oh, how did you know, blah blah?” At night, my wife would look through his backpack, checking what he had inside; if we didn’t do that, it’s easy to lose the son or daughter. We were a good team about that, thank god.

Today we’re happy because our son Mike just passed the physical test to be a state trooper.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES SEEKS DONATIONS OF NEW BLANKETS

With winter upon us and plenty of cold weather still ahead, Mystic Valley Elder Services is seeking donations of new blankets, all sizes, for its Emergency Closet. The Emergency Closet provides its care managers who work with low-income older adults and people with disabilities a place to access not only new blankets but new towels, new sheets, toiletries, and large print puzzle books for their consumers who need them. Having these items in the agency immediately available can make a huge difference in someone’s life and they depend solely on donations.

If you are interested in donating blankets to the Emergency Closet, please contact the Mystic Valley

Elder Services Development office at 781-324-7705 or [development@mves.org](mailto:development@mves.org).

### SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT FURTHER PAUSES JURY TRIALS

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) issued an order extending the current pause on all jury trials in Massachusetts state courthouses for an additional two weeks, until February 14, 2022. All courts otherwise remain open for in-person business, with a continued emphasis on conducting matters remotely whenever possible.

“While we are encouraged by the trend in COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth, the additional two week pause on jury trials is necessary

to protect the health and safety of all who enter and work in our courthouses,” said Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Kimberly Budd. “Assuming the number of COVID-19 cases continues to decline as expected, we do not anticipate any further pause beyond February 14. As throughout the pandemic, however, all plans and expectations regarding the resumption of jury trials may be adjusted at any time in the ongoing effort to balance the safety of court users and personnel with the fundamental constitutional right to a trial by jury.”

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 supersedes a prior amendment issued on December 31, 2021.

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# State’s December total unemployment rate dropped by 1.3 percentage points

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 20,100 jobs in December. This follows last month’s revised gain of 14,200 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Leisure and Hospitality, Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, and Educational and Health Services. Since the employment trough in April 2020, Massachusetts has gained 537,000 jobs.

From December 2020 to December 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 222,200 jobs. The largest over the year gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; and Education and Health Services.

The December unemployment rate of 3.9 percent was the same as the national rate reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by 41,700 from 3,732,000 in November, as 7,900 more residents were employed, and 49,600 fewer residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 4.5 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was down seven-tenths of a percentage point at 65.4 percent. Compared to December 2020, the labor force participation rate is down 1.1 percentage points.

December 2021 Employment Overview

Leisure and Hospitality gained 4,400 (+1.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 65,200 (+25.6%) jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 3,600 (+0.6%) over the month. Over the year, 19,700 (+3.6%) jobs were added.

Education and Health Services gained 3,300

(+0.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 36,400 (+4.9%) jobs were added.

Professional and Business Services gained 2,900 (+0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 40,600 (+7.0%) jobs were added.

Construction gained 2,000 (+1.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 10,000 (+6.2%) jobs were added.

Government gained 1,300 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 23,200 (+5.5%) jobs were added.

Manufacturing gained 1,100 (+0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,900 (+4.3%) jobs were added.

Other Services gained 800 (+0.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 7,900 (+7.0%) jobs were added.

Information gained 700 (+0.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 7,900 (+9.2%) jobs were added.

Financial Activities had no change in jobs over the month. Over the year, 1,300 (+0.6%) jobs were added.

Labor Force Overview The December estimates show 3,545,200 Massachusetts residents were employed and 145,100 were

unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,690,300. The unemployment rate was down 1.3 percentage points at 3.9 percent. Over the month, the December labor force was down by 41,700 from 3,732,000 in November, with 7,900 more residents employed and 49,600 fewer residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was down by 0.7 percentage point at 65.4 percent. The labor force was down 62,800 from the December 2020 estimate of 3,753,100, as 106,600 more residents were employed and 169,400 fewer residents were unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends. The labor force is the sum of the numbers of employed residents and those unemployed, that is residents not working but actively seeking work in the last four weeks. Estimates may not add up to the total labor force due to rounding.

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## SAFE INJECTION SITES ARE NEEDED NOW

Among the side-effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has been the increase in drug-overdose deaths in this country.

The death rate from opioids finally had begun to decline in 2019, but then came COVID-19 and the number of deaths from drug overdoses began to skyrocket once again.

The nation was reporting fewer than 50,000 fatal overdoses as recently as 2014, but in 2020, drug overdose deaths breached the 100,000 mark.

The chief cause of the surge in deaths is the increase in availability of the synthetic opioid fentanyl, which is being laced into all sorts of drugs -- from marijuana to cocaine to heroin -- by the drug cartels. According to some news reports, nearly half of drugs tested by the DEA contain a potentially fatal dose of fentanyl.

Fentanyl is up to 50 times more powerful than heroin, but is far cheaper to manufacture for drug dealers, who use it as a substitute for heroin powder or press it into black-market oxycodone pills. Fentanyl is now also finding its way into cocaine and party drugs like ecstasy and is even sprayed on marijuana.

It has been reported that fentanyl now has killed far more Americans than all U.S. conflicts since World War II combined. In the past decade, it has claimed more than a half million lives, a toll that is growing daily.

In view of the combination of the lethality and availability of fentanyl, now more than ever our nation needs to address the tragedy of drug overdose deaths with a realistic solution.

Those who think that we can stop the supply of fentanyl are living in a fantasy-world of the 1970s-era movie *The French Connection*. Fentanyl is so powerful that just a few automobile trunk-loads are enough to kill every American citizen.

If old-school heroin were to be compared to conventional weaponry, then fentanyl is a nuclear bomb.

The Massachusetts legislature has before it a number of bills that would allow for clean injection sites, similar to what New York City and the nation of Portugal (where drug overdose rates have been a fraction of the rest of the world for 20 years) are doing.

We urge our state legislators to enact this important legislation forthwith. Every day of delay means more lives lost needlessly to the scourge of drugs.

## OMICRON CAN LEAD TO LONG COVID

Public health officials have defined so-called long COVID as the physical, neurological, and cognitive symptoms that can persist indefinitely after infection.

Over the past two years, we've all seen the countless news stories about the devastating effects of long COVID upon those who are unfortunate enough to suffer from it.

Although the Omicron variant is causing less severe disease in those who are fully-vaccinated, the number of those infected who suffer from the loss of taste and smell, physical fatigue, and brain fog still is quite significant.

During this period of a surge in COVID because of Omicron's high transmissibility, it only makes sense for all of us to continue to take the usual precautions -- wearing a protective face mask (such as an N-95), maintaining social distancing, and avoiding large crowds -- until the Omicron surge begins to wane.

Sure, we can play Russian roulette with our health.

But with the number of Omicron cases already declining (though still high) in Massachusetts, we figure that if we've made this far through the worst of the pandemic, sticking it out for another two months or so by making careful choices only makes sense.

# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### The 3Gpocalypse is coming — Is your car ready?

By Kane DiMasso-Scott

Just this week I heard about something that I'm surprised has not received more media coverage on the national level, as it's extremely important to us as consumers. Beginning in February and continuing through the end of the year, 3G networks are being shut down by the major players in the cellular network industry, AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile. This poses no problem to our use of cell phones, however, our automobiles are about to get a whole lot "dumber."

Nearly every major brand in the auto industry has, from 2010 to as late as 2021, used these 3G networks in certain models for many of their included and on-board features in their cars. With the shutdown of 3G networks, features like GPS navigation, automatic crash detection, SOS emergency features, remote locking and unlocking, and the ability to connect with your phones (wirelessly), among others, will no longer be functional. Some companies

have already announced their plans to address the issue, while others still have not said much.

Certain brands will be offering free over-the-air updates for your vehicle to ensure that the features continue to work such as Subaru, Honda, and GM, while others look to require a hardware upgrade at a dealership to re-enable your features or disable warning messages that may arise from the lack of connectivity.

The shutdown of 3G networks is not something that comes as a surprise, as it was always an inevitability following 4G and now 5G rollouts. However, what's embarrassing and downright frustrating is the fact that some automakers continued to produce vehicles using this same outdated network, fully aware of the ramifications down the line. I commend the aforementioned companies that are pushing out updates for their consumers, but others who have yet to announce what their plans are is maddening.

More often the not

we, as the consumer, will spend tens of thousands of dollars on a vehicle, expecting the features included when we purchased the vehicle to always be available. Now, with the shutdown of 3G networks, it seems like a fair number of vehicles will lose those features permanently, or will require additional purchases to re-enable or modernize these vehicles for 4G.

So not only will some consumers lose access to features they thought they'd have throughout their vehicle's lifetime, but others may also have to pay additional fees to get those features back. This shouldn't be our responsibility. It's on the automakers and dealers to make it right. They continued to produce vehicles on an outdated network knowing it would be obsolete, but now, the piper needs to be paid and some of them believe that responsibility falls on you.

You can visit <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/01/16/3g-networks-shutting-down-in-2022-could-affect-your->

[cars-gps.html](#) or scan the QR code below with your smartphone to see the current list of publicly known affected models. AT&T will shut down their 3G network next month which certain Honda, Nissan and Volvo models rely on for their features. If this is your first-time hearing about it as well, I suggest you call your dealer, figure out what, if anything, could be done if you have an affected model, and hope for the best.

Good luck.



*Kane DiMasso-Scott is an art director for the Independent Newspaper Group. The views expressed in this Op-Ed do not necessarily represent the views of the Independent Newspaper Group.*

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### CURRY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

Ella Costa from Chelsea was named to Curry College's Fall 2021 Dean's List.

About Curry College  
Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Massachusetts. The College extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth. The College offers 19 undergraduate majors in specialized and liberal arts programs, as well as graduate degrees in accounting, business, education, criminal justice, and nursing to a combined enrollment of nearly 2,500 students. The student body consists of 1,700 traditional students and nearly 800 continuing education and graduate students. The College offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 16 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre and fine arts program. Visit us on the web at [www.curry.edu](http://www.curry.edu)

### RESIDENT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Dean College is pleased to announce that Shania Velleca of Chelsea has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester. Students named to the Dean's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

### NAMED TO EMERSON COLLEGE FALL 2021 DEAN'S LIST

Teri-Ellys Sharpe of Chelsea is among the students named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester. The requirement to make

Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Sharpe is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2023.

About Emerson College

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, the District of Columbia, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris. The College has an active network of 51,000+ alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit [emerson.edu](http://emerson.edu).

### MARIJAN NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Tatjana Marijan, of Chelsea, has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at American International College (AIC). Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private,

co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

### HENRICKSON NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Springfield College has named Giovanni Henrickson from Chelsea to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester.

Henrickson has a primary major of Finance.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

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of our residents’ quality of life through your hard work and through your decisions of hiring local talent and ensuring that we make this community a better place.”

Councillors Calvin Brown and Todd Taylor

both mentioned how Maltez has been on the front-lines during the pandemic, making sure those who are most vulnerable in the community are taken care of.

“I really thank you for all of your hard work and

the professionalism you brought to the job,” said Taylor.

Police Chief Brian Kyes and Council President Roy Avellaneda were among those who noted that Maltez was always responsive to any request.

“The one thing he doesn’t know how to do well is say no; he says yes to everything and he is incredibly responsive,” said Kyes. “He is one of those leaders that in my opinion comes along only once in a generation.”



The Chelsea City Council Chamber was filled with co-workers of Fidel Maltez that turned out to wish him well in his new position as Town Manager of Reading.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino spoke of his admiration for Fidel Maltez and wished him success in his new position as Town Manager of Reading.



Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes addressed the Council last Monday evening, praising the great work of Fidel Maltez in Chelsea.



Chelsea City Councillors Damali Vodot and Enio Lopez present Camilo Hernandez(center) with a City Citation for his outstanding community service.



Fidel Maltez and his wife, Maria Belen Power, and their children, Maya and Ana Victoria.



City Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson and Fidel Maltez.

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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL 53-52 OVER LYNN CLASSICAL

Exactly five weeks after their first encounter ended with Chelsea clinging to a one point victory over Lynn Classical—(52-51 on December 16)—the Red Devils did it again, this time by a 53-52 score Thursday night at Lynn Classical. Chelsea almost squandered a 14-point third-quarter lead but held on for the win.



LEADING THE WAY: Kamaury Appleberry (1) steps into high gear past Lynn Classical's Matthew Carrillo and heads toward the basket.



ON GUARD: Chelsea's James Davis (0) keeps a close guard on Lynn Classical's Brady Warren (22).



SO CLOSE: Chelsea's Wil Jean-Baptiste couldn't quite get his hands on this loose ball.



MAKING THE SAVE: Jayden Baptista (2) saves a rebound in front of Lynn Classical's Almani Medina during the Red Devils 53-52 win at Lynn Classical Thursday night January 20.

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TANGLED UP: Lynn Classical's Marquese L'Italien Avery gets a finger caught in the jersey of his defender, Chelsea's Kamaury Appleberry.

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CHS ROUNDUP

CHS TRACK TEAMS COME UP SHORT VS. REVERE

The Chelsea High girls and boys indoor track and field teams received some outstanding performances, but came up short in their meet with Revere last week.

The CHS girls dropped a closely-fought, 40-38 decision to their Revere counterparts.

First-place finishers for the Lady Red Devils were: Angel Tate in the shot-put; Gizelle Rodriguez in the mile; and Holly Hatleberg in the two-mile.

In addition, the quartet of Gizelle Rodriguez, Giselle Olivar, Jasmine Maradiaga, and Darily Sanchez took first in the

4 x 400 relay to add five points to the Chelsea side of the scoresheet.

A host of Chelsea girls took second place in their respective individual events: Rodriguez in the high jump; Valerie Ramirez in the 50 yard dash; Darily Sanchez in the 300 meter dash; Jasmine Maradiaga in the 600 dash; and Giselle Olivar in the 1000.

Adding single points to the CHS total with third-place performances were: Dhalia Christmas in the shot-put; Reina Martino in the 600; and Rosalinda Rojas in the 1000.

On the boys' side, the Red Devils came up on the short end of a 52-33 decision.

Jeffrey Ponce in the

shot-put and Johnny Maldonado in the mile won their events.

Second-place finishers were: Ali Warsame in the 300 dash; Nate Nadow in the 600; Sebastian Rendon in the 1000; and Alex Estrada in the mile.

Adding single points to the CHS cause with third-place efforts were: Emmanuel Simon in the 50 yard dash; Nasir Adams in the 50 yard hurdles; Kevin Cruz in the shot-put; Austin Freeman in the 600; Jose Olivar in the 1000; and Alejandro Zepeda in the mile.

Coach Cesar Hernandez and his team were scheduled to take on Medford tomorrow (Friday) and Everett next Wednesday.



# Attorney General Maura Healey announces bid for Governor

By John Lynds

Standing in Maverick Square in East Boston last Thursday Attorney General Maura Healey officially announced her candidacy for Governor of Massachusetts.

Healey has long been touted as the successor to Gov. Charlie Baker’s governorship and emerged as a frontrunner for the corner office well before Baker announced he would not seek a third term. Healey’s political rise began during her upset victory for Attorney General over Warren Tollman who had former Gov. Deval Patrick and former Boston Mayor Martin Walsh in his corner.

With over \$3.5 million in her campaign war chest, Healey is poised to become the first Massachusetts Attorney General to be elected governor since James Sullivan pulled off the feat in 1807 --although many have tried with the last being Martha Coakley’s bid against Baker.

“I think about where we are right now as a state,” said Healey during her press conference in East Boston. “We have been through a lot or people have been through a lot. Our businesses have been through a lot. Our chil-



Attorney General Maura Healey announced her candidacy for Governor of Massachusetts last week.

dren have been through a lot, a lot of anxiety, a lot of despair, some incredible hardship. But I have seen over the last two years such incredible acts of resilience, of caring, of compassion. I have long believed, because I’ve had the privilege of serving as your attorney general for the last seven years, that the state and its people have endless capacity to do great things. We’re at a hard time now. But we’re going to get through it and we’re going to go on and we’re going to build forward in ways that we can’t even imagine right now.

That’s what excites me. I want to bring to this as your next governor a lot of things to focus on, a lot of things that need attention, especially getting the economy back on track and making sure that it works for everyone across the state. But I’m just really excited to be here and to be out in a community like East Boston. It’s about meeting the people where they are. I’ve always been driven by the people and engagement with people.”

Healey said job one for her administration would be a focus on economic growth and job creation.

“So many people are experiencing high cost of living, whether it’s in health care, housing, even transit, gasoline, you name it right now, and that’s something that we’ve got to deal with as a state,” she said. “I recognize there’s monetary policy that the federal government is going to control but there are actually levers and things that we can do as a state to better address that situation. But job one will be making sure this economy is back on track that gets to issues of workforce development and job training. It gets to issues of child care,

which is fundamental, especially to getting women back to the workforce. So there’s a lot of opportunity and a lot of work ahead to continue what’s working and address what’s not working. The general governing philosophy is if something’s working, then let’s keep with it and if it’s not working let’s figure out what we need to do.”

Healey continued, “That’s certainly what I’ve tried to do in my time holding this office as Attorney General. I think fundamentally the best thing that Massachusetts has going for it are its people and I see so much possibility and capacity there. I think that we’ve got great people. I think we’ve got great institutions. We’ve got some really terrific “know how” across the state. If you look at some of what’s happened just in the last few years in nearby Kendall Square or over in the Seaport, the amount of money that’s come into the state in terms of investment. I understand that people wonder if we’re ever going to get through this and out of this and I’m just here to say we are and we will and we will move forward in ways that are bigger and better than ever imagined.”

In the end Healey said

she believes her record will speak for itself when it comes time for voters to pick a new governor.

“I think if you look at my record it speaks for itself in terms of where I am on fighting systemic racism and inequality, fighting for access to affordable health care, recognizing that across every sector, whether it’s climate, transportation, the environment, criminal justice,” she said. “We can and should apply an equity lens to everything that we do and bring an intentionality and an energy so that we are in fact improving the lives and well being and stakes of everybody here in the state, regardless of zip code, race, ethnicity, and the like. There are so many things happening right now and I appreciate people’s voices. I appreciate their advocacy. I love people, and I love people’s enthusiasm and right now we’re in a time where people are demanding that what hasn’t worked in our systems be addressed. I think with COVID there was so much being dismantled, so much being disrupted and now we got an opportunity to move forward in new and different ways that are going to be better for every single person in this state.”

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sea may not have many avenues left concerning the city’s contribution to the project, Avellaneda said he’s not ready to give up the fight.

“We are going to explore other avenues to see what Chelsea can do to address it,” he said.

In addition to the assessment to Chelsea for the project, Avellaneda noted that there have been other questions raised about the number of spots Chelsea has at the high school and the district’s admission policy, especially when it comes to admitting Chelsea residents.

School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia said she is disappointed in the district-wide vote, but glad most Chelsea voters who made it to the polls voted against the funding.

“I’m proud our city continued to advocate for itself and stood strong in unison,” said Garcia.

The funding formula is based on the number of students each district sends to the vocational high school. With over 200 students attending the school, Chelsea has the second highest student population, and is potentially on the hook to pay about \$1.9 million per



City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White and Chelsea Police Capt. Thomas Dunn did a great job overseeing the election process Tuesday in the City Council Chambers.

year for the new school over a 20-year period.

Garcia said the city cannot afford the cost of the new school, adding that she hopes that community and youth leaders continue to push for more funding for Chelsea to help cover school costs. She said city and school leaders will have to decide if they want to opt out of the vocational school district and provide some kind of vocational education in Chelsea.

Northeast Voke Superintendent David DiBar-



Chelsea City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White is pictured with election day personnel at City Hall Tuesday. From left, are James O'Regan, Jeannette Cintron White, Cindy Millman, Becky Swope, Robert Connors, Suzanne Perry, Sonia Pagan, and Francisco Rupan Mejia.

ri said he and the district School Committee are deeply grateful to the voters in its 12 sending communities for their participation in Tuesday’s vote.

“Their collective support of a new school building, and for securing a vision for a 21st-century career technical education that will position our

students for success after graduation,” said DiBarri. “Input from the Northeast community has been an integral part of this process. School officials, construction experts, and School Committee and Building Committee members from all 12 communities worked diligently to create a proposal that reflects that community feedback, and respects the cost to taxpayers.”

DiBarri said the district welcomes community feedback as it refines the project, and looks forward to the day it celebrates a new chapter for Northeast Metro Tech.

The new school will feature 21st century learning environments,

improved Individual Education Program (IEP) facilities, state-of-the-art shop space, expanded program offerings, improved traffic flow, a full-size gym, a 750-seat auditorium, outdoor space for learning, and a new cafeteria.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority awarded the district a grant of just over \$140 million for the project. The remainder of the costs will be divided between the 12 member communities over the course of a 30-year bond.



Pictured adjacent to the Chelsea City Hall polling site for the Northeast Regional Vocational High School referendum vote are, from left, School Committee member Shawn O'Regan, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, former Ward Alderman Stanley Troisi, and District 6 City Councillor Giovanni Recupero.

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CITY PAWS

Mindfulness for your dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The next time you're walking without your dog, try to notice how connected and aware dogs and their guardians are to one another. Occasionally you'll see a dog that keeps looking up, checking to see what the person on the other end of the leash is doing. That can be a sign that some good training has taken place. The dog and person have learned that the first step for any change in behavior is for both to pay attention.

What Is Mindfulness?

The website Mindful.org has defined mindfulness as, "... the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what's going on around us."

Dogs may not understand the concept of mindfulness but people can and should. This is especially true for some portion of the time they give to their dogs. We call them com-

panion animals. We talk about the bond between a human and a canine. But, we don't always give these pack-oriented animals enough of our full and focused attention.

As you make your walking observations, notice the people with a phone in one hand and a leash in the other. Or, even worse, the person on the phone while their illegally off-leash dog wanders down the sidewalk or interacts with other dogs in a legal off-leash recreation area.

Of course, we all have times when we feel the need to multi-task and phone addiction is a real thing. There are also some dog walks that are quick trips outside to get the job done and get back to work.

Just How Focused Are You?

Now, think back over the past week and estimate how much time you spent really focused on your dog in an enjoyable and relaxed way. Consider tucking your phone and ear-

buds away for a dog walk. If it's something your dog enjoys, consider a mutual time-out, just sitting with your dog and simply stroking or massaging her in an attentive way.

Are there other experiences your dog seems to enjoy that might be made better for both of you if you focused on just that for a time? For example, one part of being outside that our Poppy loves is sitting on benches and watching what's happening. We both enjoy doing this with her when the weather permits.

For many dogs, exploring the scents of the world is the best part of any dog walk. While a bit of aerobic exercise is important for both of you, try to allow time for your dog to enjoy sniffing and exploring.

While he is doing his thing, you can put on your "protective person hat" and watch for any dangers that a busy nose might encounter from dropped food to nasty critters. Most of the time, all you'll see is



Yes, you might need your phone on a dog walk. However, keeping it in your pocket can ensure a more mindful time with your canine companion. (Photo: lstockphoto.com)

your dog enjoying himself but this task will give you a reason to stay engaged.

Make Dog Time a Calm Time

Finally, try to make your mindful, bonding time with your dog a calm time for both of you. We can all use some relaxation

and calm in our lives. We all have to spend a part of our time with our dogs doing chores we don't love, protecting them from dangers, and correcting unwanted behaviors. It's good to remember why we have a dog in our lives and consciously make some calm time for the

relationship. Take a few deep breaths, relax and enjoy a half-hour of quality time focused on your best friend.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*

MBTA proposes several fare change proposals for riders

MBTA staff presented several fare change proposals that aim to improve equity by closing gaps in existing fare structures for Reduced Fare Riders, minimize pandemic-related revenue implications and budget uncertainties while increasing ridership where possible, and simplify fare tariff rules as the MBTA's Fare Transformation Program (AFC 2.0) moves forward. If approved by the full MBTA Board in March, these fare changes would go into effect on July 1, 2022. The MBTA welcomes public comment on these proposals.

"We're excited about our upcoming fare proposals that prepare for technology

updates to come as part of AFC 2.0, increasing equity through improvements to LinkPasses, especially for our Reduced Fare Riders, and making the popular mTicket 5-Day FlexPass permanent for Commuter Rail riders," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "If approved by the MBTA's Board in March, these proposals will allow the T to continue to best meet the needs of riders through incremental fare improvements that reflect how they travel now and in the future, while minimizing revenue implications in this time of continued uncertainty."

Making Permanent 5-Day FlexPass on mTicket for Commuter Rail:

First introduced as a pandemic fare pilot in June 2020, the 5-Day FlexPass available on mTicket for the Commuter Rail is a bundled fare valid for any five days of travel within a 30-day period. Good for unlimited travel within a 24-hour period, these five passes are available for 10% off the cost of 10 one-way trips. An attractive option for riders whose travel patterns have changed due to hybrid work schedules and the availability of remote-work options, the 5-Day FlexPass on mTicket is proposed to be made permanent. If approved, the permanent 5-Day FlexPass would go into effect

on July 1, 2022, or sooner. Reducing Price of the 1-Day LinkPass: In an effort to increase ridership by encouraging more riders to buy passes and increase equity for low-income and minority riders who often purchase this fare product, MBTA staff have proposed to lower the cost of the 1-Day LinkPass from \$12.75 to \$11. An \$11 LinkPass pays for itself with five subway rides taken in 24 hours. If approved, the \$11 1-Day LinkPass would go into effect on July 1, 2022. Expanding Second Transfers on Buses, Express Bus Routes, and/or Subway:

Currently, the MBTA only allows one transfer between Bus and/or Subway with one recent addition – CharlieCard riders may transfer from Bus to Subway to Bus. To simplify complexities in the T's transfer policy, MBTA staff have proposed standardizing the transfer process to allow all combinations of second transfers involving Buses, Express Bus Routes, and/or Subway, including Bus-Bus-Subway, Subway-Bus-Bus, and Express Bus-Express Bus. If approved, the second transfers on Subway and Buses and transfers between Express Routes would go into effect on July 1, 2022.

Proposed Changes for Reduced Fare Riders: Some riders are eligible for reduced fares, including people with disabilities and Medicare cardholders, people 65 and older, some middle and high school students, and people 18 – 25 with low income. MBTA staff have proposed three fare change proposals that aim to improve equity by closing gaps in existing

fare structures for Reduced Fare Riders: · Introducing the 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders: Aiming to increase equity by increasing the benefits of purchasing fares in bulk for Reduced Fare Riders, MBTA staff have proposed the introduction of a 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders, which is not currently available. This 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders is proposed to be available for \$10, which breaks even after nine subway rides. This product is designed to meet the needs of individuals who might not have enough cash on-hand to afford a monthly pass, but who qualify for Reduced Fare programs. Reduced Single Ride fares for Reduced Fare Riders are \$1.10 for the subway and \$0.85 for the bus with a Reduced Monthly LinkPass available for \$30. The Full Fare 7-Day LinkPass is available for \$22.50. If approved, the expansion of Reduced Fare 7-Day LinkPass would go into effect on July 1, 2022.

· Introducing Monthly Passes for Reduced Fare Riders on Commuter Rail, Ferry, and Express Bus: In order to increase equity by closing gaps in the T's offering of products for Reduced Fare Riders, MBTA staff have proposed introducing monthly passes on Commuter Rail, Ferry, and Express Bus for Reduced Fare Riders. This proposal would offer a full set of monthly passes for Reduced Fare Riders at approximately 50% of the full fare pass prices. Currently, Reduced Fare Riders have to purchase Single Ride tickets to benefit from the Reduced Fare pricing.

If approved, the expansion of Monthly Passes for Reduced Fare Riders would go into effect on July 1, 2022. · Expanding Availability of the LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders on Commuter Rail Zone 1A and Inner Harbor Ferry: Currently, a LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders is only available on CharlieCard fare media instead of a printed "flash pass" CharlieTicket that Commuter Rail conductors and ferry staff can see to visually validate a fare. As more updates take place as part of AFC 2.0, customers will be able to use tappable tickets as well as CharlieCards to travel on the Commuter Rail and Ferries. As such, and to increase access and equitable pricing on Reduced Fare passes, MBTA staff have proposed making the LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders valid for Commuter Rail travel in Zone 1A and on the Charlestown Ferry. If approved, this expansion of the LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders would go into effect on July 1, 2022. The public is invited to comment on these proposed changes at a virtual public meeting to be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6 PM well as the official public hearing to be held virtually on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6 PM. The public is also welcome to submit comments online through Thursday, March 3, 2022, at mbta.com/2022FareChanges or by email to publicengagement@mbta.com. The Title VI analysis will be shared with the MBTA's Board and posted to mbta.com prior to the scheduled March 24, 2022, Board meeting.

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## Libertad Carromero

February 22, 1942 – January 20, 2022

Libertad Carromero passed away on Thursday, January 20 at the Katzman Center for Living where she was receiving supportive care for the past year. She was 79 years of age, one month shy of her 80th birthday.

Born and raised in Humacao, Puerto Rico, she was a beloved daughter of the late Emilio and Damaris (Santiago) Carromero. She received her formal education attending school in Humacao.

She settled in Manhattan and started her family before moving to Chelsea in 1964. She was a resident of Chelsea for most of her life. And for a time, Libertad worked outside of her home at Sweetheart Paper, a local poultry company and as a cafeteria worker for Chelsea Schools. Most of her life was devoted to home and family. She also enjoyed playing Bingo and collecting elephant art and curios.

She was the ever-devoted mother of Miguel Ramos and his wife, Lourdes, Edgardo Ramos and Elizabeth Gonzalez and her husband, Felix, all of Chelsea, Edgard Ramos and his wife, Iris of New Hampshire and Ever Ramos and his wife, Dorene of Chelsea. She was the loving daughter of the late Emilio and Damaris (San-



tiago) Carromero; dear sister of Carmen Laura Carromero of Chelsea, Juan Bautista Carromero of Puerto Rico and Dulce Maria Carromero of Puerto Rico. She is also survived by nine adoring grandchildren, many cherished great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday, January 27 from 4 to 8 P.M. Her funeral service will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday, January 28 at 11 a.m.

Per order of the Chelsea Board of Health, all visitors are required to wear face masks while in the Funeral Home. Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.Welsh-FH.com](http://www.Welsh-FH.com).

## Karen Rekas

August 28, 1959 – January 16, 2022

Karen Ann (Reardon) Rekas, 62, of Revere, formerly of Everett and a long time resident of Chelsea, passed away most unexpectedly in the peaceful surroundings of her home on Sunday, January 16. She was 62 years of age.

Born in Cambridge, she grew up in Chelsea and was a beloved daughter of the late James A. and Evelyn L. (Bernard) Reardon.

Karen attended local schools and was a resident of Chelsea for most of her life raising her own family of four.

She was married to Ronald Rekas for 16 years and was widowed by his passing 15 years ago. She moved to Everett and resided there for ten years before settling in Revere a few months ago.

Karen worked outside of her home as a popular cashier for over 20 years at the Everett Simonize Car Wash.

Before this pandemic, she enjoyed traveling with her sister and for the past two years she enjoyed quite simple pleasures at home, following the Patriots and watching her fa-



vorite TV shows.

She was the beloved wife of 16 years to the late Ronald P. Rekas and the devoted mother of Cathy Bartholomew of Revere, Francis Bartholomew and his fiancé, Liz of New Hampshire, Nicholas Rekas of Sunderland and Matthew Rekas of Revere; cherished grandmother of Jake Bartholomew, Julia Bartholomew, Hayley Sullivan, and Frank Bartholomew; dear sister of Debbie Gesualdi and Cynthia Brennan, both of Chelsea and Michael Reardon of Florida. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.WelshFH.com](http://www.WelshFH.com).

## Negron-Gonzalez Gilberto

Formerly of Puerto Rico

Negron-Gonzalez Gilberto, 55, died suddenly on January 2 in his East Boston Home.

Born and raised in Jayuya, Puerto Rico, he was a beloved son of the late Bernardo

Negron and Luz Delia Gonzalez. He worked for many years as a farm hand in Puerto Rico. He settled in the Chelsea - East Boston area several years ago. He is survived by his

brother Bernardo Negron-Gonzalez of East Boston and his dear friend Vicenta Irizarry-Belon of Puerto Rico.

All services were private.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home.

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

## Sandra Y. Ramirez

July 12, 1964 – January 2, 2022

Sandra Y. Ramirez passed away unexpectedly at the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett on Friday, January 7. She was 57 years old.

Born in Laredo, Texas, a beloved daughter of the late Adolfo S. "Fito" and Berta C. (Cadena) Ramirez, Sandra came to Chelsea with her family many years ago and was a resident of Chelsea for most of her life. She attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School; she also attended the Butera School of Art in Boston.

For the past 23 years Sandra worked at Dana Farber specializing as a grant management specialist.

In her lifetime Sandra enjoyed watching various crime shows and was a passionate animal lover. She always expressed her concern for all sorts of environmental issues and her love of nature.

She is best remembered for her fun-loving boisterous personality. She was always a joy to encounter by all who knew her. Her sympathetic nature was exemplified by her deep concerns for the needs of others.

She was most fond of her Mexican American Heritage, sharing the many family traditions cooking with countless spices, all passed down to her by her beloved mother. She could always be depended

on to bake holiday platters of goodies for family and friends, especially her Apple Walnut Cake.

She will be the forever loved sister of Leticia Ramirez, Adolfo S. Ramirez Jr., and Raquel Ramirez, all of Chelsea. She was the loving niece of Maria Estelle Garcia and she is also survived by her many cousins, extended family members and friends.

A memorial gathering will be planned for the spring and announced when all can gather to honor and celebrate her treasured life.

Should friends desire, contributions in Sandra's memory may be made to:

Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts Chapter 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 [www.Alz.org/donate](http://www.Alz.org/donate).

The American Lung Assoc. of Massachusetts, 480 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451 <https://action.lung.org/site/Donation> or any charity for the benefit of animals.

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



## James Michael McConnell

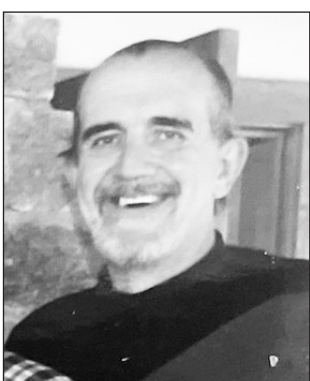
Retiree of Ellis Memorial in Boston

James Michael McConnell, 76, passed away unexpectedly in the comfort of his Chelsea home on Friday morning, January 7.

Born in Boston, the son of the late James M. and Mary E. (Keady) McConnell, James worked as a maintenance worker for Ellis Memorial in Boston for a number of years before his retirement.

James is the former husband of Patricia (Giovino) McConnell, dear brother of Rosemary E. McHatton of Tewksbury and the late Paul F. McConnell and Kathleen McConnell and is also survived and loved by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are private. Donations in James' memory may be



sent to: Ellis Memorial, 58 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116 or on-line at [www.ellisearlylearning.org](http://www.ellisearlylearning.org).

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea. We encourage family and friends to visit [www.carafafuneralhome.com](http://www.carafafuneralhome.com) to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

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### Duties & Responsibilities:

- Data Entry
- Performs other routine and clerical assignments including filing, copying, faxing, scanning.
- Assists in maintaining department databases.
- Performs other related duties as required.

**Minimum Qualifications & Experience:** A High School Diploma or GED is required. Previous work experience in an office setting preferably. Good communication (written and oral) skills, must be well-organized and accurate in data-entry, must be able to work well with persons of diverse backgrounds. Must exercise good judgement in maintaining the confidentiality and integrity of CHA's information. Computer skills are a must, including, but not limited to, MS Office (Word, Excel, & Outlook). Applicant must successfully pass a CORI test. Fluency in Spanish is also preferred.

**Salary Range:** \$19.00/hour

Interested candidates may submit resumes by email at [employment@chelseaha.com](mailto:employment@chelseaha.com), (subject line TEMP2022) or by mail (address below) by February 10, 2022, or until position is filled

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# Meals on Wheels program essential during these winter months

The winter months are notoriously harder on older adults, especially during this pandemic, which is why Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) stresses the importance of virtual and phone assessments, proper heating, physical checkups by your doctor, social interactions, even if we cannot do it face-to-face, transportation assistance and nutritious meals.

“Eating good, whole, nutritious foods in the winter months can go a long way in helping older adults regulate their body temperature and stay warm. For those who may not want to or lack the ability to cook, the Meals on Wheels program provides regular nutritious food,” says Mystic Valley Elder Services Registered Dietician Candace Quigley.

MVES’ Meals on Wheels program is dedicated to providing seniors with the necessary nutritional support to protect them against food insecurity, and to help them continue to live independent and fulfilling lives. MVES has provided home-delivered meals for more than 45 years.

“Meals on Wheels is for vulnerable older adults who require nutritional support to safely continue living in the community,” says Angie Fitzgerald, Director of Nutrition at Mystic Valley Elder Services. “Despite the challenges COVID-19 has brought, we have continued to serve home-delivered meals to consumers, and the number of those needing meals delivered has increased.”

Since the pandemic started nearly two years ago, the program is serving closer to 60,000 meals per month vs. 50,000 prior to the pandemic to home bound, frail older adults, many with significant health conditions or mental impairments, and not a serving day or meal has been missed.

The home-delivered meals service includes the following options as needed: chilled-to-be-heated

noontime meals, cold-pack breakfast and supper, clinical diet meals, kosher meals, and frozen weekend meals. In some cases, we can provide cultural or ethnically preferred meals in certain communities.

“MVES’ Meals on Wheels program ensures that a friendly face of the driver and healthy meal arrives during the cold months and all year round to those who need this essential service to remain healthy, well fed, and safe in their homes,” explains Fitzgerald.

When providing the meals to the individual, drivers also offer regular check-ins—at a safe distance—to make sure the older adult is doing well during the cold weather. This can be done by a warm smile and welcoming wave.

If you are interested in knowing more about our Meals on Wheels program, please visit us at mv.es.org or call at 781-324-7705.

received until March 03, 2022 at 1:30PM and publicly opened, forthwith online.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until February 10, 2022 at 1:30PM and publicly opened, forthwith online.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder’s Update Statement.

SUBTRADES

Acoustical Panels, HVAC, Electrical

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.

This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Dragica Ivanis

Chief Procurement Officer

1/27/22

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Premises: 58 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Theresa V. McDonald and Rose Ann Tilton to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., said mortgage dated December 8, 2003, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, in Book 33465 at Page 117 and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by virtue of an assignment from Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLT Asset Trust, to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, dated June 17, 2019 and recorded in Book 61422 at Page 75 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by US Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLT Asset Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated July 12, 2018 and recorded in Book 59983 at Page 87 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., to US Bank Trust NA, as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated August 29, 2016 and recorded in Book 56708 at Page 199 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on March 4, 2022 at 12:30 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A parcel of land located in Chelsea, County of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts with a street location address of 58 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 currently owned by Theresa V. McDonald and Rose Ann Tilton and more fully described in the Vesting Document dated 11/24/98, recorded on 11/25/98, in Liber 23155 Page 184 and designated as metes and bounds property.

More particularly described as:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in Chelsea, Suffolk County, known and numbered 58 Chestnut Street and being shown as part of Lot 29 on Williams Street on the plan entitled “Plan of Lands of the Winnisimmet Company and others in Chelsea and Malden” by J.H. Shearer, Engineer, dated 1864, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Book 616 bounded and described as follows:

Commencing on said Chestnut Street at the passageway between Beacon Street and Williams Street and then running:

Northeasterly: on said Chestnut Street, thirty-one (31) feet, then turning and running; Northwest: on a line

parallel with said passageway forty-four (44) feet; more or less to Lot 28 as shown on said plan; then turning and running Southwesterly: on said Lot 28, Thirty-One (31) feet to said passageway then turning and running Southeasterly: on said passageway Forty-four (44) feet to the point of beginning.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors’ Title, see deed dated November 24, 1998, and recorded in Book 23155 at Page 184 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurers or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser.

The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurers or cashier’s check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Attorneys for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust

Present Holder of the Mortgage

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A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: The City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Case No. 2022-02

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Zoom video conferencing on:

Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of:

Arx BC LLC.

For Special Permits and Variances for the demolition of a garage parking structure and the construction of an addition and the conversion of an existing residential and commercial structure from 19 residential units to 62 residential units at the premises known as: 361 Broadway

All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting.

A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: The City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

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This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Dragica Ivanis

Chief Procurement Officer

1/27/22

## LEGAL NOTICE

**(LEGAL NOTICE)**

**CITY OF CHELSEA**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**DESIGNER SELECTION-CHS VETERANS STADIUM BLEACHERS SYSTEM**

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “Designer Selection – CHS Veterans Stadium Bleachers System.”

Request for Qualifications will be available on or after January 27, 2022 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>.

Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “Designer Selection – CHS Veterans Stadium Bleachers System” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

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by Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Diane Lovering is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 03/02/2022. 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 return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you.

In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

**WITNESS.** Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 12, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

1/27/22

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.”

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Chief Procurement Officer

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**THE TRIAL COURT**

**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**

Suffolk Probate

And Family Court

24 New Chardon St.

Boston, MA 02114

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** SU21D0853DR

Clairel Montes Garcia

Plaintiff

VS.

Marvin A. Lopez Urrutia

Defendant

To the Defendant: Then Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are summoned and required to serve upon: Clairel. Montes Garcia, 33 Louis St. Chelsea, MA 02150 your answer, if any, on or before 02/27/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 27, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate

1/27/22

## LEGAL NOTICE

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**CITY OF CHELSEA**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

On-Call Ordinary and Emergency Tree Work

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor, equipment and materials for “On-Call Ordinary and Emergency Tree Work”.

Invitation for Bids will be available on or after January 27, 2022 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 “On-Call Ordinary and Emergency Tree Work” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 10, 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 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.

This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Dragica Ivanis

Chief Procurement Officer

1/27/22

## LEGAL NOTICE

Re:

MB Spirits, LLC

170 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing via Zoom on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for a Transfer of an All Kinds of Alcohol License (Off Premise) application from Fine Mart, LLC to MB Spirits,

LLC d/b/a MB Spirits at 170 Everett Avenue, 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

1/27/22, 2/03/22

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**RODENT BAITING SERVICES-CITY**

The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking sealed bids to provide all labor and materials for “Rodent Baiting Services-City”. Invitation for Bids will be available on or after January 27, 2022 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 “Rodent Baiting Services-City” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00AM, Friday, February 11, 2022.

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**SENIOR CENTER TRANSPORTATION**

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**ELC RTU Replacement Upgrade**

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**Williams Middle School, Arlington Street Stair Project**

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Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Williams Middle School, Arlington Street Stair Project” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement. General Bids will be received until February 10, 2022 at 2:30PM and publicly opened, forthwith online.

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Dylan Cook

School Business Manager

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General Bids will be

received until March 03, 2022 at 1:30PM and publicly opened, forthwith online.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until February 10, 2022 at 1:30PM and publicly opened, forthwith online.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder’s Update Statement.

SUBTRADES

Acoustical Panels, HVAC, Electrical

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED EMINENT DOMAIN TAKING**

Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Chs. 43, 79 and 82, the City of Chelsea, acting through the Chelsea City Council, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to discuss the Order of Taking several parcels for the Upper Broadway Reconstruction Project for purposes of a public way. A copy of the Order of Taking can be found on file and available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk and the Office of the City Council, Chelsea City Hall, Chelsea, MA, from 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.

Roy Avellaneda, President

Chelsea City Council

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# Tips on taking care of your pets throughout a cold winter

With major winter storms hitting the East Coast and other parts of the US, it’s important for everyone to take the necessary precautions to stay safe – including your pets.

Trupanion, a leader in medical insurance for cats and dogs, offers the following 5 tips to keep your furry friend warm and protected all winter long. Please let me know if you would like additional information or to speak with one of our staff veterinarians for further tips. Thank you.

1) Frigid Cold Temperatures

Many people may see their pet’s fur coat and assume that it’s perfect protection from the winter weather. But given the severe drop in temperature and windy conditions, your pet may be in danger of hypothermia if their body temperature falls below normal at this time. This drop in body temperature has the potential to lead to frostbite to your pet’s ears, paws and tail. Consider a sweater for your pet, especially if they are small or have short hair.

2) Blizzard Conditions

Your pet should not be left outside alone if you your area is experiencing blizzard conditions. Blizzards can be scary and dangerous for pets as their senses can be overwhelmed – leading to disorientation. Make sure yourpet has proper ID (tags or microchip) in case they become lost.

3) Shelter

If possible, keep your pets indoors during extreme winter weather. If they are in an outside shelter, make sure that it is free of drafts. Also, keep the shelter well insulated with thick blankets and bedding for the comfort and safety of your pet.

4) Undernourishment/Dehydration

Colder weather means expending more energy to keep warm. Make sure to keep your pet on a balanced and healthy diet. Also provide plenty of water for proper hydration.

5) Antifreeze

A common chemical for our vehicles – antifreeze is toxic to your pet. Make sure to monitor your garage floors for any possible leaks that your pet might find tempting (antifreeze is sweet tasting to pets).

## **BRUINS** *Beat* by Bob Morello

### Bruins have left the building

The Bruins had their final home-cooked meal for their latest homestand on Monday night, a rare homestand that included seven games in less than two weeks, played on TD Garden ice. The ingredients of hard work, great penalty-killing, and effective scoring resulted in five tasty victories, with a sour taste left behind in their mouths with two losses to Carolina Hurricanes and the Anaheim Ducks. It was a time to welcome back the Bruins’ all-time winning goaltenders, Tuukka Rask, following a lengthy recuperation from hip surgery. In a press conference following Boston’s loss to the Anaheim Ducks on Monday, coach Bruce Cassidy stated: “Tuukka is not some guy off the street who’s never played. He’s got a resume in this league, and an extremely good one. We believe he’ll find his game and we’ll have a great one-two punch.”

The rollercoaster return of his first four games, resulted in a seemingly unimpressive 2-2, with a 4.28 goals-against-average, while surrendering 14 goals, and a poor .844 save percentage. The numbers are not indicative of the veteran Rask’s capabilities, something the Bruins totally understand, and they have noted they intend to give Rask all the support and time he needs. In a press conference following

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Boston took to the road for the next three games which are all against Central Division teams, they started last night (Wednesday) in Colorado, taking on the high-scoring Avalanche, who at press time were riding a 16-game undefeated streak on home ice, and a 7-game regular season win streak. There is no lack of scoring with Colorado’s solid, top offensive players, Nathan MacKinnon, Nazem Kadri and Mikko Rantanen. Linus Ullmark was expected in net for Boston’s Wednesday (10:00pm) match. Ullmark has posted wins in his last seven

outings. He has also performed well since joining the Bs, boasting a 2.55 goals-against-average, and healthy save percentage of .915, to go along with his impressive 14-5-0 record coming into last night’s game. Next up for Boston will be a power switch on Friday (7:00pm) as they visit Arizona to face the struggling Coyotes who are total power opposites of Colorado. The Coyotes are in last place in the Central, having lost three games in a row, they are also last in the Western Conference overall, having won just ten of their 41 games played. Boston closes out their brief road trip with a Sunday (7:00pm) game versus the Dallas Stars who are streaking with four wins in a row, currently holding strong in the middle of the Central Division. The locals will return to TD Garden ice on Tuesday, February 1, to take on the NHL’s newest team, the Seattle Kraken with a 7:00pm puck drop before the break.

Coach Cassidy recently addressed several injury question marks for Boston’s lineup: Nick Foligno will not travel with the team, and questionable were Matt Grzelcyk (game time decision), and Anton Blidh (upper body). Defenseman John Moore will not travel with the team.

#### SEND US YOUR NEWS

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# Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2022

January 30 -February 5 #CSW22

This year's theme is **“Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.”** Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith. As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.

## What is Catholic Schools Week?

Special to the Record

Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world. Catholic Schools Week is sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

An annual tradition that began in 1974, Catholic schools across the nation commemorate Catholic Schools Week with celebrations, Masses, open houses, and activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Catholic Schools Week events showcase and celebrate the rich traditions and the incredible value of Catholic education on both a local and national level.

Each year, Catholic Schools Week is celebrated during the last week of January. This year, Catholic Schools Week will be

celebrated from January 30th through February 5th.

### Catholic Schools and the Students They Serve

According to NCEA, there are more than 6,000 Catholic schools nationwide. These schools—serving elementary, middle, and secondary school students—are located across all regions, giving many families the opportunity for accessible Catholic education.

### The Benefits of Catholic Schools

- The integration of faith with academic subjects, culture, and everyday life
- The emphasis of living out the faith as missionary disciples
- Catholic virtues and values and Catholic Social Teaching, which contribute to productive citizenship and responsible leadership
- An environment that encourages and nurtures

prayer and is safe, welcoming, and supportive for children

- A favorable student to teacher ratio
- High graduation and college attendance rates
- Teacher commitment

For further reading and in addition to these benefits, explore NCEA's A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools Info Graphic.

### Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Throughout Catholic Schools Week, schools, parishes, and dioceses schedule activities and events to provide opportunities for celebration and engagement with students and families related to the annual theme. Parishioners and community members are also often invited to participate in some events. Events invite participants to reflect on the value and importance that Catholic education to the school and community, the Church, and the

world.

Many Catholic schools also host an open house to start or during Catholic Schools Week. An open house is an opportunity to celebrate the mission of the Catholic school, welcome visitors and newcomers, and perhaps showcase original student artwork inspired by the 2022 theme. Families, visitors, and special guests can see firsthand the benefits of students learning, playing, praying and living out their faith and school.

Each year, Catholic Schools Week has a theme. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.

Each day of Catholic Schools Week focuses on a particular celebration. Within the overarching theme for the week are the following daily themes:

- Sunday: Celebrating your parish
- Monday: Celebrating your community
- Tuesday: Celebrating your students
- Wednesday: Celebrating the nation
- Thursday: Celebrating vocations
- Friday: Celebrating faculty, staff, and volunteers
- Saturday: Celebrating families

### Celebrating Your Parish on Sunday

On the opening day of Catholic Schools Week,

many parishes devote a Mass to Catholic education. These celebrations show the connection between Catholic schools and parishes, on both a local and national level, and reflect the support and guidance parishes provide.

Families and catechists can prepare children and students for this Mass by reflecting with them on the support they witness through the assembly of school, Church and community. Students can be reminded that Catholic school students, families, and supporters are gatherings all over the country as they beginning Catholic Schools Week at Mass in their own parishes.

## a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools



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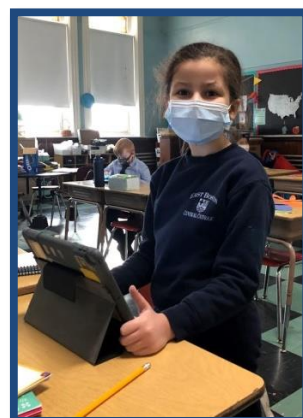
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