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CHELSEA DIGGING OUT, AGAIN

Another winter storm struck Chelsea on February 25, after an unseasonable warm snap of upper 60 degree temperatures. Above, the Admiral's Hill residents had lots of snow to contend with by the time the storm ended on Friday. Right, neighbors pitching in to clear roadways and street entrances. See page 6 for more photos.



Robinson requests update on Market Basket development

By Adam Swift

City Councillor Leo Robinson is asking for an update on future development plans at the Market Basket property on Everett Avenue.

Last month, the city's License Commission approved the transfer of an existing liquor license allowing DeMoula's Market Basket to open a liquor store at 170 Everett Ave. Market Basket recently opened a MB Spirits location next to its Danvers grocery store, and the company is planning further expansion at its Danvers site as well as other locations in the state.

Robinson said he sent a letter to the License Com-

mission stating he did not have an issue with the liquor license transfer, but that he did have some issues with the Market Basket parent company dating back to 2005.

"DeMoula's Supermarkets signed an agreement with the City of Chelsea regarding working with us and finding possible development on their site," stated Robinson.

Last June, Robinson said a request was made by the City Council for a conference with DeMoulas about future development of the site.

"Their response was that they were planning additional future development with Market Basket at the Chelsea site, but be-

cause their development plans were in progress, they were not in a position to share much helpful information with the council," stated Robinson.

Robinson stated that it was concerning that the company was moving forward with plans for the liquor store and still had not come before the City Council with an update on its site plans.

Robinson said the city will be putting out a request for proposals in the near future to study the Market Basket site for future development, as well as the Harbor Park and Spring Avenue sites.

He said the city is looking for a collaborative effort in undertaking the

study, and was concerned that the city might not hear from DeMoula's about its future plans.

"If we allow them to move ahead and build for the liquor store, we might not see them for another 10 or 20 years," stated Robinson.

Since the License Commission meeting, however, Robinson said he has heard that DeMoula's will be participating in the development study with the city.

Robinson's motion at Monday night's City Council meeting asked City Manager Thomas Ambrosino to provide more information to the council about the Market Basket property plans.

361 Broadway project before Planning Board

By Adam Swift

Plans for a long-awaited affordable housing project at 361 Broadway were unveiled at last week's Planning Board meeting.

However, the Planning Board will not take up consideration of the site plan review and recommendations to the Zoning Board for the project until its March 22 meeting. Several Planning Board members were concerned that a revised plan was forwarded to the planning department several hours before the meeting, and wanted the additional time for a further review of the plan.

The project proposed by Arx Urban calls for the renovation of the existing Broadway building, and the demolition of the adjacent commercial garage to make way for a new building that will ultimately result in 62 residential units.

"We are a socially minded developer based out of Boston, and we have been working on this project with the city of Chelsea for a few years now, and we are very excited to unveil it," said Benjamin Moll, one of the founders of Arx Urban.

The development, known as 4th @ Broadway, will take up about half of a city block between 5th St. and 4th St. on Broadway, Moll said.

"An affiliate of ours acquired the building almost five years ago with the intent to redevelop the back portion of the garage," said Moll.

Overall, Moll said Arx Urban is proposing a 62 unit, mixed-income project with a large affordable housing component which will include the rehabilitation of the existing 19-unit

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Artist rendering of 361 Broadway.

Five elected women leaders in Chelsea endorse Judith Garcia for State Rep.

Chelsea City Councilor, community leader, and current candidate for State Representative Judith Garcia kicked off Women's History Month by announcing the endorsements of five key women leaders in Chelsea.

Endorsing Garcia today are: Chelsea City Councilor Tanairi García; Chelsea School Committee Chair Kelly García; and Chelsea School Committee Members Yessenia Alfaro, Claryangeliz Covas, and Kati Cabral.

"I'm honored by the support of five fearless women who share my vision for a better public school system and a big, bright future for Chelsea and Everett," said García. "All of them are working tirelessly to make Chelsea a more fair, equitable place to raise a family. I will work just as hard for our community on Beacon Hill and look forward to continuing to partner



Judith Garcia, candidate for state representative.

with them for the years to come."

In their endorsements, all five elected officials praised Garcia's worth ethic and strong support for educational equity. She will not only support the millionaire's tax to fully fund public education but also make sure the money goes to the communities that need it the most.

"The first day that I

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Remembering a Chelsea legend

Football great, well-known business owner, Al Zaccheo, passes away at 84

By Cary Shuman

Tributes far and wide have been pouring in for Al Zaccheo, the former Chelsea High football star who returned from the U.S. Marine Corps and opened Al Zack's, a sub shop that became a popular Chelsea landmark for generations.

Mr. Zaccheo passed away on Feb. 26. He was 84 years old.

Al and his father-in-law, former Chelsea Police Officer John Hanlon, opened Al Zack's in the 1960s. For

more than three decades into the 1990s, Al cooked and presided over the operations for the store located at the corner of Blossom Street and Washington Avenue.

It was a true family business with Al's wife, Pat, Hanlon Zaccheo, and their two children, St. Rose High School 1979 graduate Donna Zaccheo, and Chelsea High School 1986 graduate Michael Zaccheo, all contributing to the store's immense success through the years. And like the TV show, "Cheers", everybody at Al Zack's knew your name, especially the great gentleman at the grill running the business.

Al Zaccheo was known



Al Zaccheo, pictured at his well-known Al Zack's restaurant on Washington Avenue.

not only for his acumen as a restaurant owner, but his philanthropy. Al donated

to many Chelsea causes, notably Chelsea sports teams and organizations.

"As great an athlete as he was, he was an even better person," said Herbie Kupersmith, who attended Chelsea High during Al Zaccheo's years as an unstoppable running back and tenacious linebacker for the Red Devils.

Michael Zaccheo worked alongside his father at Al Zack's, a witness to his dad's daily generosity and the congenial way in which he interacted with all customers.

"The best father you could ask for," said Michael, who inherited his father's incredible work ethic

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Federal funding received to support services in low-income communities

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito was joined by state and local officials in Randolph to celebrate more than \$38 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) through 45 awards that impact 57 communities. Chelsea will receive \$825,000 for Shawmut and Chester Street streetscape improvements, Fair Housing planning, housing rehabilitation assistance for two units and social service assistance to include youth services, ESOL and citizenship training.

CDBG funding can be used for a variety of important social services, including childcare, teen services, senior services, food pantry operations and more, with a focus on enabling cities and towns to undertake local projects that benefit low- and moderate-income communities.

“Community Development Block Grants have been critical to our efforts to support communities across the Commonwealth,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Now more than ever, it is important that we focus our efforts on providing services to our most vulnerable residents, and the projects we fund through CDBG are geared toward doing just that.”

“Community Development Block Grants play an essential role in so many of our cities and towns, giving them the resources to pursue projects that have a real impact on the lives of individuals,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “Working with our federal partners, we will continue to deploy this important funding and provide support for projects that address the unique needs of Massachusetts communities.”

The majority of the CDBG funds are awarded through a competitive grant program designed to

help small cities and towns meet a broad range of community development needs. Eligible communities may apply for funding alone or jointly with other cities and towns. CDBG is designed with the flexibility that allows recipients to use funds on a wide range of eligible projects. Assistance is provided to qualifying cities and towns for housing, community and economic development projects that assist low- and moderate-income residents or revitalize blighted areas.

In 2020 and 2021, DHCD distributed more than \$75 million in federal CARES funding through the CDBG program to address critical needs. The funding helped 36 communities purchase and provide critical resources in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also seeded micro-enterprise and small business assistance through the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation, the Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) program and food security efforts throughout the state.

“The Commonwealth’s path to recovery from the global pandemic is more than just a return to pre-COVID standards; it’s also about investing in our communities to help create resilient neighborhoods, pipelines to employment, and positioning them for long-term growth,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy.

“Through this round of Community Development Block Grants, we can continue our support for communities in their efforts to address a wide range of priorities, which include increasing economic opportunities for residents, enhancing local assets, and preserving needed housing.

ing.”

“Municipalities continue to prove their adaptability with rapidly changing demands during this extended period of uncertainty. DHCD and our partners are here help communities address short-term needs and plan for growth and shared prosperity,” said Department of Housing and Community Development Undersecretary Jennifer Maddox. “I also want to thank the team at DHCD for their attention in distributing an additional \$75 million CDBG CARES funds to support eviction diversion efforts, food stability initiatives, and other critical services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

In Randolph, CDBG funds will help the town rehabilitate 16 housing units and provide childcare to residents.

“The town of Randolph is grateful to be a recipient of CDBG funds,” said Randolph Town Manager Brian P. Howard. “The funds will have an immediate impact on our residents by addressing health and safety issues in their homes and by allowing parents the freedom to work and provide for their family while ensuring that their children receive safe, stimulating, and nurturing care.”

“Congratulations to Randolph on being awarded \$800,000 in CDBG funds,” said Representative Bill Driscoll, Jr. “I’m thrilled to see these funds go toward providing much needed support to Randolph’s working families and homeowners.”

“This Community Block Grant will provide important financial assistance to the town of Randolph,” said Representative Bruce Ayers. “The expansion of housing and childcare programs will offer vital assistance to families in need.”

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building, as well as keeping the current six commercial tenants of the building in place with below market rates.

Ultimately, Moll said he anticipates the 60 percent of the units will be available at 60 percent of the Area Median Income or below, which he added far exceeds the criteria of Chelsea’s inclusionary zoning ordinance.

The 361 Broadway building has a long history in the city, having burned down during the Great Fire of 1908 and then being re-

built in 1916 as part of the redevelopment of Bellingham Square. It was known as the Executive Building and hosted the Yiddish Theater as well as other performing arts initiatives throughout the 1940s before it transitioned into a more traditional commercial building.

Since the 1980s, the building has been eyed by developers, and projects as large as 135 units were proposed as late as 2006, according to Moll.

Moll said his team has been meeting with city

leaders and organizations and has much support for the project.

“The real key goal is to create income restrictions for a range of Chelsea residents ... and we want to preserve the existing local retailers,” said Moll.

The project will consist of two buildings that will be connected, with a courtyard in between. Moll said the project will also bring streetscape improvements and make the area more pedestrian friendly.

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met Judith Garcia she was door-knocking for her first campaign for city council against a long-time incumbent and we bonded over growing up Latina in Chelsea and the common goal to make a positive change in Massachusetts. I’ve known Judith to be a trailblazer and I am elated to endorse her as our State Representative of the 11th Suffolk District” - Kati Cabral, Chelsea School Committee member.

“It is my pleasure to endorse Judith Garcia for 11th Suffolk’s state representative. As an alumna of Chelsea Public Schools, Judith knows better than anyone how vital education is for our children, and I know she will fight for their futures in the Massachusetts State House.” - Kelly Garcia, Chelsea School Committee Chairwoman

“I am thrilled to endorse Judith Garcia for 11th Suffolk’s state representative. Judith has worked tirelessly as a Chelsea City Councilor, and I know she will bring the same determination to the State House. Chelsea and Everett need a champion, and Judith is the best person for the job.” - Yessenia Alfaro, Chelsea School Committee

“Judith understands that communities like Chelsea and Everett have never settled. These are communities that have fought to persevere through any challenge. Now, we need someone at the state level who will fight for a fair shake from our state. That’s why I believe Judith is precisely the type of leader that the state house needs now to help push along, among other issues, income equality,

economic access and empowerment, narrowing the opportunity gap in our public schools, and affordability for all residents who call Chelsea and Everett home.” - Tannairi Garcia, Chelsea City Councilor

“I support Judith Garcia because she embodies the integrity and work ethic of the trailblazers whose shoulders she stands on. I have witnessed her overcome adversity, connect with city residents, resolve endless uphill battles with a vision of hope, unity, and attainable change.” - Claryangeliz Covas, Chelsea School Committee

The endorsements mark both the start of Women’s History Month and one week since Garcia announced her candidacy as the only woman in a race with two primary opponents.

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and gregarious personality. “His life was always about the store. It’s just the way it was, the work ethic he had and gave to us, and I thank him for that – and how charitable he was. We tried to continue that in the later years as well.”

Al later owned and operated Al’s Lakeside in Tilton, N.H. for 13 years before his retirement.

A personal connection to each customer

Michael Zaccheo was asked what made Al Zack’s the most popular store of its kind in Chelsea.

“I think it was the connection my father had with people,” said Michael. “The fact that when people went to Al Zack’s, they didn’t really feel like they were going into a business, they felt like they were going to see family. Al knew everybody’s name and never turned anybody away. If you were hungry and you didn’t have money, it didn’t matter. Al would feed you anyway. He was just that kind of guy.”

Michael recalled the Al Zack’s \$2 Special back in the late 1980s and early 1990s. For two bucks, you got a submarine sandwich, a bag of chips, and a soda.

“I think he broke even for the most part,” said Michael. “Probably some days, he lost money.”

CHS students packed Al Zack’s during lunch period

Al Zaccheo was revered by Chelsea High students, who would make the short trek from the school to enjoy delicious subs and sandwiches at Al Zack’s during their lunch period.

Kimberly Kupczewski, a cheerleader from the CHS Class of 1978, lived at 17 Heard Street behind Al Zack’s. She was a regular visitor to the store, especially during her four years at Chelsea High.

“He was an icon to us children,” said Kupczewski. “Growing up in that alleyway behind the restaurant, living with the smell of the food coming from it, is like one of my fondest memories. He had the best steak and cheese sub on the planet and the clam plates were even better.”

Kupczewski admired his kindness and generosity. “Every day I was at Al Zack’s even when I was a little girl. We would always be in there. When I was in high school, he would have my onion rings already made and waiting for me, along with my steak and cheese. He knew my friends and I were coming. He was an amazing man.”

Kupczewski recalled that her next-door neighbor, June Haskell, was a high school classmate of Al’s. “And she worked for him at the store for a while.”

An inspiration to all

Scott Leonard fondly remembers the complimentary pre-game breakfasts that Al Zaccheo would host at his restaurant. Interestingly, Al Zaccheo was Scott’s running backs coach on Bobby Fee’s staff during his four years in the Red Devils’ program.

Leonard, who now owns and operates Rutland Marketplace in central Massachusetts, said Al Zaccheo was, “truly my inspiration.”

“A main reason of what I’ve done here with Rutland Marketplace, as far



Al Zaccheo, at the front counter of his legendary Al Zack’s store, with Ellie Wells and Steve Socha.



Al Zaccheo, pictured in his United States Marine Corps uniform.

as taking care of the community, Al was my inspiration,” said Leonard. “The way Al would feed us, and take care of us and do it for every kid, and support every youth organization in town – he was always there for all of us, and always made us feel like we were part of his family, like we were one of his own kids.

“Not only was he a coach, he was a mentor, he was our friend, and taught me some great life lessons, especially take care of your friends, take care of your family, take care of your community, and I’ll be forever grateful for that.”

Scott recalled how Al’s family was equally kind and welcoming to all members of the community and made each visit a special one.

“Al Zack’s was the gathering point for Chelsea youth,” said Scott. “Al created a sense of community there and a sense of family. He’s the rock of Chelsea, Mass.”

Al would often show up at Chelsea football practices with free subs. “We’d be at football camp or the Stadium, and Al would show up with subs. And he didn’t want anything in return. He was just there for us. He was just a gentleman and a true patriot, a true authentic what Chelsea Pride is all about. You got Chubby Tiro and Al Zaccheo – if you want to know the definition of Chelsea Pride, you’ll see Al Zack’s name and picture right there.”

Saluting Al Zaccheo, the football star

Frank DePatto, the former Chelsea High director of athletics, was Al Zaccheo’s football teammate for the Red Devils.

“Al graduated in 1956 and I graduated in 1957 and I was on the same team with Al,” recalled DePatto. “Al was a tremendous player and a great individual. He was so generous to Chelsea High athletics and hosted many pre-game breakfasts. His wife, Pat Hanlon, was my classmate.”

DePatto said Zaccheo was a major star on Chelsea High teams, playing alongside other noteworthy players, including quarterback Jimmy Walker, running backs, Anthony Tiro, John Kursonis, and Danny Ruskiewicz, defensive linemen Joe Kulpa, offensive ends Jim Mitchell, and Henry Perry, and center



Al Zaccheo was a star running back for the Chelsea High and U.S. Marine Corps’ traveling football teams. He later played semi-pro for the Nu-Way Sweepers and was inducted into the CHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Robert “Duke” Bradley.

Zaccheo went on to excel for the U.S. Marine Corps traveling football team at Camp Lejeune and as a member of the Nu-Way Sweepers semi-professional team who played some of their home games in Chelsea. All-Scholastic and Indiana star end Bob Fee also played for the Nu-Way Sweepers.

DePatto told a witty story about playing his position behind Al Zaccheo, who was a linebacker on defense.

“In 1955, we were playing Newton High at Newton,” said DePatto. “I was a defensive back and Al Zack was a linebacker. That whole year, I didn’t make a tackle because Al was a linebacker and in front of Al was this big kid, Joe Kulpa. I always had a clean uniform. Al Zack said to me, ‘Frank, one day I’m going to miss one of these tackles, and I hope you’re there. We were undefeated that season going into the Thanksgiving game, but we lost to Everett and ended up being ranked second in the state.

“The biggest conversation we had back then was who was the better running back, Zaccheo or Tiro. But they were two different kinds of players – Chubby would run around you and Zaccheo would run over you,” related DePatto.

Thoughts from a friend

Charlie Sherman, president of the Chelsea High School Class of 1970, knew Al Zaccheo well in Chelsea and loved Al Zack’s array of subs and seafood dinners.

When Sherman moved north and became New Hampshire’s premier TV sportscaster, he and Al became close friends.

Sherman paid tribute to Al in a posting on Facebook.

“If you are from Chelsea, you no doubt recognize this man, The Great Al Zaccheo, or as we know him, Al Zack,” wrote Sherman. “Al was a Chelsea legend who helped out so many and supported virtually every organization in the City. He was also a mentor and a coach to many and he also gave an awful lot of kids their first job at his shop which was a local institution. Condolences to the Zaccheo family. May he Rest in Peace.”

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AL ZACCHEO

Long-time Chelsea residents were saddened this week to hear the news of the passing of Al Zaccheo, former All-Scholastic running back at Chelsea High and former owner of the famous Al Zack’s sub shop, at the age of 85.

Al was a member of the Chelsea High Class of 1956. He played on some great Chelsea football teams of that era with Anthony “Chubby” Tiro, Jimmy Walker, and Joe Kulpa.

He went on to play football for the U.S. Marines team at Camp Lejeune and returned to Chelsea, where he played semi-pro football for the Nu-Way Sweepers with fellow CHS alum Bobby Fee, who was a standout at Indiana.

Al was also an assistant coach on Bobby Fee’s football staff at Chelsea High School in the late 1970s and 1980s.

Zaccheo was best-known to residents of all ages as the proprietor of Al Zack’s sub shop on Washington Ave. for 30 years, just down the street from the old Chelsea High School on Crescent Ave.

His shop was a gathering place in the 1970s and 1980s for Chelsea High students, who had an open-lunch period, and thus could walk from Chelsea High to Al Zack’s and enjoy his steak and cheese subs, hamburgers, and other delicious subs during their lunch period.

Al always gave back to the community. He hosted the pre-game Thanksgiving morning breakfast for the CHS football team and donated to Chelsea Pop Warner, the Chelsea Fast Pitch Softball League (he was a team sponsor), and other local sports programs.

Al spent his later years in New Hampshire where he had owned and operated a restaurant.

Chelsea has lost a true legend in sports who was a generous donor and beloved member of our community.

We know we join with all of our fellow residents in offering our condolences to his family.

May he rest in peace.

A TRAGIC AND DANGEROUS TIME

As we are writing this, the incredibly brave people and government leaders of Ukraine still are holding out against the despicable invaders from Russia.

It is clear that Vladimir Putin, the criminal Russian dictator, underestimated the resolve of the Ukrainian people and their armed forces. He also underestimated the united backlash from the rest of the world and the effects of the economic sanctions that are crippling Russia’s economy.

On the other hand, he overestimated the power of his army, which clearly is not up to the task of overrunning a nation as large and as unified as Ukraine as quickly as he had expected.

However, we fear that as the Russians continue to pour military resources into Ukraine and undertake a military campaign that is targeting the civilian population with war-crime levels of bombardment, it is only a matter of time before the Russians take control of whatever will be left of Ukraine after Putin levels it, as he seems intent on doing.

Putin’s barbaric invasion of Ukraine brought to mind a quote that often is applicable to dictatorial regimes such as Putin’s: “Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men, even when they exercise influence and not authority, still more when you superadd the tendency or the certainty of corruption by authority.”

Although what is happening in Ukraine, though it is being broadcast into our living rooms and on our computer screens 24/7, may seem a world away, we should not be lulled into thinking that we are safe from Putin’s maniacal machinations.

The reports that the 69 year-old Putin, who apparently was not content with being the richest man in the world, has become mentally-unhinged is a cause for concern because the lessons of history teach us that the evil deeds of dictators know no bounds.

Here is a quote from a book that came out this week about another would-be dictator:

“He stopped listening to his advisers, became manic and unreasonable, and was off the rails. He surrounded himself with sycophants, including many whack jobs from outside the government, who fed him a steady diet of comforting but unsupported conspiracy theories.”

This is a quote from a passage in the new book by former Attorney General William Barr describing the final days of Donald Trump’s presidency.

But it seems equally-applicable to Putin, who has raised the spectre of using nuclear weapons to bolster his failing military campaign and who has the ability to wage cyber warfare upon us to an extent that we have not yet experienced. In the 1950s, Americans conducted Civil Defense drills, which included telling children to duck-and-cover under their desks at school. But in an era of cyber warfare, there will be no place for any of us to hide.

We pray for the poor people of Ukraine, whose lives are being shattered literally hour-by-hour.

But we also must be aware that the after-shocks of what is happening in Ukraine will have far-reaching consequences for the entire world, including us.

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GUEST OP-ED

How much is freedom worth?

rut. Chances are we made choices that put us there. We have to make tough choices to climb out of the rut. We can easily become disabled physically, financially and domestically which will significantly limit our choices. Because of health, money, and maybe even age, our choices are often very limited. Most of the time, even when we have limitations, we can find freedom of choice.

The bottom line is we live in America and we cherish our freedom. We should remember our history and the great sacrifices made by so many. We should never take for granted the unimaginable hardships endured by the early settlers and every generation that has fought wars and lost tens of thousands of men and women in wars to keep our sacred and blessed freedom.

In his 1961 State of the Union address, President John F. Kennedy reminded us that every generation of Americans has had to win its freedom. We will never stay free unless we are willing to fight and sacrifice to keep our freedom.

How much is freedom worth? The brave people of Ukraine and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy are showing the world what freedom is worth. Their lives. While many of the young and aged are exiting Ukraine, President Zelenskyy and thousands are risking their lives to keep Ukraine free from the aggression of Russia and the evil of Vladimir Putin. Putin is not our friend or a friend to the free world. His path to conquer Ukraine is an Adolph Hitler move. Destroying a city and attempting to conquer a nation while killing thousands in order to increase his domain is barbaric.

In the midst of all this, we are surely reminded that we must once again become energy independent. Russia is a supplier of 40% of the natural gas used by Germany and most of Europe. They and America must stop buying energy and anything else from Russia. We have made them a rich nation while sacrificing our own independence.

Watching as Ukraine’s government hands out AK-47s and other guns

surely reminds us of the importance of being able to protect ourselves. Keep your guns, stock up on your ammunition, and never vote for anyone who wants to edit our Second Amendment.

We must pray for Zelenskyy and the Ukraine people but we must also help them with whatever aid necessary to push Russia out. Keep in mind that Russia is only 55 miles from Alaska’s closest port. Putin just might decide that Russia should have Alaska back. We bought Alaska fair and square in 1867 for \$7.2 million and we won’t be handing it back.

How much is freedom worth? Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine are demonstrating how much freedom is worth.

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

Chelsea Public Schools partners with Penn State University, Youth Engineering Solutions to pilot STEM after-school curriculum

“We’re going to engineer today,” is a phrase commonly heard these days in the elementary school classrooms at Chelsea Public Schools (CPS).

This winter, CPS has partnered with Penn State University and Youth Engineering Solutions (YES) to pilot after-school STEM curriculum for CPS elementary school students.

Since January, upper elementary students at Chelsea’s Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex have participated in a STEM after school program provided by the YES curriculum team. The curriculum presents engineering lessons based in real-world context, and asks students to solve open-ended problems that have multiple solutions.

The YES curriculum being used in Chelsea is also specifically designed for English Learners (EL), and all the kids currently participating in the program are EL students from Chelsea. The program currently being implemented in Chelsea is believed to be the first of its kind – an engineering curriculum being used

in an after school environment focused on EL students – in the United States.

Among the units that Chelsea students have worked on include building assistive devices for people who struggle putting on socks, and designing rescue shuttles for flight. The curriculum incorporates a variety of skill sets and knowledge bases including engineering principles, problem-solving techniques, reading and writing to create a holistic educational experience for kids

“As part of our five year strategic plan, one priority we have is to increase after school activities for our students; this program is an example of how we are doing that,” commented Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta. “STEM instruction helps students think creatively and work collaboratively. To succeed in life, students have to be able to apply what they have learned to a variety of scenarios. STEM education teaches them to adapt the concepts that they have learned to solve problems or issues.”

Making STEM (Science, Technology, Engi-

neering and Mathematics) accessible, equitable and understandable to young students has been a career goal of Dr. Christine Cunningham, who launched YES and led the team who designed the curriculum currently in use at CPS. For Chelsea students, the curriculum encourages them to have conversations at home, in whatever language they speak, about the after school program, the units they are working on, and the problems they are trying to solve. This research-driven program encourages kids to explore and express ideas in all of their languages because, as Dr. Cunningham describes, “using language in meaningful and authentic ways is the best way for kids to learn it”. Dr. Cunningham also articulates that the hands-on nature of the program lends itself to equitable educational practices:

“We also know that youth learn both engineering and language by doing

hands-on, real challenges. If they don’t yet know the English words, youth can initially draw or build a design to share their ideas with their group. As they work with others and hear and see the words in context, they develop language.”

Upon returning to the after school program on Monday, February 28, CPS students will continue with the curriculum’s second unit, which has kids using a variety of materials to design rescue shuttles and test them for flight.

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City of Chelsea, housing families expanding homelessness prevention and free legal services

The City of Chelsea, through its Department of Housing Community Development, and Housing Families are pleased to announce an expansion of housing legal services and housing stability programs for Chelsea residents confronting housing insecurity. As the coronavirus pandemic has significantly affected residents, particularly residents of color, seniors, and vulnerable populations, the partnership will enhance the accessibility of a variety of trauma informed housing services. Through the legal clinic, residents experiencing evictions, disputes, and code issues can seek assistance from Housing Families’ attorneys and housing specialists. The City will coordinate services through the Eviction Task Force, in close collaboration with community based organizations, such as Housing Families, La Colaborativa, CAPIC, and The Neighborhood Developers.

As part of this partnership, Housing Families will imminently open a new office at 99 4th Street in Chelsea that’s accessible by public transit to meet the housing and eviction prevention needs of Chelsea residents, including free legal help, utility and rental assistance, case management, and emergency housing. Chelsea residents can receive assistance regardless of immigration status, income, or background.

Chelsea residents seeking legal services and financial assistance may contact Housing Families’ Chelsea office of the Homelessness Prevention Legal Services Program at (322 9119 x146 or probonolegalteam@housingfamilies.org Staff are multilingual in Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, and Haitian Creole. Residents can also visit the pop up Housing and Legal Services Clinic at Chelsea City Hall, Room 102, every Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at La Colaborativa 318 Broadway, every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Housing Families, a non-profit organization located in Malden, is working to achieve housing equity and well-being for all. Housing Families partners with communities, families, and individuals to ensure housing stability by offering personalized services including temporary and permanent housing, food assistance, individual counseling and group therapy, youth programs, and eviction prevention legal assistance.

“We’re pleased to forge a partnership with Housing Families to make high quality housing legal services available for all residents, regardless of income.” announced Thomas G. Ambrosino, City Manager.

“Through this partnership, residents can seek legal advice, mediation, and representation services for a variety of housing issues. I encourage residents to take advantage of this resource by visiting one of the clinics or calling Housing Families directly, no matter how small of a question or issue they might have”

The City of Chelsea is one of the hardest hit communities affected by the ongoing pandemic. The majority of Chelsea’s

residents are employed in industries that were significantly affected by COVID-19. Since the onset of the pandemic, residents have continuously experienced a loss of income, unemployment and underemployment, and housing security, exacerbated by racial, health, and economic inequities. In unison with community-based organizations, such as La Colaborativa, CAPIC, and the Neighborhood Developers, the City decisively responded to these challenges, rapidly deploying new housing stability programs and organizing the Eviction Task Force, weekly roundtable meetings where multiple partners collectively manage cases of homelessness and housing insecurity, which Housing Families and other local organizations joined. In a community where over half of Chelsea’s households are housing cost burdened, where illicit and legal evictions and foreclosures continue to rise, the Eviction Task Force is committed to delivering a diverse range of housing stability services and promoting affordable housing.

“Disparately affected by the pandemic, Chelsea residents are the backbone of the region, yet continue to face economic hardship and gentrification, while wealthier, whiter communities rebound from COVID-19,” stated Alex Train, Director of Housing & Community Development. “Increasing access to legal services that promote housing stability is an essential step towards an equitable recovery.”

To prevent evictions, foreclosures, and displacement, the City of Chelsea, through its Department of Housing and Community Development, has allocated over \$1.5 million of ARPA funds to continue critical homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, legal assistance, and supplemental utility assistance programs for Chelsea residents, in partnership with Housing Families and local organizations, as part of a comprehensive anti-displacement strategy.

“I would like to thank the City Manager and the Chelsea Office of Community Development for partnering with Housing Families to build on our current programming and reach more Chelsea residents with housing and legal services. We are in awe of the resilience of Chelsea families and so appreciative of our partnerships with the City and local organizations like La Colaborativa. Being surrounded by such committed community advocates bolsters us to increase housing stability in Chelsea.” says Laura Rosi, Housing Families’ CEO.

Housing Families, Inc. is a provider of emergency shelter and permanent housing, with a holistic model that supplements housing with additional supportive services. Housing Families operates 101 units of apartment-style emergency shelter, a 22-bed adult individual shelter, and 71 units of permanent affordable housing. Housing Families provides comprehensive case management for all families in their housing programs. Housing Families also offers a therapeutic and academic after-school program for children and

parents, a Community Resource Hub that provides food and grocery assistance, and the Homelessness Prevention & Legal Services Program, which prevents eviction and homelessness whenever possible. Housing Families serves over 1,000 families per year in the Greater Boston area, namely the Gateway Cities of Malden, Chelsea, Medford, Everett, and Revere. Housing Families is proudly supported by the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and the Cummings Foundation.

Ciudad de Chelsea, Housing Families expande prevención de personas sin hogar y servicios legales gratuitos en Chelsea

La Ciudad de Chelsea, a través del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo de la Comunidad, y Housing Families se complacen en anunciar la expansión de los servicios legales y programas de estabilidad de vivienda para los residentes de Chelsea que enfrentan inseguridad en la vivienda. La pandemia de coronavirus ha afectado significativamente a los residentes - en particular a los residentes de color, las personas mayores y las poblaciones vulnerables – y esta asociación mejorará la accesibilidad a una variedad de servicios de vivienda informados en trauma.

A través de la clínica legal, los residentes que experimentan desalojos, disputas con los arrendadores, y problemas con el código de vivienda pueden buscar ayuda de los abogados y especialistas en vivienda de Housing Families. La Ciudad coordinará los servicios a través del Grupo de Trabajo de Prevención de Desalojos, en estrecha colaboración con organizaciones comunitarias, como Housing Families, La Colaborativa, CAPIC y The Neighborhood Developers.

Como parte de esta asociación, Housing Families abrirá de manera inminente una nueva oficina en 99 4th Street en Chelsea a la que se puede acceder mediante transporte público. Para satisfacer las necesidades de vivienda y prevención de desalojos de los residentes de Chelsea, los servicios incluyen ayuda legal gratuita, asistencia con el pago de servicios públicos y alquiler, administración de casos, y vivienda de emergencia. Los residentes de Chelsea pueden recibir asistencia independientemente de su estatus migratorio, ingresos o antecedentes.

Los residentes de Chelsea que buscan servicios legales y asistencia financiera pueden comunicarse con la oficina del Programa de Servicios Legales y Prevención de Personas sin Hogar de Housing Families en Chelsea al (781) 322-9119 x146 o probonolegalteam@housingfamilies.org. El personal es multilingüe en español, portugués, mandarín y criollo haitiano. Los residentes también pueden venir en persona al City Hall de Chelsea (500 Broadway, Oficina 102) todos los lunes de 10 am a 1 pm y a La Colaborativa (318 Broadway) todos los jueves de 11am a 2pm. No se necesita tener una cita. Housing Families es una organización sin fines de lucro ubicada en Malden

que está trabajando para lograr equidad en la vivienda y bienestar para todos. Housing Families se asocia con comunidades, familias e individuos para garantizar la estabilidad de la vivienda al ofrecer servicios personalizados que incluyen vivienda temporal y permanente, asistencia alimentaria, asesoramiento individual y terapia grupal, programas para jóvenes y asistencia legal para la prevención de desalojos.

“Nos complace forjar una asociación con Housing Families para hacer que los servicios legales de vivienda de alta calidad estén disponibles para todos los residentes, independientemente de sus ingresos” anunció Thomas G. Ambrosino, Gerente Municipal de la ciudad. “A través de esta asociación, los residentes pueden buscar servicios de asesoría legal, mediación y representación para una variedad de problemas de vivienda. Animo a los residentes a aprovechar este recurso visitando una de las clínicas o llamando directamente a Housing Families, sin importar cuán pequeña sea la pregunta o el problema que puedan tener” añadió Ambrosino.

La ciudad de Chelsea es una de las comunidades más afectadas por la pandemia en curso. La mayoría de los residentes de Chelsea están empleados en industrias que se vieron significativamente afectadas por el COVID-19. Desde el comienzo de la pandemia, los residentes han experimentado continuamente una pérdida de ingresos, desempleo y subempleo, y seguridad en la vivienda, exacerbados por desigualdades raciales, de salud y económicas. Al unísono con organizaciones comunitarias - como La Colaborativa, CAPIC y The Neighborhood Developers - la Ciudad respondió de manera decisiva a estos desafíos

e implementando rápidamente nuevos programas de estabilidad de vivienda.

La Ciudad también organiza el Grupo de Trabajo de Prevención de Desalojos a través de reuniones semanales donde múltiples socios manejan colectivamente casos de personas sin hogar e inseguridad en la vivienda. En una comunidad donde más de la mitad de los hogares de Chelsea están agobiados por el costo de la vivienda, donde los desalojos y las ejecuciones hipotecarias ilegales y legales siguen aumentando, este grupo de trabajo se compromete a brindar una amplia gama de servicios de estabilidad de vivienda y promover viviendas asequibles. “Afectados de manera desigual por la pandemia, los residentes de Chelsea son la columna vertebral de la región, pero continúan enfrentando dificultades económicas y gentrificación, mientras que las comunidades más ricas y blancas se recuperan de COVID-19”, declaró Alex Train, Director de Vivienda y Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Chelsea.

“Aumentar el acceso a servicios legales que promuevan la estabilidad de la vivienda es un paso esencial hacia una recuperación equitativa” agregó Train.

Como parte de una estrategia integral contra el desplazamiento y para evitar desalojos, ejecuciones hipotecarias y desplazamientos, la ciudad de Chelsea a través de su Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo de la Comunidad, ha asignado más de \$1.5 millones de fondos ARPA para continuar con la prevención crítica de personas sin hogar, realojamiento rápido, asistencia legal y programas complementarios de asistencia de servicios públicos para residentes de Chelsea.

“Me gustaría agradecer al Gerente Municipal de

la ciudad y al Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de Chelsea por asociarse con Housing Families para desarrollar nuestra programación actual y llegar a más residentes de Chelsea con servicios legales y de vivienda. Estamos asombrados por la resiliencia de las familias de Chelsea y muy agradecidos por nuestras alianzas con la Ciudad y organizaciones locales como La Colaborativa. Estar rodeados de defensores comunitarios tan comprometidos nos impulsa a aumentar la estabilidad de la vivienda en Chelsea” dijo Laura Rosi, CEO de Housing Families.

Housing Families, Inc. es un proveedor de refugio de emergencia y vivienda permanente, con un modelo holístico que complementa la vivienda con servicios de apoyo adicionales. Housing Families opera 101 unidades de refugio de emergencia estilo apartamento, un refugio individual para adultos de 22 camas y 71 unidades de vivienda asequible permanente. Housing Families proporciona una gestión integral de casos para todas las familias en sus programas de vivienda. Housing Families también ofrece un programa extracurricular terapéutico y académico para niños y padres, un Centro de recursos comunitarios que brinda asistencia con alimentos y comestibles, y el Programa de servicios legales y prevención de personas sin hogar, que previene el desalojo y la falta de vivienda siempre que sea posible. Housing Families atiende a más de 1,000 familias por año en el área metropolitana de Boston, a saber, las ciudades de Malden, Chelsea, Medford, Everett y Revere. Housing Families está orgullosamente respaldado por United Way of Massachusetts Bay y la Fundación Cummings.

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The gazebo behind Admiral's Hill was covered with snow and void of any signs of life in the area during the storm.



A look at the Tobin Bridge from underneath by the oil distribution area at the end of Broadway.



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Arroyo and Hayden say they are both in the race for Suffolk County District Attorney

By John Lynds

So far the race for Suffolk County District Attorney will be between one candidate who supports many of former DA Rachael Rollin’s reforms and another who is more moderate and was appointed as interim DA by Republican Governor Charlie Baker.

Last week, Boston City Councilor of Hyde Park announced his bid for the DA’s seat, which was followed a few days later by acting DA Kevin Hayden.

At a press conference in Hyde Park last week Arroyo pledged to continue the reforms started by Rollins.

Arroyo, the son of former City Councilor Felix Arroyo, served a public defender before being elected to the City Council in 2019, said he will, “Build a justice system that protects the safety and dignity of all people... One that will maintain the successful reforms that have proven to improve the safety of communities across Suffolk County.”

It was his work as a



Kevin Hayden.

public defender that Arroyo said gave him perspective of the inequities of the justice system. As a public defender Arroyo has said he saw firsthand how the lack of opportunity, inequity, and the marginalization of individuals ravaged lives.

“Former District Attorney Rachael Rollins led the way by bringing much-needed reforms to the office,” said Arroyo at the press conference. “We cannot afford to go backward or stagnate. We must continue these reforms that have been proven to work and continue to move Suffolk County forward.”

Before leaving the DA’s



Ricardo Arroyo.

Office to serve as the U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts, Rollin focused on pregressive criminal justice reform in Suffolk County and developed a controversial policy of not prosecuting certain nonviolent low-level crimes.

Arroyo attended Boston Public Schools, holds a B.A. in History from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and a J.D. from Loyola University Chicago.

Hayden, a Roslindale resident who was appointed by Gov. Baker to complete Rollins’ term, announced his candidacy a few days after Arroyo’s press conference.

At his announcement

in front of the Boys & Girls Club in Dorchester Hayden pledged a commitment to public safety, criminal legal system reform, and accountability to the communities of Boston, Revere, Chelsea and Winthrop.

Hayden, who was appointed to the office in January, outlined numerous areas of focus moving forward, including gun crimes, community collaboration and engagement, diversion and intervention programs, human trafficking and domestic violence.

“I pledge today to reform how the district attorney approaches its full mission of serving the community and ensuring public safety,” said Hayden. “Our attention on reform is vital, but the results that produce real transformation are what really matters. We’ve seen over the last few years a national demand for criminal legal system reform. As a black man, I welcome this focus because it is long overdue. I know full well that it’s

long overdue because I’ve been practicing these concepts and approaches to reform throughout my entire career.”

Hayden added his experience as a prosecutor, an attorney in private practice, and head of the state Sex Offender Registry Board has given him the perspective necessary to ensure public safety while seeking alternatives to prosecution in appropriate cases.

“I was never a traditional prosecutor,” he said. “As head of the Safe Neighborhood Initiative, I embraced intensive community engagement and expanded crime intervention and prevention to new limits. I dedicated myself to support services and ministry to returning citizens from incarceration more than any ADA before me. As a juvenile prosecutor I led efforts focused on innovative diversion and prevention methods. In short, I will approach the task of reform with a proven track record of dedication to it.

I have labored long and hard in that vineyard. I’m confident that we can change our approach to criminal justice. But public safety and full equity in our system are not mutually exclusive. We must be ever mindful of public safety as we endeavor for a better and more equitable system. All our communities demand our dedication to both.”

Before his appointment Hayden headed the state Sex Offender Registry Board. Prior to that, he spent five years in private practice, specializing in criminal defense. He began his career in the Suffolk DA’s office, serving in the anti-gang and juvenile units and on the homicide response team. He headed the office’s Safe Neighborhood Initiative, a community-focused public safety program.

Hayden graduated from Dartmouth College and Boston University Law School and serves as a deacon at Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins road trip ending



Everything had been falling into place for the Bruins’, a five-game win streak, and recent victories over Seattle, San Jose, and Los Angeles. All appearing to have Boston on the end of receiving some much-needed ‘puck luck.’ But, a trip to Anaheim on Tuesday to face the Ducks, proved to be a bit too much, as the Bruins got themselves into a deep hole, allowing three goals in the first period. The second game of a back-to-back series, and the fourth game in six nights...for Boston, it seemed to be a struggle beginning in the first period, giving up three goals in 11:20 minutes. Taking the 3-1 deficit (Mike Foligno goal #2) into the second period, the locals showed some resilience, when Brandon Carlo found the back of the net to cut the margin to one goal at 3-2. Boston began the third period with David Pastrnak quickly scoring his 29th goal of the season, less than two minutes into the period, to tie the game at 3-3. All the Ducks were beginning to fall in a row, until Charlie McAvoy was whistled off the ice on a hooking call with 46 seconds left in the regulation. Things were still looking doable for Boston with a 3on3 overtime seemingly coming up on the horizon. But the ‘hockey gods’ had other ideas, as Anaheim’s Trevor Zegras (former BU Terrier) was able to blast the

game-winner past Bruin goalie Linus Ullmark with 21-plus seconds left to play in regulation. Bottom line: time to start a new win-streak.

Coach Bruce Cassidy summed up the loss with, “Just had some bad breakdowns, didn’t manage pucks and didn’t protect the front of our net,” all while admitting, that it looked like the Bs were going to get through it, even thought they weren’t at their best. Working his way through the tough first period, Ullmark was able to bounce back after the three first period goals, playing strong in the following two periods, coming up with 18 of the 24 saves he made on the night. The remaining two games left on the current road trip includes stops in Vegas Thursday (tonight 9:00pm) to play the high-flying Golden Knights, and the final stop to face the bottom-feeding Columbus Blue Jackets on Saturday (7:00pm). A welcome return to TD Garden ice will begin on Monday, March 7 @ 7:00pm, to host the Los Angeles Kings, currently out of playoff position, but who will be seeking revenge

for their 7-0 blasting from Boston a week ago, and then a rare two-day break before taking on the struggling Chicago Black Hawks on Thursday, March 10 @ 7:00pm.

A ‘good news’ note had Bruins goaltender Jeremy Swayman being named ‘National Hockey League Rookie of the Month’ for February. Swayman finished the month with a 5-1-1 record through seven appearances, ranking first in the league with a .960 save percentage and 1.13 goals against average (minimum two starts). The 6-foot-3, 195-pound goaltender posted two shutouts through February, including a 7-0 win against the Los Angeles Kings on February 28 and 2-0 shutout of the Ottawa Senators on February 12. Swayman, an Anchorage, Alaska native has played in 24 games this season, posting a 13-7-3 record. His 1.95 goals against average is tied for first in the league, while his .929 save percentage is tied for fourth (minimum six starts). His three shutouts on the season rank sixth across the league. Swayman has played 34 career games with the Bruins since he was drafted by Boston in the fourth round of the 2017 NHL Entry Draft (111th overall) with a career record of 20-10-3, including a 1.82 goals against average and .934 save percentage.

CHS BOYS OUTLAST EASTIE, HEAD TO ST. MARY’S OF LYNN

The Chelsea High boys basketball team opened play in the Division 3 state tournament with a pulsating 84-80 victory over East Boston this past

CHS ROUNDUP

Tuesday evening in a preliminary round contest at the CHS gymnasium.

The Red Devils entered the tourney as the 32nd seed in D-3. Eastie was seeded 33rd.

Chelsea now advances to the Round of 32 where the Red Devils will meet St. Mary’s of Lynn, the top seed in D-3. St.

Mary’s compiled a 22-1 record during the regular season, the lone loss coming to First Baptist High in Naples, Florida when the Spartans enjoyed a December trip to the Sunshine State.

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OBITUARIES

James Richards Of Revere, formerly of Chelsea

James C. Richards of Revere, formerly of Chelsea, passed away on February 19 at the age of 67.

James worked for many years at the Stop & Shop in Revere and Leonard Silver in East Boston.

The loving father of Gloria, Teila, Paula and Hannah Richards, he was the dear brother of Veronica Richards - DiGregorio and her husband, James and Sheila Richards; cherished grandfather of Star, Jacob, Catalina, Ronald and Mikie; caring uncle of Ianmichael, Christopher Pedi, Evan, Jonathan, Shara, Yvonne, Keith, Ernesto and Danielle.

Family and friends will honor James's life by gathering at Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach Street, Revere on Sunday, March 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. A prayer service will be held at 5 p.m. Interment will be private.

The family would like acknowledge the physicians Dr. Simon at the East Boston Health Center, and



Dr. Phillapedes, formerly of Boston Medical Center and presently at Newton Wellesley Hospital, for the care that was given to James.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in James' name to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. www.vazzafunerals.com.

At the family's request, we ask that all visitors and attendees please wear face coverings throughout all services.

Christopher L. Smith Of Chelsea

Christopher L. Smith of Chelsea, unexpectedly, February 22. Christopher, devoted life long companion for over 35 years of Cynthia Velleca. Beloved father of Zach, Ethan and Hailey Smith all of Chelsea. Brother of Bill, Danny, Alex, Eric, Connie and Virginia Smith. Also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews. Family and friends are kindly invited to attend his Celebration of Life in the Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Avenue, Chelsea on Saturday, March 5th from 3-5 PM. Committal Services will be private. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Chris's name be made to the American Heart Association or to the American Diabetes Foundation at the addresses listed below.

Born in Hardwick, Vermont 61 years ago, Christopher passed away unexpectedly at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after suffering a cardiac event at work. For over 5 years he was employed as the maintenance supervisor at



the Charlestown YMCA and previously held similar positions at the Royal Sonesta in Cambridge as well as the Midtown Hotel in Boston. When not working, he enjoyed hiking and camping.

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Baker-Polito announce small business relief program

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of a new \$75 million grant program to support Massachusetts small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The new program is part of the plan to spend \$4 billion in American Rescue Plan funding that was signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker in December 2021. The new program is modeled after Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation's (MGCC) successful COVID-19 small business relief program. Under that effort, which became the biggest state-sponsored business relief program in the nation, MGCC oversaw the distribution of approximately \$705 million to over 15,000 small businesses across Massachusetts. Today's announcement was made at Luanda Restaurant and Lounge in Brockton, a family-owned business that received financial support through MGCC's prior COVID relief grant program.

"We have been proud to support small businesses in every corner of the Commonwealth through the MGCC small business program during the pandemic, but we know that some challenges remain for many businesses," said Governor Charlie Baker. "With the launch of this new effort, we can build on MGCC's successful work and direct important federal funding to those businesses with the great-

est need quickly and effectively."

"Restaurants like Luanda are fundamental to the character of our neighborhoods, main streets and downtowns in every city and town in Massachusetts," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "This new initiative will ensure that businesses that need help the most will be able to take advantage of additional opportunities."

The \$75 million will be focused on small businesses that employ between two and 50 people, with \$25 million directed toward businesses that did not qualify for previous MGCC grants because of a lack of revenue loss in 2020; and \$50 million directed to businesses that reach underserved markets and historically underrepresented groups, or are minority-, women-, or veteran-owned businesses, or are owned by individuals with disabilities or who identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

Under both categories, grants will range from \$10,000 to \$75,000, and will be capped at the lesser of \$75,000 or three months of operating expenses. Grant funding can be used for employee and benefit costs, mortgage interest, rent, utilities, and interest on debt.

"The challenges faced by Massachusetts' small businesses during COVID have been enormous, but in my district and across the state I have seen so many entrepreneurs and innovators respond with incredible perseverance

and grace. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and they deserve our support," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "Today's grants represent a choice by the Legislature to center small businesses in our effort for an equitable recovery. I am grateful to the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation for their work to distribute these funds to so many deserving businesses and I am thankful to all of the small businesses who have done so much for Massachusetts."

"I am pleased to hear that the small business grant program, created through the Legislature's ARPA bill, is now accepting applications, and will soon be distributing these funds to our small businesses," said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano. "Delivering on the Legislature's intent to pass a bill truly focused on equity, a significant portion of the funds from the small business program will specifically target minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned small businesses, as well as small businesses that didn't receive previous grants during the pandemic. Small businesses are oftentimes the backbone of our communities and local economies, and I look forward to seeing these investments remain a priority for the House of Representatives moving forward."

"When help was needed the most during the pandemic, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation scaled up a

nation-leading program to support our small businesses and the families and entrepreneurs behind them," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "I'm grateful to the MGCC team for once again stepping up to direct vital funding to the neighborhoods and communities that continue to face challenges created by this unprecedented public health crisis."

"MGCC is pleased to be an instrument of recovery for the smallest of businesses throughout Massachusetts most affected by COVID-19 with these two new grants programs," said Lawrence Andrews, CEO and President of MGCC. "The Baker-Polito Administration and the Legislature recognize that certain communities have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, and the goal of this funding will bring relief and stability to additional businesses throughout the Commonwealth."

In addition to prioritizing applications from businesses that did not qualify for prior aid and businesses owned by individuals from historically underserved populations or operate in underserved markets, eligible businesses must currently be in operation and based in Massachusetts. Applicants must also demonstrate that business revenues for 2020 were between \$40,000 and \$2.5 million.

Learn more at EmpoweringSmallBusiness.org.

Grant program to fund extreme heat solutions for the region's most covid-impacted communities

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) announced the third round of a COVID-Safe Cooling Grant Program, which awarded \$1,089,020 total in 2020 and 2021 to fund municipal and non-profit community-based initiatives in seven eastern Massachusetts cities. With funding provided by the Barr Foundation, the grants offer critical assistance to mitigate extreme heat impacts exacerbated by COVID-19's uneven burden on some of the region's most diverse and economically disadvantaged communities.

Started in 2020, the COVID-Safe Cooling Grant Program will once again fund effective and innovative summer cooling strategies in Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Lawrence, Lynn and Revere. Municipalities and community-based organizations in those cities are eligible to apply for grants beginning March 1, with proposals due April 8 and funding awards expected in May.

"Shade trees, green space, outdoor splash pads, and other features common in wealthier communities are far less common in Massachusetts' older urban centers, where housing with central air or access to cooling is also rare. Residents of these communities have been hit harder not just by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also by asthma and other ailments aggravated by extreme heat," said MAPC Senior Clean Energy and Climate Planner Sasha Shyduroff. "The COVID-Safe Cooling Grant Program has helped mitigate these inequities over the past two summers and we look forward to funding another round of innovative cooling solutions in advance of this summer's heatwaves."

Six municipalities and 10 community-based organizations in Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Lawrence and Lynn last year received grants between \$25,000 and \$50,000. The COVID-Safe Cooling grants fund direct cooling relief, support efforts to build equitable, resilient community

support systems, and help these communities invest in strategies that will protect residents from extreme temperatures in the long-term.

Previous grantees have purchased and distributed personal cooling equipment such as energy efficient air conditioners, box fans, and cooling kits; provided utility bill assistance; conducted community outreach and education on heat safety; and made investments in infrastructure such as public water fountains, urban trees, and splash pads.

2021 grantees include:

- The City of Chelsea leveraged its COVID-Safe Cooling grant with additional ARPA funds to distribute over 240 air conditioners and provide utility assistance to low-income residents in need of cooling. Over 700 people in the community applied for this assistance.
- La Comunindad and Everett Community Growers worked together to co-create a community map to identify hot spots in Everett that lack shading and can be used to plan future cooling efforts.

"What has made this grant program successful thus far has been working with organizations on the ground who not only understand resident and workers' needs, but also have the trust of the community to deploy effective cooling strategies," said Melanie Gárate, Climate Resilience Manager at the MyRWA and co-grant manager of this program. "The next step is to build off of this trust and implement long-term solutions so that the most overburdened communities are no longer suffering from the added stressor of extreme heat."

The program has helped identify common challenges that municipalities face while tackling extreme heat, and the policy changes that could protect the most vulnerable. In addition to the grant funding, MAPC and MyRWA will provide technical assistance to grantees, including support with purchasing, communications, providing resources in multiple languages, and one-on-one help to troubleshoot challenges.

Grant application for Mass. veteran-serving organizations opens

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment, in partnership with the Division of Banks and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, are now accepting applications for the 2022 round of Operation Money Wise grants. This funding supports Veteran-serving non-profit organizations, public agencies, and higher education institutions to improve pre-existing financial education programs or to create new ones aimed at increasing personal finance knowledge within the Military, Veteran, Family,

and Survivor Community (MVFSC).

Funding is possible through a Division of Banks settlement over alleged unlawful lending practices and a total of \$75,000 has been committed to this year's grant program. Eligible organizations providing financial education programs to the MVFSC will be considered for awards of up to \$5,000. Since the inception of this program, over 6,600 members of the military community have been served with this funding.

The grant requirements

and application are available online at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-operation-money-wise>. Applications will be accepted until Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5 pm EST.

"Operation Money Wise empowers our veterans and their families to make informed financial decisions," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "With this funding, more servicemembers will have access to resources and tools that will help them improve their economic well-being."

Over \$160,000 has been

awarded since the inception of the financial literacy grant in 2016. Operation Money Wise is designed to empower the military community and their families in the Commonwealth through financial education. This grant opportunity allows organizations to use their knowledge and expertise to design or enhance a program that would best serve their community. Many of these workshops will include strategy sessions on basic budgeting, managing debt, preparing for retirement and decisions around money.

Girls on the Run Greater Boston spring season registration now open

Girls on the Run (GOTR) Greater Boston’s registration for the spring season is now open. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in third through eighth grade to be joyful, healthy and confident. It is more than a running program.

“We are incredibly excited to be launching our largest season ever, with over 1,000 local girls slated to participate,” says Olivia Mathews, the Executive Director of GOTR Greater Boston. “Having

heard from school administrators that Girls on the Run was truly needed for girls over the past two years due to the isolation of the pandemic, it is urgent that we reach out and engage girls who may be reluctant to join and allow then to experience the transformational benefits of being part of a GOTR team.”

Girls on the Run Greater Boston has inspired girls in Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Plymouth counties for 11 years and has impacted the lives of 8,500 local

girls. This season, Girls on the Run will be offered at over 75 diverse locations throughout the area. The life-changing program has research-based lessons that use dynamic discussions and fun running games to teach life skills. The season will culminate with a 5K event on Saturday June 11th in Medford, Massachusetts, that brings together family, friends and community members to celebrate the girls’ growth throughout the season.

The Spring 2022 season will start the week

of March 27th for most teams and the twice weekly meetings are generally held after school and outdoors, often led by a school’s own teachers and community volunteers. A program fee includes an individual girl kit with a team shirt, water bottle, cinch bag, practice materials and an activity journal. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. More information about the program, locations and registration can be found on the Girls on the Run of Greater Boston website at girlsontherunboston.org

About Girls on the Run Greater Boston

Girls on the Run Greater Boston is an independent nonprofit organization affiliated with Girls on the Run International, which has nearly 200 chapters across the United States and has served over 2 million girls in its 26-year history. Over the course of the program, girls in 3rd-8th grade develop social, emotional and physical skills to successfully navigate life experiences. The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event. Girls on the Run is included as a top research-based program in a Social-Emotional Learning Guide developed by researchers at Harvard University and has been recognized by the National Afterschool Association (NAA) as one of the most influential after-school programs.

Paramedic Training School scholarship program for Massachusetts’s EMTs announced

Transformative Healthcare announced a \$1,000,000 Paramedic Training School scholarship program to enable EMTs aspiring to become Paramedics access to state-of-the-art education at a fraction of the tuition expense. Over eighty (80) EMTs will receive scholarships to participate in the 2022 Paramedic training classes.

“In New England and throughout the United States, there is a significant shortage of Paramedics that are necessary to meet the emergency medical service needs of our communities,” said Thomas McEntee, CEO of Transformative Healthcare. “By establishing a \$1,000,000 scholarship program, Transformative Healthcare aims to proactively address New En-

gland’s Paramedic shortage by making access to state-of-the-art Paramedic education much more affordable. Scholarship recipients in our 2022 Paramedic training classes will pay only \$1,500, an 83% discount to the \$13,000 tuition.”

While the EMS industry is characterized by a significant shortage of EMS professionals, demand for Paramedic and EMT professionals is projected to be amongst the fastest growing occupations in the United States. Demand for these professionals is projected to grow 6 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations[1].

Transformative Healthcare’s CoAEMPS[2] accredited Paramedic Training Program is the only educational program in

Massachusetts to feature a range of state-of-the-art simulation technologies that vastly increase the efficacy of the learning experience. The technologies include Oculus Virtual Reality, Immersive Interactive’s immersive simulation technologies and specialized simulation mannequins by TraumaFx and LifeCast. Paramedic students experience highly realistic situations where they can train in real-life, virtual scenarios such as car crashes, burning buildings, , first-person shooter events and more. Moreover, students can treat mock patients where they experience high-tech mannequins that are bleeding, have broken bones, severe burns and more.

Transformative Healthcare’s Center of Excellence Education Team

is dedicated to accelerating the development of our team members, and other Massachusetts EMTs, seeking to advance their careers as Paramedics,” said Andy Defrias, Director of Training and Education. “Our team offers the most advanced training and education program, so our Paramedic students can deliver the most effective patient care”.

About Transformative Healthcare

Company Highlights

- Leading medical transportation & logistics company in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine
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- More than 150 years serving our communities
- 2,500+ facilities served
- Millions of patients

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Transformative Healthcare delivers cost efficient, high quality patient outcomes by optimizing how patients and data move through the healthcare system. We create customized partnerships for municipal 911 emergency response, inter-facility medical transportation, mobile patient testing, vaccine administration, remote patient monitoring and logistics services. Our proprietary software and analytics improve patient outcomes while reducing healthcare costs.

End-to-End COVID-19 Solutions at Scale

Transformative Healthcare launched mobile & onsite COVID-19 testing and vaccine administration services starting in April 2020 to serve major

organizations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We proudly support the risk management & return-to-work strategies of state governments, municipalities, skilled-nursing & assisted living facilities, private universities & colleges, and corporations.

Transformative Healthcare is proud to support the Commonwealth’s ‘Stop the Spread’ campaign and bring COVID-19 testing and vaccination programs to the most vulnerable populations. The company’s COVID-19 TRACR software platform (Test-Result-Authorize-Contact Trace-Report) has assisted Massachusetts to be at the forefront of pandemic management and response.

Coalition calls for swift action on low-income fares

In the wake of the failure by the MBTA board to create a Low-Income Fare for MBTA riders, a popular proposal that garnered overwhelming support in public testimony, the Public Transit Public Good Coalition calls for swift action on providing a Low-Income Fare for MBTA riders.

Despite long-standing calls from environmental justice communities, labor groups and others for a low-income fare, the MBTA has refused to advance the Low-Income Fare program, citing budgetary constraints. The Public Transit Public Good Coalition calls on the MBTA to use a portion of the \$500 million it recently reallocated for use on a range of one-time uses to fund a low-income fare pilot. We estimate a year-long pilot would cost \$42 million dollars.

“The idea of a Low-Income Fare began for a simple reason: folks were struggling to pay the cost of riding,” said Collique Williams, an organizer with Public Transit Public Good Coalition, convened by Community Labor United, in his testimony to the Board. “The fare had gone up in 2012, in 2014, in 2016, and in 2019. People needed some help to pay the fare and some assurance that the spiraling costs would not continue. Then, in 2020, the pandemic hit, bringing new economic hardships and health risks. The power to bring riders relief lies here with this body.”

“We know that T can afford a Low-Income Fare and it’s a matter of will to support the low-income riders who have been carrying the burden of T funding. We know that this board can make it happen,” said Karen Chen, Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association, a member of the Public Transit Public Good Coalition, in her testimony to the Board.

While delaying action on a low-income fare, the MBTA is rushing to a decision on a new \$3 fee on the Charlie Card. The proposed surcharge is part of a move to the controversial, expensive, and much-delayed ‘automated fare collection’ system outsourced to billionaire corporations Cubic and John Laing. The MBTA is set to pay close to a billion dollars, including \$288 million in profit and overhead, for this privatized fare collection system.

“MBTA staff could not answer Board Chair Taylor’s question as to when the new fare collection technology is expected to come online,” said Williams. “Before deciding to impose new fees on riders, the MBTA should re-examine its fare collection contract, and adopt a Low-Income Fare that would save low-income people millions. We also call on the Massachusetts Legislature to advance legislation that would create a Low-Income Fare at the MBTA and provide assistance to RTAs to do the same.”

Cirque du Soleil presents CRYSTAL, a performance on ice

Cirque du Soleil is thrilled to be on the road and touring once again, returning to Massachusetts with its coolest arena show yet – CRYSTAL – in Boston and Amherst, MA. This one of a kind performance blends circus art and the world of ice skating. CRYSTAL will take the audience on a journey into a whimsical frozen playground where ice skating of all kinds mingles with acrobatics and aerial feats. CRYSTAL will perform at the Mullins Center May 19 – 22, 2022 for 6 performances and at the Agganis Arena in Boston from June 1 – 12, 2022 for 15 performances.

Mike Newquist, Senior Vice President, Touring Shows Division said: “We are absolutely thrilled to finally bring CRYSTAL back on the road. For two years our performers have been waiting to skate again and experience the joy of the audience once more. It will be an emotional and magical return.”

More about CRYSTAL – A Breakthrough Ice Experience

Created by Shana Carroll and Sebastien Soldevila, Crystal, our misfit lead character, takes you on an exhilarating tale of self-discovery as she dives into a world of her own imagination. Feel the adrenaline as she soars through this surreal world to become what she was always destined to be: confident, curious, and creative. CRYSTAL invites you to suspend reality and glide into a world that springs to colorful life with astounding visual projections and a soundtrack that seamlessly blends popular music with the signature sound of Cirque du Soleil. CRYSTAL is suitable for all ages.

Performance Schedule



CRYSTAL performers shown skating and dancing on the ice.

Mullins Center

Thurs., May 19 at 7:30PM

Fri., May 20 at 7:30PM

Saturday, May 21 at 3:30PM & 7:30PM

Sunday, May 22 at 1:00PM & 5:00PM

Performance schedule Agganis Arena

Weds., June 1 at 7:30PM

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Tickets for CRYSTAL are now available exclusively to Cirque Club members. Cirque Club membership is free and includes access to advance tickets and special offers. To join, visit www.cirquedusoleil.com. General tickets will be on-sale in Amherst and Boston beginning March 7, 2022 at 10:00AM ET. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.cirquedusoleil.com/crystal.



Performers juggling on ice.

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East Cambridge Savings Bank and Patriot Community Bank announce merger

Staff Report

1854 Bancorp, the mutual holding company of East Cambridge Savings Bank, and Patriot Community Bank, a cooperative bank headquartered in Woburn, Massachusetts, have jointly announced that they have reached a definitive merger agreement in which 1854 Bancorp will acquire Patriot Community Bank for \$15.75 in cash per share.

Upon completion of the merger, East Cambridge Savings Bank will operate Patriot Community Bank's one office as a branch of East Cambridge Savings Bank. East Cambridge Savings Bank's proforma assets are expected to exceed \$1.5 billion and will operate a branch network of 11 banking centers.

East Cambridge Sav-

ings Bank President and CEO Gilda M. Nogueira stated, "We are pleased to announce this partnership. As local community banks, we are committed to serving communities that we have long been a part of. Through this merger, we look forward to providing expanded banking services and convenience to consumers and small businesses that have long looked to Patriot Community Bank for their banking needs. Our organizations, with similar corporate cultures and values, credit our long-term success to the confidence and trust of the many local residents and businesses we serve. We are committed to continuing as a strong financial and community partner."

John O'Donnell, President and CEO of Patriot

Community Bank, stated, "We are excited to partner with East Cambridge Savings Bank and I am confident that this merger will continue Patriot Community Bank's long-standing commitment to our customers, communities, and employees. East Cambridge Savings Bank has a 168-year history of working with customers and businesses to help them grow and thrive which is exactly what Patriot Community Bank has strived to do since our founding. This partnership brings together two community-focused local banks that are dedicated to helping our customers, supporting employees, and serving our communities." Mr. O'Donnell will remain with East Cambridge Savings Bank as an Executive Vice President,

Senior Commercial Lending Officer, following the completion of the merger.

The merger is subject to regulatory approval and the approval of the shareholders of Patriot Community Bank. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2022.

Goodwin Procter LLP served as legal counsel to 1854 Bancorp and East Cambridge Savings Bank, and The Kafarian Group, Inc. served as financial advisor to 1854 Bancorp and East Cambridge Savings Bank. Griffin Financial Group LLC served as financial advisor and provided a fairness opinion to Patriot Community Bank and K&L Gates LLP served as legal counsel to Patriot Community Bank.

1854 Bancorp is a mutual holding company and the parent company

of East Cambridge Savings Bank. East Cambridge Savings Bank is a full-service mutually-held bank that is committed to be the preferred banking partner in the communities it serves. Established in 1854, the Bank strives to provide an exceptional customer experience and generous support for the community. Headquartered in Cambridge, the Bank has locations in Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Somerville, and Waltham, as well as an educational training facility at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. The Bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF), and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information about East Cambridge

Savings Bank, please visit www.ecsb.com.

Patriot Community Bank is an independent state co-operative chartered bank with consolidated assets of \$208 million as of December 31, 2021. Patriot Community Bank is a full-service community bank headquartered in Woburn, Massachusetts. Founded in 2006, Patriot Community Bank provides a full range of consumer and commercial deposit and lending products to the communities surrounding Woburn. The Bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF), and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information about Patriot Community Bank, please visit www.patriotcb.com.

2022 Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival is planned

The Revere Beach Partnership, in coordination with the City of Revere and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, is excited to announce that it will be hosting the 18th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 22 to 24. After hosting a modified and scaled-back version in 2021, the event elements will return in full including the return of the Master Sand Sculpting Competition!

"The mission of the

Revere Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America's first public beach for the enjoyment of all. With this as our focus, we are committed to putting on a world-class event that invites visitors from all over the world and showcases the beauty of Revere Beach and all that Revere and its surroundings have to offer," said John Hamel, Chairman of the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival Committee.

The theme for this

year's event will be "Wonders of the World" and will feature an event centerpiece highlighting the world's most famous landmarks. The event will include its signature master sand sculpting competition featuring 15 master sand sculptors, three days of live entertainment, food trucks, specialty food vendors, exhibitors, amusement rides, as well as some special surprises that will be announced closer to the event!

"We are so excited to welcome everyone to Re-

vere Beach for the 18th Annual International Sand Sculpting Festival," said Mayor Brian Arriago. "As the first public beach in America, Revere Beach has always been a destination spot for visitors. We're thrilled to see that this year's festival will have all the festivities as previous years - with live entertainment, fireworks, and access to enjoy food from local businesses, there will be something for everyone to enjoy."

The Revere Beach

Partnership is excited to see everyone on the beach once again for this free, family-friendly event that has become a New England tradition. More details and announcements about the event will be made at a later date. For the most up-to-date information about the event, please visit our website www.rbissf.com or follow us on social media.

About The Revere Beach Partnership

Revere Beach Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

that was established in 2001.

The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America's first public beach for the enjoyment of all. The partnership is made up of a volunteer board that shares a love for Revere and Revere Beach. For more information, please visit www.reverebeachpartnership.com or www.rbissf.com.

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Registered Democrats in Chelsea Ward 4 will hold a Caucus on Saturday March 5, 2022 at the Chelsea Public Library, 569 Broadway at 10am, in the Auditorium, to elect Delegates and Alternates to the 2022 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year’s State Convention will be held June 3,4 2022 at the DCU Center in Worcester, Ma., where thousands of Democrats from across the State will come together to endorse Democrat candidates for statewide office, including Constitutional Officers and Gubernatorial candidates.

This Caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Ward 4. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by February 4, 2022 will be allowed to participate and run as a Delegate or Alternate. Ward 4 can elect 4 Delegates and 4 Alternates to the Convention.

Youth (aged 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, and members of the LGBTQ+ Community not elected as Delegates or Alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on Delegates at the Caucus or by visiting massdems.org/convention.

Those interested in getting involved with the Ward 4 Democratic Committee should contact the

Ward 4 Chair, Attorney Olivia Ann Walsh or Ward 4 Secretary Tom Miller at 617-306-5501.

CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER TO BEGIN ITS MONTHLY “BROWN BAG”

Beginning on Thursday, March 10, the Chelsea Senior Center will begin its monthly “Brown Bag” program to provide food and supplies to Chelsea residents ages 60 and older.

Residents can either drive-up and walk-up on a monthly basis to receive their pick-up order. The monthly pick-up will occur on the second Thursday of each month at the Chelsea Senior Center (10 Riley Way) from 9:00-11:00.

In order to register, residents must call the Senior Center monthly at 617-466-4370. The pick-up dates for the remainder of the year are available below:

Monthly Brown Bag Pick-Up (9:00-11:00am each month)

- Thursday, March 10
- Thursday, April 14
- Thursday, May 12
- Thursday, June 9
- Thursday, July 14
- Thursday, August 11
- Thursday, September 8
- Thursday, October 13
- Thursday, Nov. 10
- Thursday, December 8

MVES BELLYFUL OF LAUGHS SHOW APRIL 8

Mystic Valley Elder Services annual rendition of its comedy show

Bellyful of Laughs will be held on Friday, April 8, at Anthony’s of Malden, located at 105 Canal Street in Malden, and will feature the comedian talents of Steve Sweeney, Will Noonan and Jim Ruberti. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the comedy show starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets are now on sale for \$50 each, which includes the comedy show, a buffet dinner, dessert, cash bar, raffles and chance at a fabulous door prize. A table of 10 cost \$475. Proceeds benefit Mystic Valley Elder Services’ programs that keep elders independent and in their homes. Tickets are selling fast so please call our Development Office at 781-388-2316

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

MVES HOLDS FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SERIES

Mystic Valley Elder Services will present a FREE Virtual chronic

disease self-management workshop series My Life; My Health, beginning Wednesday, March 16 to April 20, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Learn how to connect virtually thru a Zoom platform and take the class from the comfort of your home. You don’t want chronic disease, pain or discomfort to limit the activities and life you enjoy.

The series is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition, such as arthritis, asthma, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, cancer, COPD, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, Parkinson’s disease, or stroke. Topics will include managing and controlling pain, beginning (or improving) an exercise program, handling stress and learning to relax, increasing energy, and eating for your health and wellbeing.

Class size is limited, so reserve your spot today. To register or if you have any questions about the program, contact Donna Covelle at dcovelle@mves.org or call 781-388-4867.

GOLDBERG ANNOUNCES INTERIM LOTTERY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced that Michael Sweeney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts State Lottery, is departing from the agency for a new role outside of state government.

“I want to thank Michael for his countless

contributions to the Massachusetts State Lottery over the last seven years, and am grateful for his prior service at the State Treasurer’s Office,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “I wish him well in all his future endeavors.”

The Treasurer has ap-

pointed Mark William Bracken as interim Executive Director. Bracken is tasked with leading the strategic business operations of the Lottery and its five regional offices as the Treasurer begins the search for a permanent Executive Director.

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SEEKING INFO

ATTENTION


If you or someone you know worked for the Wreckers/Laborers Union 1421 out of Chelsea between 1970 and 1985 and worked with or knew William Moore please call Rebecca at Simmons Hanly Conroy toll-free at (855) 988-2537. You can also email Rebecca at rcockrell@simmonsfirm.com.

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CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
WILLIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPLEX SCHOOLYARD

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “Williams Middle School Complex Schoolyard”. Invitation for Bids will be available on or after March 03, 2022 by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Williams Middle School Complex Schoolyard” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement. General Bids will be received until March 24, 2022 at 10:30AM and publicly opened, forth-

The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6pm at City Hall 3rd Floor at the conference room Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Eversource and Veriizon for the following petition: Eversource: Clinton St- Northerly thence westerly from pole P54/3, approximately 245 feet east of Eastern Ave to private property at #1005 Broadway, install approximately 72 feet of conduit. W#233209 The public is invited to attend. Louis Mammolette ACTING COMMISSIONER 3/3/22 3/10/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE

The Chelsea Board of Health will hold a virtual public hearing at 5:30pm on March 8th to consider enacting ordinances and regulations to control rodent populations for Chelsea. The proposed regulations would require adding a new Section to the Board of Health Regulations. A complete copy of the proposed regulation is available from the City of Chelsea Public Health Department. To obtain a copy of the regulation, share comments or to receive access to the virtual meeting please email famaya@chelseama.gov 2/24/22, 3/3/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE

AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA
El Departamento de

Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el martes 15 de Marzo de 2022 a las 6 pm en el 3er piso dela sala de conferencias Trabajo propuesto y propósito: Petición de Eversource y Veriizon para la siguiente petición: Eversource: Clinton St-Hacia el norte desde allí hacia el oeste desde el poste P54/3, aproximadamente 245 pies al este de Eastern Ave hasta la propiedad privada en #1005 Broadway, instale aproximadamente 72 pies de conducto. El público está invitado a asistir. Louis Mammolette Comisionada en funciones 3/3/22 3/10/22 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CHS PIPE LINING
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “CHS Pipe Lining”. Invitation for Bids will be available on or after March 03, 2022 by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “CHS Pipe Lining” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement. General Bids will be received until March 17, 2022 at 10:30AM and publicly opened, forth-

prise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. 30, 39M. Dylan Cook School Business Manager 3/3/22 C

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of a special law relating to the City of Chelsea be filed with the Commonwealth’s Legislature under Clause (I) of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the Chelsea City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 to authorize a linkage fee in Chelsea. A copy of the Home Rule Petition may be reviewed at the Chelsea City Council Office, City Hall, 500 Broadway #306, Chelsea MA 02150 during City Hall business hours. Or email fmelara@chelseama.gov to request materials. Roy Avellaneda, President Chelsea City Council 3/3/22, 3/10/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Chelsea Housing Authority Request for Proposal Rental Lease Agreement Issued: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 The Chelsea Housing

Authority seeks multiple owners of developments or single rental units, within a 5-mile radius of Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150, with preference given to those apartments in Chelsea, MA (attachment A) with available 1, 2, 3, & 4- bedroom units that will be available between May 1st-August 1, 2022, to enter into a master lease agreement, with the CHA, for a minimum of 18 months, with month-to-month extensions, up to 30 months of initial lease date. The CHA will enter into an agreement with multiple owners, to sublease approximately 26 units, with an agreement signed for each unit occupied. Maximum gross contract rents will be as follows:

- 1-Bedroom \$ 1,924
- 2-Bedroom \$ 2,336
- 3-Bedroom \$ 2,906
- 4-Bedroom \$ 3,168

To receive the complete documents of the RFP, please email avelazquez@chelseaha.com or pick up at our main administrative office at 54 Locke Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 Proposal with all criteria met should be sent and received as follows, no later than 11:00 am on March 25, 2022. Proposals should be received in a sealed envelope 3/3/22, 3/4/22 EV, EB, R, C, W

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 38N, the Chelsea School Committee will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comments on: 1. School Choice for the 2022-2023 school year. 2. The proposed 2022-2023 school budget. Copies of the budget proposal will be available for inspection no

later than 2 days prior to the hearing on the Chelsea Public Schools website at <https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2433>. Please call 617-466-4456 to request a hard copy or to have a copy emailed to you. The meeting is closed to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will be live streamed for the public at: Chelsea Cable TV and <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/> The agenda will be available online at the Chelsea Public Schools website: <https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2485> no later than 2 days prior to the hearing. Public Comments may be submitted in several ways: Public comments can be emailed or telephoned in to the following: publichearing@chelseaschools.com or 617-466-4456 Anyone wishing to speak during the public comment period must sign up. To indicate that you would like to speak at the meeting and receive call in information, contact publichearing@chelseaschools.com or 617-466-4456 2/24/22, 3/3/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE

REUNION PUBLICA
De acuerdo con el Capítulo 71, Sección 38N, el Comité Escolar de Chelsea llevará a cabo una audiencia pública virtual el jueves, 10 de marzo del 2022 a las 6:30 p.m. con el propósito de recibir comentarios sobre: 1. La Elección de las Escuelas para el año escolar 2022-2023 2. El presupuesto escolar propuesto para el año 2022-2023. Las copias de la propuesta del presupuesto estarán disponibles para su inspección dos días antes de la audiencia en el sitio web de las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea en <https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2433>.

[schools.com/Page/2433](https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2433). Llame al 617-466-4456 para solicitar una copia impresa o para que le enviemos una copia por correo electrónico. La reunión está cerrada para observar las pautas de distanciamiento social. La reunión se transmitirá en vivo para el público en: Chelsea Cable TV <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/> La agenda está disponible 2 días antes de la reunión, en línea en el sitio web de las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea <https://www.chelseaschools.com/> Los comentarios públicos pueden enviarse por correo electrónico o por teléfono a los siguientes: publichearing@chelseaschools.com o 617-466-4456 Cualquiera persona que desee hablar durante el período de comentarios públicos debe registrarse. Para indicar que desea hablar en la reunión y recibir información, comuníquese con publichearing@chelseaschools.com o 617-466-4456 2/24/22, 3/3/22 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
SENIOR HOME REPAIR IMPLEMENTATION CONSULTING SERVICES
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “Senior Home Repair Implementation Consulting Services”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after March 3, 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>.

rent-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “Senior Home Repair Implementation Consulting Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00 AM on March 17, 2022. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 3/3/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU21C0435CA In the matter of: Sequoyah Aneke Calvinna Henerson-Morrison A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sequoyah Aneke Calvinna Henerson-Morrison of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Sequoyah. Aneka-Calvinna Williams IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day

of 03/24/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 24, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 3/3/22 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of a special law relating to the City of Chelsea be filed with the Commonwealth’s Legislature under Clause (I) of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the Chelsea City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 to discuss home rule petition to establish a program allowing any owner-occupant of a condominium unit, a single family, two family, three family home or four-family home to receive a reduction on the water and sewer bill for the entire premises equal to 20% of the entire bill. A copy of the Home Rule Petition and Ordinance may be reviewed at the Chelsea City Council Office, City Hall, 500 Broadway #306, Chelsea MA 02150 during City Hall business hours. Or email fmelara@chelseama.gov to request materials. Roy Avellaneda, President Chelsea City Council 3/3/22, 3/10/22 C

City has little legal recourse over paying for new Vocational building

By Adam Swift

The city does not currently have a viable legal case against the onerous debt payment it faces associated with the building of a new Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical High School, according to City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Ambrosino recently addressed the issue following a motion by City Councilors Judith Garcia, Tanairi Garcia, Melinda Vega Maldonado, and Norieliz De Jesus asking him to look at legal measures to reduce the cost of construction, make the debt service more equitable among the member communities, and to improve the admissions process.

In January, Chelsea offi-

cials backed a no vote on a districtwide election on the funding of the new \$317 million vocational high school in Wakefield. The city officials stated that the funding formula put too great a burden of the construction costs on Chelsea residents and taxpayers, but districtwide, the building project passed with wide support.

“It is my opinion, and the opinion of the City Solicitor, that the city does not have any viable legal case at the moment, and we strongly recommend against legal proceedings,” stated Ambrosino in a letter to the council.

Regarding the cost of the school and Chelsea’s share of the cost, Ambrosino stated that state statute and the agreement with the 12-member vocational district precludes any legal effort to dispute those figures.

“Specifically, the District followed to the letter the statutory process of incurring debt for the purpose of constructing a new school,” Ambrosino stated.

Further, he stated that the way the capital debt is shared across the district, proportionally based solely on enrollment, is set out explicitly in the inter-municipal agreement that established the school district more than 50 years ago. Only Revere has more students enrolled in the school than Chelsea.

As for the admissions process, Ambrosino said that is within the purview of the state’s Department of Elementary and Second-

ary Education (DESE).

“Last summer, DESE did change its regulations governing the admissions policies of all vocational-technical schools and required that each school develop new admissions policies that promote equitable access,” Ambrosino stated.

DESE has publicly committed to closely monitoring the changes during the current school year and has threatened to intervene in cases of non-compliance, including requiring a lottery for admission if a vocational-technical school has not improved upon equity in admissions, according to Ambrosino.

“Although the City of Chelsea could step ahead of DESE, file a lawsuit and seek to prove that the ad-

missions policy of Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District violates certain federal and/or state civil rights laws, notwithstanding the fact that DESE has found no such violations as of yet, both the Solicitor and I believe that such action is not prudent at the present time,” Ambrosino stated.

He said the better approach is to allow DESE to continue its monitoring and oversight of the situation. Ambrosino said the city could pursue legal action if it believed DESE’s efforts have been ineffective and Chelsea students have been denied admission due to an unfair process.

Ambrosino said that the city does have an avenue to withdraw from the district, but also advised against

taking that approach.

“If Chelsea withdraws now from the district, we still need to find an alternative option for our students seeking vocational-technical training,” Ambrosino stated. “Undoubtedly, we would secure a less expensive alternative than the Northeast Metropolitan Vocational School District with its costly new building. But, it will also mean that our residents choosing this vocational option for their children will be sending them to some significantly lesser facility with fewer programming options.”

Overall, Ambrosino said the city would be best served by finding a creative financial solution to absorb the annual debt payments for the new building.

BLOOMINGDALE ST TWO -ALARM FIRE

Story and photos by Paul Koolloian

On Tuesday afternoon March 1, at approximately 2:43 p.m. Chelsea Firefighters responded to the area of Carmel and



Chelsea Firefighters shoot water into the Bloomingdale Streets residence.

Bloomingdale Streets for a report of a building fire. A citizen in the area spotted the fire and pulled the fire alarm Box 44 at the intersection followed by multiple 911 calls being

received reporting the fire. First arriving crews from E1, E2, L1, L2 and Car3 under the command of Deputy Robert Houghton encountered heavy smoke and fire conditions from the rear of the building on the first floor Bravo side of the building. Firefighters from E1 advanced an attack line through the front entranceway attacking and knocking down heavy fire that was extending to the second floor . A working fire was immediately ordered, bringing the remaining Chelsea company and Revere L2 as a Rapid Intervention team. With conditions deteriorating as heavy fire advanced to the upper floors the crews from L1 conducted a primary search of the building for occupants as L2 pin point accuracy strategically deployed their aerial from the Carmel Street side to conduct roof ventilation operations and assist L1 with searching for occupants. At 2:50 pm Deputy Houghton ordered the 2nd Alarm bringing in mutual aid from Revere, Everett, Boston to the fire. As companies were advanc-



Firefighters have to use the ladder to assess the damage.

ing attack lines into the building a firefighter fell through the floor to the cellar from the first floor, The firefighter was quickly rescued and removed from the building. Deputy Chief of Operations John Quatieri arrived on scene and took command of firefighting operations

The fire was brought under control within 60 minutes and crews remained on scene for an extended period conducting extensive overhauling and checking for hotspots..


The fire also extended to an adjoining building at 16 Carmel St melting siding in the rear of the building but firefighters prevented fire from advancing into the building.

Fortunately there were no occupants inside the building at the time of the fire.

Emergency Management Director Steven Staffier responded to the scene and provided shelter for displaced residents. Crews from Eversource and National Grid shut

down all utilities to the building.

President Paul Boudreau from the Boston Sparks along with Cataldo EMS responded and provided rehab and refreshments for the crews. Fire Prevention Deputy Steve Purcell, Capt. Rich Caracino, Capt. Joe Conlon and Lt. Omar Frometa along with members of the Mass. State Police Fire Marshal’s Office arrived on scene and are currently investigating the cause of the fire



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