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NSMHA's Director of Recovery Support Services Katie O'Leary

By John Lynds

Growing up in Charlestown Katie O'Leary never thought she'd one day struggle with addiction and later become an influential figure in the world of recovery services.

O'Leary graduated Matignon High School and after graduation went off to college at UMass Amherst.

However, from 1998 to 2001 something became apparent.

"In my very early years it was alcohol because it was so socially acceptable," said O'Leary. "At the time I minimized it. My parents obviously knew that I was struggling with alcohol, but they thought it was just a phase-like partying too much in college. I was a problematic drinker from the second I got to UMass until probably a couple of



NSMHA's Director of Recovery Support Services Katie O'Leary with her father, Bob, and mother, Donna, during the grand opening of Recovery on the Harbor in East Boston—a recovery support office O'Leary was instrumental in opening last year.

years after I got home and then obviously things just got worse."

As the opioid crisis gripped America and O'Leary's hometown of

Charlestown in the early 2000s she did not travel down the same road of many of her peers.

"The very early years were alcohol and that was

it," said O'Leary. "Some of my friends were junkies and as long as I wasn't a junkie and just drinking I was okay but I was like a full blown alcoholic. I mean, I drank every day and every night. But they were the ones that were sick, not me."

Eventually O'Leary would try pharmaceutical opiates and once she was hooked she moved to heroin.

"Between alcohol and opiates my struggle with addiction was about 8 to 10 years," she said.

But in January 2011 O'Leary entered treatment for the last time and had been sober ever since.

It was two years into her recovery while she was receiving recovery services from North Suffolk Mental Health Asso-

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School budget sees proposed staff increases

By Adam Swift

The School Committee will vote on a proposed school budget for the 2022-23 school year of just under \$119 million at its next meeting on Thursday, March 14.

Thanks in part to the state School Opportunity Act, which distributes more state aid to school districts in need, the proposed budget is about \$9.7 million over the current school year's budget.

The budget proposes 49 new positions in the general fund, many in the ELL and special education programs, in the district's elementary schools. These positions are in addition to the 68 positions the district has added as a result of federal Covid relief funding that runs through 2024.

The theme of last year's budget was to reopen, restore, and rebuild, according to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta.

"We are now in the

phase of restoring and rebuilding," said Abeyta.

The final budget numbers and proposals are based on the available funding, school needs, enrollment, and meeting with staff and administrators to consider school needs, according to Monica Lamboy, the district's finance director.

"Every budget year, we talk about enrollment, which is critically important because our funding is on a per-pupil basis, even though we are in a growth period through the Student Opportunity Act," Lamboy said. "Right now, our per pupil allocation is going up, but if we have a downturn in our enrollment, that could actually erode some of our gains."

Currently, there are 6,074 students enrolled in the Chelsea public schools, which is up from last year, when Lamboy said enrollment was impacted nationwide by the pandemic. She

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A new leader in the business community

Jen Hassell begins as executive director of Chelsea Chamber of Commerce

By Cary Shuman

Jen Torres Hassell is a proud lifelong resident of this city. The Chelsea High School 1990 graduate is now poised to take over the top leadership position in the Chelsea business community.

Hassell began her tenure as executive director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce March 1. Hassell assumes command of the 200-member organization as the city's residents and businesses continue to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hassell has been a highly visible and active member of the community, attending numerous community events. She saw the position of executive director posted online and decided to apply.

Chamber of Commerce President Paul Nowicki said the selection committee was impressed with Jen's superb qualifications, enthusiasm for Chelsea, and her plans for the position.

"We're excited to welcome Jen on board as our executive director and to carry on the leadership of Joe Vinard and Effie Jaramillo who took over the helm during the pandemic," said Nowicki. "Their work put us in a strong position to be able to attract a



Past Chelsea Chamber of Commerce President Joe Vinard and Chamber President Paul Nowicki welcome Jen Hassell to her new position as the executive director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

terrific candidate like Jen to apply and want to be here."

A new era for Chelsea Chamber

The Jen Hassell Era

begins with newly refurbished offices on Broadway and the planning of the Chamber of Commerce installation of officers reception to be held March 30 at Homewood Suites.

"This job is a little different, but I think my experience in customer resolution and customer service and my outgoing personality might help to engage more of the community with the Chamber," said Hassell, who is fluent in Spanish.

"The Chamber is going toward more diversity, and I'm just here to help the community. I want to give back to my commu-

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CONGRATULATIONS, GLADYS VEGA



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his wife, Patricia DiDomenico present the Golden Shamrock Award to La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega in recognition of her outstanding efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic that hit Chelsea hard. Vega received a standing ovation while pledging to continue La Colaborativa's mission of enhancing the social and economic health of the community and its people. See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

For the latest news in Chelsea that you need to know, check chelsearecord.com

Big ticket items in FY23 Capital Plan

By Adam Swift

Park improvements, roadway projects, and upgrades to several city buildings highlighted the capital improvement plan (CIP) City Manager Thomas Ambrosino presented to the City Council on Monday night.

Unlike past years, there will be little need to fund the proposed projects out of the city's general fund or through borrowing, thanks to \$25 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds the city is slated to receive.

The CIP runs through the next five years, but Ambrosino highlighted the projects he is proposing for Fiscal Year 2023

on Monday night.

"This is a pretty robust CIP proposal," said Ambrosino. "I think it is the most money I have ever proposed. It's over \$24 million. What is different about this year's proposal is that it includes very little proposed borrowing, and mostly, that's due to the fact that we had this one-time infusion of federal ARPA dollars that we are going to use to fund a fair amount of our capital projects over the next few years."

One of the big ticket items in the plan is the \$3 million renovation of the E911 building next to City Hall.

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MGC ponders whether lower Broadway project should be regulated

By Stephen Quigley

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) met last Thursday to discuss, but did not formally decide, whether a parking garage, an entertainment center that seats up to 999 people, and a pedestrian bridge that would cross over the present six-lane highway and connect to the Encore casino hotel should be considered part of the gaming establishment and therefore be subject to the purview of the MGC.

These three structures would be the first phase of the overall project, with a second phase that could include up to three hotels with retail space and restaurants. The development is being planned across the lower Broadway roadway from the Encore Boston Harbor in Everett.

The commissioners during the course of the meeting also explored a third option, rather than a simple yes or no vote as to whether the development should be deemed part of the gaming establishment. MGC staff Joseph Delaney suggested that the MGC can place restrictions on the gaming license that would address the concerns that were raised at the public hearing on Feb. 28. Under this third scenario, the new development would have to still deal with several federal, state and municipal agencies on a regular basis that would be able to regulate this new development without the MGC getting too involved in the details of a regulatory process, since the restrictions on the license would address the concerns.

Todd Grossman from the MGC then gave a detailed examination of both the four-way test that the MGC has used in previous cases to see whether the new Everett development should be considered part of the gaming establishment. In the deliberation, other precedents that the MGC has used on Massachusetts gaming entities were revisited.

Grossman noted that, “The law gives the MGC great discretionary latitude.” He pointed out that in the election held in the City of Everett in June, 2013, voters approved a

gaming facility only on the present Encore site, not any gaming-related facility across the street. He pointed out that in the past, the MGC did not seek to oversee the race track at Plain Ridge Park, another gambling establishment, since the race-track is already under the purview of other governmental agencies.

He then outlined the four-way test that the MGC should use in approaching an answer as to whether the new development should be regulated by the MGC. Before the commissioners debated the four-way test, chairperson Cathy Judd-Stein noted, “This is a complex structure before us.”

The four parts of the test are as follows:

- 1) Is what is proposed a non-gaming structure, specifically the bridge?
- 2) Is the project related to the gaming area? In other words, does it make the gaming area more inviting as a destination?
- 3) Is there common ownership?
- 4) Does the MGC want to have a regulatory interest on part or parts of the gaming structure?

For the first part of the test, all commissioners agreed that the bridge was not a gaming structure. Commissioner Gayle Cameron pointed out that she was “quite happy with the bridge for safety issues.”

Judd-Stein said, “I welcome the bridge for safety and mitigation of traffic.” She also noted that the new design of the bridge removed the gaming floor from bridge access that could allow minors to walk accidentally onto the gaming floor.

Regarding the second part of the test, commissioner Eileen Hill noted the new development “makes Encore more attractive” as a destination. She said that she struggled with this question, since she did not want to hinder the urban renewal area of Everett where the new development is proposed.

Commissioner Bradford Hill noted, “This is absolutely related to the gaming area.” All commissioners did agree that the development would enhance the gaming area.

For the third question on common ownership,

the commissioners concurred that even though the new hotel and restaurants will be operated by a third party, East Broadway LLC (the entity that is seeking to develop the area in question), it still is under the Wynn ownership umbrella.

This brought the commissioners to Part 4 of the test, namely, whether they have a regulatory interest. Encore Attorney Samuel Tony Starr of the Boston firm Mintz Levin offered the view that there are already other agencies involved in regulating the proposed properties and that overview by the MGC could add a burden to those businesses, as well as to the MGC itself..

Judd-Stein seemed to agree with this path, noting that regulatory oversight “could place a burden on the commission,” and “put a substantial burden on (third party) operators with hundreds of employees.”

Cameron pointed out, “Wynn has always been willing to work collaboratively and to listen to the concerns of all parties.”

O’Brien noted that she needed more information on the details, such as the final design of the pedestrian bridge and exactly where people could exit as they approached the casino itself.

Commissioners also noted that the Wynn’s gaming license currently has restrictions and could include additional restrictions.

At the end of the meeting, the commissioners seemed to be inclined toward not regulating the new development, but requiring that very specific steps and protocols be put into place with legally-binding documents going into the details of the buildings and their operation that would address the concerns of the commissioners and the members of the public who participated in the Feb. 28 meeting.

O’Brien pointed out, “We need to look at all the details.”

The legal staff of the MGC will formulate documents that address the concerns that were brought up at the meetings and will get back to the MGC when it has completed its task.

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3 Residents were Named to Honor Roll at BC High for the second quarter.

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 - Emmanouil Leonidou, Honors (Class of 2023)
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Mental health services a Council priority for ARPA funding

By Adam Swift

At a subcommittee meeting to discuss the city’s use of \$15 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds Tuesday, several City Councillors advocated to make mental and behavioral services a priority.

The meeting was the second of two where councillors could give feedback on the use of the ARPA funds to the city’s ARPA Advisory Committee. On Wednesday night, the advisory committee was expected to make recommendations on the priorities for the use of the money across six different categories.

The 20-member advisory committee has identified six categories for potential funding, and within each category, preliminarily ranked eight to 10 strategies to address those categories.

“It is expected that in these categories, no more than two or three priorities will emerge for funding opportunities,” said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Ambrosino and the city administration will then decide how best to use the money for the priorities, either by putting them out to bid for outside services, or tackling the priorities in-house.

During Wednesday night’s advisory committee meeting, which happened after the Chelsea Record went to press, it was expected that the

committee would identify the strategies it wants to fund, as well as set aside the amount of money to be spent in each of the six identified categories. At the committee’s final meeting, Ambrosino said it would then break down the spending for each identified priority.

The categories identified for funding include small business assistance, workforce development, affordable housing, food security, mental and behavioral health, and environmental health.

“I think (mental and behavioral health) is one of the more important ones in my opinion, because it is the one the is most underutilized,” said District 1 Councillor Todd Taylor. Taylor is one of two councillors who serves on the ARPA advisory committee, along with Council President Roy Avellaneda. “It’s not just Chelsea, I don’t think this country at any level has put enough money into this category,” said Taylor.

The top priorities identified by the advisory committee in the mental and behavioral health category include support for youth development programs, increasing mental health services across the city, supporting rapid crisis intervention teams, expanding services for those experiencing domestic violence, launching a campaign to address mental health stigma, providing mental health supports for immigrants and the un-

documented, increasing the number of locations available to access mental health services, and providing peer-to-peer support for addiction issues.

“This might be a category where we consider more than two or three priorities,” said Taylor. He added that some of the priorities could be combined, and that something like the campaign to combat mental health stigma might not cost a lot of money.

District 2 Councillor Melinda Vega Maldonado said she agreed that mental health services deserve a healthy amount of funding.

“We really need to spend some time with this so we can support our community better when it comes to mental health and addiction and substance abuse,” said Vega Maldonado. “It’s the root issue in so many other things that shouldn’t be overlooked.”

Housing and Community Development Director Alexander Train said the city will have to forge new partnerships and build on its existing relationships to effectively deliver mental health services to its residents.

“None of this is going to be done by the city alone,” Train said. “We are going to have to rely heavily on our partners and we are going to look to collaborate in deeper ways with many of the organizations in Chelsea like our non-profits and our healthcare organizations.”

Chelsea man ordered held without bail on drug, ammunition charges

A Chelsea man today was ordered held without bail after police found fentanyl, crack cocaine, a high-capacity magazine and numerous rounds of ammunition in his apartment, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

D’Mitri Benton, 29, was ordered held pending a dangerousness hearing scheduled for March 18. Benton is charged with trafficking in fentanyl, distribution of a Class B substance (crack cocaine), possession of ammunition without a Firearm Identification Card, and pos-


session of a large capacity weapon or feeding device.

State Police assigned to Hayden’s office and Revere Police executed a search warrant at Benton’s 70 Lafayette Avenue apartment early Tuesday morning and found 100 grams of suspected fentanyl, 10 grams of suspected crack cocaine, a high-capacity magazine containing 10 rounds, 257 additional rounds of ammunition of various calibers, a small digital scale and a quantity of cash.

The additional rounds were found in a backpack in a child’s bedroom.

Benton was arraigned in Chelsea District Court. Benton has served committed time for violent offenses, drug distribution, and a prior gun offense. He has an open shooting case out of Suffolk Superior Court.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.



Shore Educational Collaborative (Shore) is advertising a Request for Proposal (RFP) to enter into a contract with a qualified Food Service vendor to provide ready to eat meals (breakfast & lunch) to its Henry Owen School at 100 Revere Beach Parkway.

The contract award will be for a period of one (1) year with the option for two (2) additional years. The initial contract will begin on July 1, 2022 and continue through June 30, 2023. Subsequent contracts will run July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Proposals will be available starting Monday, March 21, 2022 at 10 AM. Proposals may be requested electronically with the submission of the Name and Address of the Company, Individual Contact Name, Phone Number, and email address. A MANDATORY Taste Test will be held at 201 Crescent Ave, Chelsea, MA 02150 following proposal submission. Proposals should be mailed/delivered to the attention of Kristin Shaver, Director of Finance and Administration, Shore Educational Collaborative, 201 Crescent Ave, Chelsea, MA no later than 4 PM on Friday, April 11, 2022. Contract award will be no later than Friday, May 6, 2022. Proposal requests and questions should be directed to Kristin Shaver at kshaver@shorecollaborative.org.



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Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program announced

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the 2022 Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program award recipients. Administered by the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS) and its Office of Municipal and School Technology (OMST), this program will provide over 57,000 employees from 210 municipalities and public school districts across the Commonwealth with critical cybersecurity training to better detect and avoid cyber threats. Chelsea will have 100 employees trained.

The 2022 Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program, which is funded by \$250,000 in capital IT authorizations from the 2020 General Governmental Bond Bill, is designed to support local government efforts to improve overall cybersecurity posture through

comprehensive online end-user training, evaluation and threat simulation. Awarded communities will receive licenses for end-user training, assessment and phishing simulation procured by the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security. Demonstrated buy-in from the Chief Executive in the community is a requirement of all program participants.

At an event hosted by the City of Haverhill, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined Secretary of Technology Services and Security Curt Wood, legislators and municipal officials from across the Commonwealth to announce this year's award recipients. The City of Haverhill and the Haverhill Public School District are first-time participants in the program and have been awarded a grant that will see 1,900 city employees receive end-user

cybersecurity training.

"Today's announcement is a good step forward in the Commonwealth's ability to resist cyber threats," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Our administration applauds the local leaders throughout the Commonwealth for participating in this year's program and ensuring their workforce is equipped with the knowledge for robust cyber defense."

"Cybersecurity is a growing issue that should not be ignored," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "The Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program is an important resource for the Commonwealth's local governments and public schools to address this issue head-on while increasing their cyber threat resiliency."

"I thank Governor Baker for his leadership on cybersecurity, as executive buy-in is critical to mak-

ing this issue a 'kitchen table' topic," said Secretary of Technology Services and Security Curt Wood. "I am thrilled at the response to this year's grant program, with executives from across the Commonwealth's cities and towns stepping up and making cybersecurity a priority."

"Congratulations to all the municipalities and school districts who pursued a Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant," said Senator Barry Finegold, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet, and Cybersecurity. "In an increasingly digitalized world, ensuring that our online platforms are safe and secure is crucial. That is why I'm grateful for programs like this that ensure our partners in local government have the tools and resources to best protect themselves from disruptive cyber-attacks. Thank you to the Baker-Polito Administration for continuing to invest in the Commonwealth's cy-

ber preparedness."

"Local governments and school systems here in Massachusetts are experiencing an increasing number of cyber attacks and their best defense is an educated workforce," said Representative Linda Dean Campbell, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet, and Cybersecurity. "The Legislature and the Governor are partnering to address this challenge through increased training, a new Legislative Committee, funding for needed technology upgrades and collaboration with the private sector. Most important, however, is workforce training as provided for through these grants."

"Employee training programs are an important component of a comprehensive security program and the establishment of a culture of cybersecurity," said Stephanie Helm, Director, MassCyberCenter at the Massachusetts Technology Collabora-

tive. "Congratulations to all the communities who were selected for this program. These new grants will help each of you meet the goals of the Minimum Baseline of Cybersecurity for Municipalities."

"The announcement is welcome news to communities, and demonstrates that the state is deeply committed to working with local governments to create resilient and cyber-secure cities and towns in every corner of Massachusetts," said Massachusetts Municipal Association Executive Director Geoff Beckwith. "Local leaders know that protecting our public IT infrastructure and sensitive data from sophisticated cyberattacks requires a powerful state-local partnership, and we are grateful to the Baker-Polito Administration and the Massachusetts Legislature for providing critical support, resources and assets through the Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program, which is a model for the rest of the nation."

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Ambrosino said plans to rehab the existing building began several years ago when the city made the decision to enter into a regional E911 arrangement with surrounding communities.

"We knew we had to do something with E911 and decided this was the best approach to fully renovate that building," said Ambrosino. "It will create more space in there ... so they can expand their operation so we can bring on an entity like an Everett if they ever want to regionalize with us and come over to our location."

The CIP also includes \$1 million for a second phase of upgrades to the city's existing public works building. Last year, the council approved \$1 million for a new roof for the building, and the majority of this year's money is earmarked for new overhead garage bay doors and replacement of the steel exterior of the building.

Ambrosino said the city has contemplated building a new facility, but said there is little affordable land where a new DPW yard could be built. By undertaking three to

four years of upgrades at the current building, Ambrosino said the city can continue to use it for at least another decade.

The city will also be seeking money for an architect to design plans for renovation of the City Hall attic. Ambrosino said the renovation would help provide much needed office space in City Hall.

"We are in desperate need of space, everyone is cramped and every office is out of room," said Ambrosino. "We have lots of space needs here, and they are only going to grow. There is a lot of space up there that should be able to be renovated into some very nice office space."

The CIP also includes \$1 million to do various office renovation work at city buildings.

The biggest proposed park project for the coming fiscal year is the \$2.5 million in ARPA funds targeted for Highland Park improvements.

"That is one of the major open space projects we are proposing to do," said Ambrosino. "That turf is very old and worn out."

In addition to new turf, upgrades would also in-

clude the replacement of the bleachers and goal posts and upgrades and controls for the field lighting.

Other open space projects include money for upgrades to Bosson Park, continued improvements to the Garden Cemetery, and a major renovation of the Williams School playground.

Proposed infrastructure projects include \$5 million for water, sewer, and roadway improvements on Cary Avenue between Washington Street and Broadway, as well as state Chapter 90 funding for road improvement projects throughout the city.

Public safety equipment and vehicles included in the CIP include four marked cruisers and one unmarked cruiser for the police department, a new tower ladder truck budgeted at \$1.5 million and a new staff car for the fire department, and several vehicles for the public works department.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the CIP before voting to approve it, according to Council President Roy Avellaneda.

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FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

As the ongoing tragedy in Ukraine, fueled by the barbarism of the war criminal Vladimir Putin, continues to unfold, it is apparent that in addition to underestimating the fierce and brave resistance of the Ukrainian people, Putin also failed to anticipate the resolve of free people around the world to rally in support of the Ukrainians.

Putin clearly had little respect for the West prior to launching his invasion. He believed that we would care more about maintaining our creature comforts and cushy lifestyle than we would about the fate of Ukraine. He assumed that as we watched the carnage from the comfort of our living rooms, our materialistic instincts would trump any sense of sympathy that we might have with the Ukrainian people and that we would not be willing to make sacrifices of any kind in order to support the Ukrainians in their fight against tyranny.

In short, Putin believed us to be soft, weak, narcissistic, and lacking empathy.

However, the newfound solidarity of free people and our leaders (with a few exceptions) around the world in our support of the Ukrainians has proven Putin to be hugely wrong.

Western businesses willingly have sacrificed billions of dollars and Western consumers are paying more for their energy -- and just about everything else -- because of our decision to back the Ukrainians with both military aid and unprecedented economic sanctions that are taking a great toll on the Russia war machine.

With dictators on the rise in Russia, China, No. Korea, and Saudi Arabia (where 81 persons were executed this past weekend), we have re-learned the lesson that the freedoms we enjoy are something that we cannot take for granted.

Thanks to Putin, Americans have found a cause that we all can agree upon -- the right of every person to be free.

The months ahead will not be easy -- though nowhere near as difficult as they will be for the Ukrainian people -- but Putin's barbarism has illuminated a valuable truth that we had ignored for the better part of the past century: Freedom isn't free.

ENJOY A HAPPY (AND SAFE) ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Amidst all of the sadness and tragedy in the world today, the arrival of St. Patrick's Day this Thursday (March 17) will provide a brief and welcome respite from the terrible news that we see on our televisions every day.

Although St. Patrick's Day ostensibly is a holiday with religious (Catholic) and ethnic (Irish) connotations, St. Patrick's Day has become a holiday for people of all nationalities -- a day when "everybody is Irish" -- to share camaraderie and good cheer.

This will be the first St. Patrick's Day in three years that we'll be able to celebrate the holiday collectively now that COVID restrictions are easing.

We wish all of our readers a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

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GUEST OP-ED

Ukrainian and American pain – we must unplug from Russia and China

Dr. Glenn Mollette

America is no longer buying energy or vodka from Russia. Russians can no longer buy a McDonald's hamburger. They can't pay for their gasoline with a Visa, Mastercard or even an American Express card. One thousand Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants have ceased operations in Russia. How tough can life become?

For a better picture of a tough life watch some of the news clips played daily on most television stations. See what the Russians are doing each day to Ukraine. Hospitals are bombed. Babies are murdered. Cities no longer exist. Tens of thousands have been killed by the Russian army.

Speculations continue to be expressed among politicians and journalists that Russia may be guilty of war crimes. This seems like a bad joke. Russia has been guilty of war crimes

from day one. They don't care who they kill or how they kill the innocent people of Ukraine. They will use any kind of bomb or chemical to accomplish President Vladimir Putin's evil whim to bring Ukraine under Russian rule. They will even accept weapons from China.

Hopefully we will never buy another thing from Russia. In the meantime, the remnant still battling the Russian Army needs the full support of NATO in weapons, money and humanitarian aid. Sadly, for the thousands who have already been killed it's too little too late.

While we are unplugging trade with Russia we must act accordingly toward China. China is not our friend. Just like Russia, we have made China rich with billions of dollars in trade each year. Plus, America is in debt, over a trillion dollars, to China. Stores across America must put Amer-

ican businesses back to work by buying as many American made products as possible. China has been eyeing Taiwan the same way Russia has been eyeing Ukraine. If Russia successfully takes Ukraine and can survive the aftermath look for China to invade Taiwan. China will then control most of the chips made that runs our cars, phones and computers.

The next scenario is what happens to us when Russia and China combine their efforts toward the United States? Are we able to withstand an attack from Russia and China? It's more than we want to comprehend today. This is why we must become energy independent. Why not use our gas, oil and coal until we have the infrastructure in place to run electric cars?

In my local community of 250,000 people, I do not know of one electric car charging station. Lo-

cal car dealers say it will be two to three years before they will have electric cars to sell. Most American communities are the same and we need time for the infrastructure to catch up. In the meantime, we should use the resources we have to run our country independently.

Gasoline prices and inflation are hurting America but consider what Russia is doing to Ukraine. Americans will survive the pain at the pump if America will go back to our own sources to supply our needs.

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ABCD calls for additional fuel aid funds

As home heating oil reaches an unprecedented high of \$6 per gallon, a whopping 120,000-plus Massachusetts households receiving fuel assistance have used up their benefits.

These tens of thousands of families with young children, seniors and others are scrambling to keep their homes warm as relentless March cold continues to hit Massachusetts.

One working single mother served by ABCD said she called home from the office to tell her son to turn off the heat. "He said 'You mean turn it down, mom?'" and I replied 'NO, TURN IT OFF. We are out of benefits and can't afford an oil delivery.'"

At a cost of \$6 per gallon, it takes \$1,650 to fill an oil tank, a fill-up that lasts less than a month.

"America's low-income families are in full-blown economic crisis," said John J. Drew, President/CEO, Action for Boston Community Development. "They are striving to fill their gas tanks to get to work and buy food and other necessities at soaring prices. These are

our most vulnerable residents. They need and deserve help NOW. Here in the Northeast it stays cold through April."

Drew said he and all providers and recipients are grateful for the increased fuel assistance provided this year through the federal Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), but given the current worldwide economic crisis, immediate additional federal help is needed.

The spike in heating costs followed President Biden's March 7 banning of Russian oil imports.

Drew is also hopeful that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will provide heating assistance in the supplemental state budget now in process, thanking Representative Kevin Honan and House Ways & Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz for supporting an amendment requesting \$50 million in fuel assistance. That amendment was reduced to \$5 million in the House and is now in the Senate with hopes of passage at the \$50 million level.

Immediate fuel assistance funding will be

life-saving for oil and propane heat customers who are out of benefits as well as prevent shut off for electric and gas customers. The winter moratorium on shut offs for utility customers ends April 1.

Eligible households most in need currently receive \$1,650 in fuel assistance benefits through the Low-income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program, an increase from last year intended to help combat the rise in energy costs. But no one anticipated the current skyrocketing costs that are putting our most vulnerable families at terrible risk.

Apply now! There is funding for new applicants. Boston-area residents can apply by calling ABCD Fuel Assistance at 617-357-6012. Those living in the Mystic Valley region can call 781-322-6284. Help with applications is also available at all ABCD neighborhood centers. A new online system for first-time fuel assistance applicants can be accessed at toapply.org/MassLIHEAP. Go to bostonabcd.org/heat for detailed information, including a listing of neigh-

borhood centers with contact information.

The 2022 federal poverty level for a family of four is \$26,500 in earnings annually or \$12,880 for a single person. To keep struggling families and elders from falling through the cracks, help with fuel costs is also available to those slightly above poverty level. For example, a family of four earning \$78,751 or a single person with an income of \$40,951 may currently qualify for \$989 in fuel assistance.

Donations gratefully accepted

ABCD is grateful for any private donations to the ABCD WINTER FUND which will be used to help those in fuel assistance emergencies after using up their allocation. Your generous gift can save a household from hypothermia, stop a family from turning to dangerous heating substitutes, prevent sickness, and dramatically improve the quality of life. If you'd like to donate to the ABCD Winter Fund, please call 617-348-6559, email give@bostonabcd.org or visit bostonabcd.org/give.

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2021 Mass DMF Mystic River herring numbers announced

The numbers are in! According to the official estimate from the Division of Marine Fisheries (Mass DMF), more than 550,000 river herring passed through the fish ladder at Mystic Lakes Dam in Medford in 2021.

This count represents the latest chapter in an ecological restoration story in the heart of greater Boston.

This data also represents the commitment of hundreds of community science volunteers.

River herring — Alewife and Blueback herring — are migratory species that spend most of their lives in the open ocean, but return to freshwater every year to spawn in the river system they were born in.

They are threatened by over-harvesting in the ocean and — crucially — by the loss of inland habitat for breeding caused by dams blocking access to inland lakes and streams.

After a fish ladder at the Mystic Lakes Dam in Medford was built in 2012 — allowing fish in the Mystic River to reach Upper Mystic Lake for the first time in decades — the Mystic River Watershed Association launched a volunteer herring count in collaboration with Mass DMF. Dozens of volunteers visit the dam to make 10-minute sampling counts of fish passing into Upper Mystic Lake every daylight hour from April

to June, and the data are used to estimate the total number of fish passing through the fish ladder.

River herring first return to freshwater to reproduce at age 3 or 4, when they are sexually mature. When the first cohort of fish born in the newly expanded freshwater habitat reached reproductive age and returned for the first time to Mystic Lakes in 2015, volunteer counts showed that the population of fish loyal to the Mystic River had doubled (Figure 1). And numbers continued to climb over the next few years to an estimate of as many as 780,000 fish in 2019.

This is a remarkable success story: the single intervention of a fish ladder at Mystic Lakes doubled — and even tripled — a significant wildlife population. For a sense of scale: 780,000 of these foot-long fish end-to-end would stretch 150 miles!

In-person monitoring was called off in 2020 because of COVID, but there is evidence from our (separate) video monitoring system and from around the state that river herring populations suffered declines from the effects of drought in 2016-2017, when conditions led to fewer juveniles surviving to maturity that year because of dried up streams, higher water temperatures, and other factors. So, in 2020, river herring counts on rivers were dra-

matically down all across Massachusetts, and fisheries scientists attribute this to those drought conditions three years earlier.

The latest estimate from 2021 represents an apparent increase in the Mystic population from the previous year, and this is what we might expect. Recoveries take time. There is every reason to expect that the number may well recover to previous levels.

What would it take to make another leap in the population of fish that migrate up the Mystic River? The next big lake upstream — the next big tract of potential breeding habitat for river herring the Mystic system — is Horn Pond in Woburn.

In the past few years, volunteers at Horn Pond too have been counting the comparatively fewer fish that are able to currently enter that lake. We now have three years of data from Horn Pond. We also have four years of video monitoring from Center Falls Dam in Winchester, where another fish ladder — made possible by the advocacy of residents and public funds — makes it possible for fish to pass through the center of Winchester and on toward Horn Pond.

The river herring have spread out across a landscape. Given the means, river herring will swim many miles inland seeking suitable (and uncrowded) habitat to spawn. But

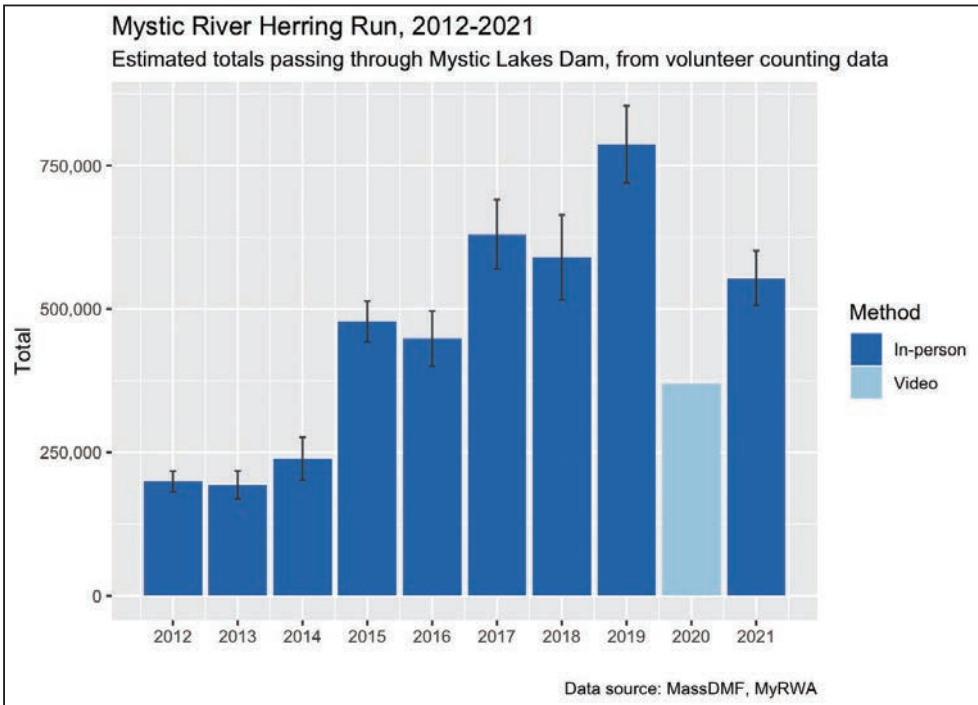


Figure 1. Mystic Herring Run, 2012-2021. In 2020, there was no in-person count because of COVID restrictions. Video monitoring data for that year is shown. Short lines on the bars indicate 95% confidence interval, or margin of error.

some stay back to utilize the breeding habitat downstream. So, we see more fish at Mystic Lakes than at Center Falls, and more fish passing at Center Falls than make it into Horn Pond.

The big promise of Horn Pond is the fish passage that will be designed and built in the next 2-3 years, funded by federal grants and the City of Woburn. We know now that fish try to get into Horn Pond. This year there were dozens of reports of hundreds and even thousands of fish at the base of Scalley Dam at Horn Pond on many different days. Mass DMF has worked to make the current small bypass

stream at the outlet of Horn Pond accessible to river herring, and some fish obviously find their way. But we know many more do not pass that point, and return downstream.

Money from two federal environmental damages settlements — including from famous Superfund cases in Woburn — will bring millions of dollars of investment in building a fish ladder at Horn Pond. Fisheries scientists believe this will expand the population of river herring in the Mystic system even further.

Will the Mystic herring run reach a million fish? Will next year be the biggest year yet? Stay tuned

for more data from a remarkable urban wildlife migration.

In the meantime, you can learn more about volunteer opportunities to participate in our in-person and video counting programs. We are currently seeing volunteers to help us monitor the herring migration in 2022: details and registration here.

And finally, this can never be said enough: all the data we have about the river herring population on the Mystic River we have because of volunteer community scientists. This is public knowledge generated by residents of the watershed.

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DIDOMENICO FOUNDATION HOLDS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY FUNDRAISER

Senator Sal DiDomenico hosted the Annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day Celebration in Charlestown with over 400 attendees on Saturday evening. Guests included Governor Charlie Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Senate President Karen Spilka, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and over 75 elected officials from throughout Massachusetts. Gladys Vega from La Colaborativa was honored as this year’s recipient of the Golden Shamrock Award, the Hall of Fame group, The Platters, flew in from Florida to sing their hits and comedians Jimmy Tingle and Tony V shared their humor with the crowd.

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State Rep. Dan Ryan and Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Patti Cheever and Bishop Brown.



Middlesex Sheriff Peter Koutoujian and Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino.



Asima Memic and Lisa Dell Isola greet Governor Charlie Baker.



The bagpipes were played.



Lydia Edwards posed with a box of tea.



Senator Sal DiDomenico and Mayor Michelle Wu.



Tricia DiDomenico thanked guests on behalf of the DiDomenico Foundation.



Gladys Vega was honored at the dinner.



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.



Senator Sal DiDomenico and Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins.



Comedian Jimmy Tingle plays the harmonica.



Attorney General Maura Healey and Governor Charlie Baker.



Massachusetts Senate President Karen Spilka cracked jokes with a rubber duck.



State Senator Sonia Chang Diaz and Sam Hyun.



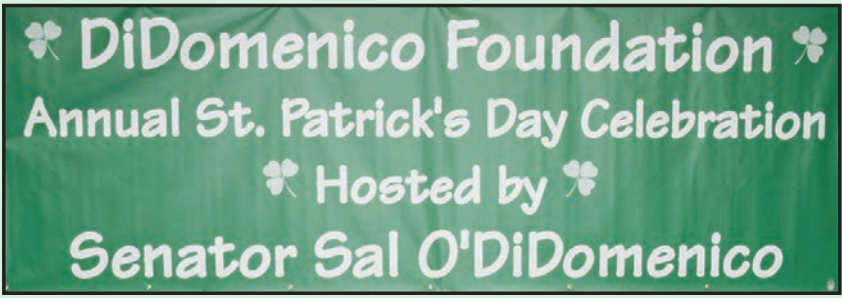
Rev. Myrlande DesRosiers and Mayor Michelle Wu.



Mayor Michelle Wu, Councilor Mike McLaughlin, and Senator Lydia Edwards.



The crowd at the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner serenaded popular Chelsea resident and former city official James “Jimmy” Dwyer and his mother, Catherine Dwyer, with “Happy Birthday” at the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner. One of Chelsea’s greatest families, the Dwyers celebrated Jimmy’s 58th on March 16 and will celebrate Mrs. Dwyer’s 89th next week.



The DiDomenico Foundation would like to thank you for your continued support and friendship. A great time was had by all!

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Everett Public Schools: School Committee Member Marcony Almeida-Barros, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, William Donahue, and School Committee Member Samantha Lambert.



The DiDomenico family celebrated St. Patrick’s Day for a good cause.



Traditional Irish music was performed throughout the evening.



The Everett High School Culinary Arts Department assisted with dinner preparations.



The DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day was well attended.



The Platters posed with Gene O'Brien.

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Geraldine Dubie Of Chelsea

Geraldine (Knapp) Dubie of Chelsea passed away on March 9.

The beloved wife of the late Louis “Buster” Dubie, she was the devoted mother of Linda Sawicki and her longtime companion, Rick Goudreau, Mark Hudson and his wife, Lori, and the late George Hudson; the loving daughter of the late Jennie Marshall and dear sister of the late Leona Verrengia, loving grandmother of Scott Sawicki, Alyson Young, Amanda Hudson and Kay-

la Hudson and three loving great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Monday, March 14 at Beth Israel Cemetery, 232 Fuller Street, Everett. Donations in Geraldine’s memory may be made to St. Jude’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Temple Emmanuel, 60 Tudor St., Chelsea, MA 02150. For online guestbook and directions, please visit the funeral home website: www.torf-funeralservice.com.

Joseph “Pete” Labbe, Jr. Member of America’s Greatest Generation

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours today, Thursday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rt. 107) Revere for Joseph H. “Pete” Labbe, Jr., 96, who died on Monday, March 14, at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston following a brief illness. A Funeral Service will be held in the Funeral Home at 12:15 p.m. followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.



“Pete” was born and raised in Chelsea, the son of the late Joseph and Marie A. (Beland) Labbe. He was educated in Chelsea Public Schools.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1942, Pete enlisted in the United States Navy to defend his country during World War II. He served at the height of the war, and re-enlisted in the Naval Reserves for an additional five years. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1951 and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal, Asiatic – Pacific Theatre Medal -5 Stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

Pete married his beautiful wife and the couple remained in Chelsea, where they raised their three children. He was a devoted husband and father who worked very hard to support his family. He worked various jobs and was mechanically inclined. He had a position as a laborer at American Built Rite for over 20 years. He later took a position as a laborer at Castle Metal in Boston, for 15 years, until he retired at the age of 70. Pete only retired because the company was relocating to the South Shore. His talents and incredible work ethic allowed him to be an asset to the company. He was able to do the work of several men and no one knew their craft like Pete.

During his years in retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, and in later years, his great grandchildren. He was a “puzzle enthusiast,” who enjoyed assembling

all types of puzzles, the most complicated puzzles were his favorite.

Pete left Chelsea in 1998, five years after losing his wife, Evelyn to make his home with his son, Ken and daughter-in-law, Susan in Revere. Pete’s humble upbringing, his love for his country and his commitment to his family is an example of why he and so many others of his era were defined as America’s “Greatest Generation.”

The beloved husband of 34 years to the late Evelyn (Demers) Labbe, he was the loving father of Alfred J. Labbe and his wife, Mary of Stoughton, Kenneth H. Labbe and his wife, Susan of Revere and Theresa M. “Terri” Camley and her husband, Robert of Everett; cherished grandfather to Janeen Labbe and her husband, Matthew Enos of Stoughton, Jason K. Labbe and his wife, Rachel of Woburn, Joseph R. Camley of Everett, Janelle S. Labbe of Revere, Deanna M. Camley of Malden and Lisa Labbe of Stoughton; adored great grandfather of Camille, Flavia, Isabella, Dorian and Brandon; dear brother of the late Evelyn Longo, Alice Basile, Jeannette Richard, and Yvette DeStefano. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The staff at Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals is most honored to have assisted the family in completing funeral arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioand-smith.com.

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said the district is expecting the largest enrollment in nearly two decades at the high school next year, with over 1,500 students, while a modest decline in enrollment is anticipated in the elementary grades.

When it comes to paying for the nearly \$119 million budget, Lamboy said the city will be paying about \$29 million in educational costs, which also includes funding for the vocational school, while the rest will be funded through Chapter 70 state funds.

Overall, Abeyta said the budget priorities for the 2022-23 school year include building upon the efforts that were made for the current year, strengthening and expanding equity for the special education, ELL supports, social emotional supports, and equity supports, accelerating literacy and math learning, reducing the student to teacher ratio, and improving teacher recruitment and retention.

Of the approximately \$9.7 million proposed budget increase, Lamboy said \$5,560,000 of that is needed just to maintain current services and costs.

Proposed staff additions at the Early Learning Center include one new special education inclusion teacher and six special education paraprofessionals.

Two new school counselors are proposed for the four elementary schools, with each new position split between two schools.

At the Berkowitz Elementary a new ELL teacher and a math specialist are in the budget, while at the Hooks Elementary, there is a new reading specialist.

At the Kelly Elementary, the budget calls for three new ELL teachers, and at the Sokolowski Elementary, there is a new reading specialist.

New positions proposed for the Browne Middle School include a world language teacher, two ELL teachers, and one reading specialist teacher.

At the Clarke Avenue Middle School, proposed additions include an ELL teacher and a reading specialist, and at the Wright Academy Middle School the new positions include a special education inclusion teacher, a math specialist, and a paraprofessional at the library.

During a public hearing on the budget last week, several Wright School teachers said they would like to see more ELL positions earmarked for their school.

Middle school ELL teacher Isabel Meigs was among those who advocated for adding an additional ELL teacher at every school in the district.

Several teachers, including Airisenne Engel from the Brown School, said the district should focus on adding restorative justice directors or coaches into the budget.

“Restorative justice is not a means of behavior or class management, it’s the practice of developing a community that supports one another,” said Engel.

No new positions are being proposed at the high school, but Lamboy noted that 16 positions were added in last year’s budget.

Darien Rodriguez, a freshman at Chelsea High School, was among several students who spoke in favor of adding more teachers at the high school.

Three new positions are proposed at the district level, including a director of a culturally responsive curriculum, a coordinator for college and career readiness, and an ELL teacher and coach for the elementary level.

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ciation (NSMHA) when O’Leary met NSMHA Kim Hanton.

In 2013 Hanton suggested O’Leary should look at a career in helping others get and stay sober.

“At first I really wasn’t interested to be honest,” said O’Leary. “I was working at a rental car company at the airport. I was also bartending and working in the restaurant industry, and I knew that was something that I didn’t want to continue to do.”

Around this time one of O’Leary’s friends asked her if she wanted to take a Recovery Coach class.

“He had a really difficult time writing and he thought he was going to have to do homework and stuff so he begged me to take this class with him,” she said. “I thought I was just going to support a friend. I took this course and then a year later this same friend reached out to me and said Kim Hanton was looking for a female Recovery Coach for NSMHA’s East Boston clinic. O’Leary said she interviewed for the job and was hired by Hanton.

Still, she was skeptical of how far this career would go but almost a decade later O’Leary is thriving and now serves as NSMHA’s Director of Recovery Support Services.

“NSMHA definitely provided me with a great deal of support, a great deal of training and education,” she said. “They’ve really empowered me and pushed me to seek outside education and supported me in my process of managing up through the years.”

O’Leary said as a woman in the field of recovery services she brings a slightly different approach to the job.

“I think there’s a lot of empathy and compassion, and just kind of a maternal instinct that kind of comes into play where we (as women) want to nurture people and help them

heal and make them whole again,” said O’Leary. “I wouldn’t say it’s a different perspective from what a man would bring to the job, I would just say it’s a more empathetic perspective.”

During her last decade of work in recovery services O’Leary said advocating and expanding the Drug Court system has been a legacy she feels most proud of.

“Expanding the Drug Court is the most important piece to me just because it really minimized the authoritative gap between the probation officer, the judge, and then the participant who was receiving services,” she said. “We currently have six drug courts. We are in Chelsea, Lynn Malden, Charlestown, Dorchester and I have Recovery Coaches in all of those courts. I also consult the Court Assisted Recovery Effort (CARE), which is the federal drug treatment court.”

When we talked, O’Leary was preparing for her first meeting with the New England Regional Recovery Court Advisory Board, of which she is a member.

“I have my first meeting tomorrow,” said O’Leary. “So it’s a whole lot of judges and chiefs of police and just very powerful, intimidating people but I’m there to be the voice of the person in recovery to kind of bring a boots on the ground perspective. I think a lot of the time people like myself don’t have a seat at the table and there’s everybody at the top making decisions that have no idea what’s going on on the ground level. So I think they were really methodical about next steps and they wanted somebody that could speak to what is actually happening with the participants in the court. It’s pretty cool.”

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SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

This March, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) joins the Administration for Community Living and senior nutrition service providers across the country to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the national Senior Nutrition Program.

Since 1972, the Senior Nutrition Program has supported nutrition services for older adults. Funded by the Older Americans Act, local senior nutrition programs serve as hubs for older adults (60 and older) to access nutritious meals and other vital services that strengthen social connections and promote health and well-being.

“Senior nutrition is now more important than ever,” says Angie Fitzgerald, Director of Nutrition Services at MVES. “Each year in the U.S., up to half of adults age 65 and older are at risk of malnutrition, and more than 10 million face hunger. In communities throughout the U.S. – including our communities – older adults sometimes lack access to the high-quality, nutritious

food they need to remain healthy and independent.”

As part of the Senior Nutrition Program network, MVES’ Nutrition Services Program, including Meals on Wheels, helps older adults in our community by promoting healthy eating, decreasing social isolation, and improving health. “Our program also provides connections to home and community-based services that can support independence and overall well-being. We deliver 3,000 meals a day to our 11 communities and have 15 meal sites,” says Fitzgerald.

“My favorite dish is the Boulet (Haitian Meatballs). It reminds me of my childhood and how my mom used to make them. I am excited whenever they are on the menu!” says Meals on Wheels consumer Marie Gabrielle Gattereau.

For 50 years, senior nutrition services have helped create healthy, strong communities where all members can flourish regardless of their age. That is why MVES proudly recognizes this milestone anniversary of the national Senior Nutrition Program and its tremendous impact on the health

and well-being of older adults in our community. Together, we look forward to another 50 years and beyond!

Learn more about our nutrition program and services by contacting us at 781-324-7705 or visiting mv.es.org.

WARMER WEATHER WARNING: BE MINDFUL OF OUTDOOR SMOKING HAZARDS

With a week of warmer weather in the forecast, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is asking residents to be mindful of the fire hazards when smoking outdoors.

“We’ve got some nice weather in the forecast this week, and after a long winter everyone wants to spend a little more time outdoors,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “If you still smoke, please be mindful of the fire hazards when you step out to smoke on a stairway, porch, or balcony.”

Fires often start when smokers drop butts in planters or near the side of buildings, where dried vegetation, mulch, or debris

can catch fire. They can also start when cigarettes are ground out on railings, steps, or floors, allowing embers to drift and ignite flammable materials. In a densely built neighborhood, that fire can quickly spread to other buildings and put many people at risk.

“There are no smoke alarms on the outside of the house, so an exterior fire can grow to a dangerous size before anyone is aware of it,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “There’s no safe way to smoke, but if you must smoke then do it responsibly. Use a sturdy ashtray with water or sand and put it out, all the way, every time.”

The Department of Fire Services created a series of video and audio clips to promote the proper disposal of smoking materials on porches and balconies. They are available in English and Spanish for fire departments, fire educators, social service providers, and state or municipal agencies to use free of charge. Visit the DFS YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/DFSOSFM and view the Smoking Fire Safety playlist.

“Of all the smoking safety steps you can take,

the most effective one is to quit,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “You’ll enjoy many more years of fresh air.”

MASSPORT CELEBRATES WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is celebrating Women in Construction Week and honoring the contributions of the women who have been involved in Massport’s construction projects. This week, pictures of some of the women who work in the Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs (CPEA) Department, which manages all construction projects at Massport, are on display throughout the terminals at Boston Logan International Airport.

“We thank the women of Massport for their hard work and dedication in all of our initiatives,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Our goal at Massport is to embed diversity, equity, and inclusion into our organizational DNA. Celebrating Women in Construction Week is just one way we

celebrate diversity and encourage more women to work in construction, architecture, engineering, and other related fields.”

According the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, women comprise only 11% of all the people working in construction and 27% of all people who provide architectural, engineering, and related services in 2021. By comparison, Massport’s CPEA Department, which manages all Massport construction projects—from the planning phase and design, to construction and maintenance, is comprised of nearly 40% women.

“I’m proud to say that a diverse group of women are part of the decision-making process in every construction project at Massport,” said Dr. Luciana Burdi, the first female Director of the CPEA Department. “A diversity of thought is important as we build world-class facilities that serve diverse people.”

Women in Construction Week was started by the National Association of Women in Construction in 1998 to raise awareness and celebrate the work of women in the construction industry across the country.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission releases February 2022 Gross Gaming Revenue

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported today that the month of February 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$86 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR). PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocated to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately \$1.018 billion

in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.

“My colleagues at the MGC and I are pleased to highlight this milestone. When the legislature passed the expanded gaming act in 2011, they envisioned a regulated gaming industry in the Commonwealth that would serve as an economic driver while promoting responsible play,” said MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein.

“Just over 11 years since this law was signed, the Commonwealth has collected over \$1 billion in total taxes and assessments from casinos operating in Massachusetts. This revenue has and continues to benefit the Massachusetts economy

The logo of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is a circular seal. It features a stylized 'M' and 'G' in the center, with 'MASSACHUSETTS GAMING' written around the top and 'COMMISSION' around the bottom. There are five stars below the word 'GAMING'.



REVENUE REPORT

FEBRUARY 2022

GROSS GAMING REVENUE


TAXES

MGM SPRINGFIELD
SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES

 TABLE	\$4,220,007.75
 SLOTS	\$15,711,906.08
TOTAL	\$19,931,913.83


\$4,982,978.46

ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR
SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES

 TABLE	\$23,688,641.56
 SLOTS	\$31,054,019.69
TOTAL	\$54,742,661.25

\$13,685,665.31

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO
SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES

 SLOTS	\$10,950,511.23
TOTAL	\$10,950,511.23

\$5,365,750.50

TOTAL TAXES

\$24,034,394.27

by bolstering local aid, funding transportation and infrastructure projects, ensuring essential community mitigation initiatives

are backed, and that the health and safety of the industry and those who engage with it are a top priority.

“This is a marker of the success of the law and the commitment of our licensees, my fellow commissioners past and

present, the MGC staff, and residents of the Commonwealth to a safe and vibrant gaming industry in Massachusetts.”

Hassell/ Continued from page 1

nity and I want to make sure that we’re just good as our surrounding communities.”

Hassell has begun to visit local businesses as she looks to expand the number of members.

“Hopefully, little by little, business by business, we gain their confidence, and hopefully they become a Chamber member,” said Hassell.

A background in customer service and management

Jen Hassell began her professional career in supply chain management at Nancy Sales Company on Willow Street where she advanced to become executive assistant to the vice president.

She worked in management at an East Boston firm, Dynasty International for 15 years, and for the last six years she has been an account manager for C.H. Robinson.

Her husband John was a CHS sports great

Jen Hassell is married to John Hassell, one half of one of the greatest brother duos in CHS sports history. John has given back to the community as an assistant coach at Chelsea High. He has worked in juvenile corrections for 24 years.

“I’ve known John since the sixth grade,” said Jen. “We met at the Williams School. We didn’t start dating until I was 22 in 1994. We were married in 1998 and we’re celebrating our 24th wedding anniversary this year. Next year, we’ll celebrate our 25th.”

John Hassell, younger brother of Andre Hassell, was a standout from the youth sports level through his superb Red Devil career. John and Andre nearly led a Reggie Wilkerson-quarterbacked team to a Super Bowl appearance, falling just shy against Greater Lowell for the Commonwealth Conference title. Teammate

Gilberto Castro is the godfather to the Hassells’ daughter, Jaylen.

Did Jen attend her future husband’s games at Chelsea High?

“Of course, basketball, football,” said Jen.

Who’s a better athlete – John or Andre?

“Of course, I’m going to say, John,” replied Jen. “I still remember by husband’s outside shooter and three-pointers in basketball.”

The daughters of John and Jen Hassell are now carrying on the family’s prideful tradition. Their daughter, Juliana, 13, played for a Chelsea flag football championship team and proudly wears her father’s jersey No. 34. A student at the Brown School, Julianna received a citation of excellence from the City Council for winning the title.”

The Hassells’ older daughter, Jaylen Hassell, graduated from Chelsea High in 2014 and Salem



From left, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce President Paul Nowicki, Chelsea Communications and Community Outreach Manager Lourdes Alvarez, Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train, Chamber Executive Director Jen Hassell, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, and Past Chamber President Joe Vinard.

State University in 2020 with a degree in Criminal Justice. She has accepted a position with DCF in Lynn.

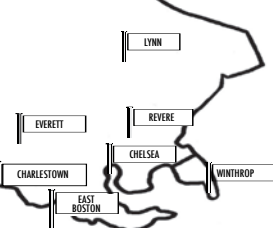
The Hassells love the city of Chelsea and its di-

versity. They purchased a home on Orange Street 14 years ago. “We’re never leaving Chelsea,” said Jen. “My daughter wants to graduate from the same high school that her mom

and dad and her sister attended.”

If Julianna Hassell can bring the same greatness and leadership that her dad brought to Chelsea High School, watch out.

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Job Summary:

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Knowledge, Skills and Abilities employment:

1. Knowledge of grounds keeping and custodial cleaning preferred.
2. Knowledge of the proper use of chemicals, fertilizers, and pesticides.
3. Knowledge of occupational hazards and safety measures.
4. Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
5. Ability to maintain acceptable working relationship with co-workers.
6. Ability to work in adverse conditions, such as: sleet, snow, heat, cold, dust and dirt, as well as cramped quarters and high places.
7. Ability to lift heavy objects.
8. Knowledgeable and skilled in preforming various painting task
9. Knowledgeable and skilled in preforming various carpentry task

Responsibilities:

1. Work in a professional and courteous manner within a service environment.
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4. Be proficient with hand and power tools.
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7. Perform all other related duties that may be assigned.


Qualifications/Experience:

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Baker issues citation for Gambling Disorder Screening Day

Governor Charlie Baker issued a citation recognizing Tuesday, March 8, 2022, as Gambling Disorder Screening Day in Massachusetts, praising the Division on Addiction at Cambridge Health Alliance for its “tireless efforts to spread awareness about Gambling Disorder throughout the Commonwealth.” Gambling Disorder leads to financial, emotional, social, occupational, and physical harms. It is a treatable mental health condition, yet many cases go undetected and untreated. Failure to detect gambling

harm is due, in part, to limited screening for this problem. The Division on Addiction encourages all organizations and providers to participate in this annual event. “We join Governor Baker in commending the Division on Addiction for establishing Gambling Disorder Screening Day,” said Assaad Sayah, MD, CEO of Cambridge Health Alliance. “Like many other behavioral health conditions, Gambling Disorder disproportionately impacts minoritized communities. Bringing much-needed

attention to the need for routine screening for Gambling Disorder, and improving access to treatment through statewide professional development activities, will help alleviate these disparities in line with CHA’s mission to provide care to the people.” Gambling Disorder Screening Day is in its ninth year. This international event has grown to include screeners and supporters from Cambridge Health Alliance, Massachusetts and New England, the United States, and around the world.

This year, Gambling Disorder Screening Day has over 50 confirmed supporters and event hosts. They range from college health centers, employee assistance and wellness programs, prevention-focused organizations, community-based mental health organizations, gambling operators, and academics and researchers. The Division on Addiction distributed 1,350 free pocket screening guides to 27 Screening Day hosts in 17 U.S. States. Debi LaPlante, PhD, director of the Division on Addiction and associ-


ate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, said, “We’re so proud that people have embraced Gambling Disorder Screening Day. What started as a small grassroots effort in 2014 has grown to an international event with more participants than we ever anticipated. We will continue to support this event for years to come and look forward to bringing more awareness to this issue. Our hope is that by helping people understand their own gambling, we’ll connect people to needed help and the path to recovery.”

Because of lack of awareness about the need for routine screening and persistent stigma against people experiencing Gambling Disorder and other expressions of addiction, rates of help seeking for Gambling Disorder are low. Routine gambling screening is especially helpful for individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorders and other mental health conditions, which commonly co-occur with Gambling Disorder.


LEGAL NOTICE


LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
77 Webster Ave. Renovations
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “77 Webster Ave. Renovations”.
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after January 27, 2022 by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “77 Webster Ave. Renovations” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement.
General Bids will be received until April 14, 2022 at 11:30AM and publicly opened, forthwith online.
Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until March 31, 2022 at 11:30AM and publicly opened, forthwith online.
Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder’s Update Statement.
SUBTRADES
Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.
The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. 149.
Dylan Cook
School Business Manager
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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on February 1, 2022, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:
To post a handicap sign at 145 Orange Street.
Jeannette Cintron White
Parking Clerk
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CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
Williams Middle School,

Arlington Street Stair Project
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “Williams Middle School, Arlington Street Stair Project”.
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after March 10, 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, Arlington Street Stair Project” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement.
General Bids will be received until March 24, 2022 at 9:30AM and publicly opened, forthwith online.
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Dylan Cook
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MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Aurora R. Hernandez to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated October 1, 2004 and registered at Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 689420 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 131124 and Suffolk County Probate for Luis Orlando Fernandez Hernandez SU18P1960EA. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.
Terms of the Sale: Cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2005-0P1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-0P1 dated November 16, 2012 and registered as Document No. 812760 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 131142, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 330 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on April 5, 2022, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on


Washington Avenue, Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Said land is shown as Lot CC on a subdivision plan drawn by S. Albert Kaufman, Surveyor, dated October 8, 1946, as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as Plan No. 21-13, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 47688. For title, see Certificate No. 111855.
SOUTHEASTERLY: by Washington Avenue, Forty-Four and 01/100 (44.01) feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY: by Reynolds Avenue, Seventy-Two and 37/100 (72.37) feet;
NORTHWESTERLY: by Lot EE, the running through a way as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned, Forty-Eight (48) feet;
NORTHEASTERLY: by Lot DD, the line running in (art through a way as shown on said plan, Thirty-Eight and 29/100 (38.29) feet; and
SOUTHEASTERLY: four (4) feet; and
NORTHEASTERLY: thirty-five (35) feet by said Lot DD.
For title see deed to the mortgagors recorded herewith.
For mortgagor’s title see deed registered at Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 689419 and Noted on Certificate of Title Number 121284. See also Certificate of Title No. 131124 and Suffolk County Probate for Luis Orlando Fernandez Hernandez SU18P1960EA. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-04
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Ruth Jeanet Guzman For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the conversion of an existing commercial space on the 2nd floor and attic to a one (1) family residential unit, with first floor space remaining a commercial unit, which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for open space, lot area, floor area ratio, and number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 162 Broadway
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-03
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Pedro Florentino For Special Permits and Variances seeking approval for the demolition of a garage structure and a residential structure and the construction of a five unit dwelling structure which does not meet the current minimum zoning requirements for side, front and rear yard setbacks, minimum combined side yard setbacks, lot size, maximum floor area ratio, lot coverage, number of off street parking spaces, spaces located within five (5) feet of a wall containing a window, and 24 feet required aisle width not

maintained throughout at the premises known as:
51 Library Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION
CHELSEA SANDWICH TERMINAL
11 BROADWAY, CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS RTN 3-29576
A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On March 1, 2022, Chelsea Sandwich LLC recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds a **NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080. The **NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** will limit the following site activities and uses on the above property:
i. Excavation to depths greater than three (3) feet below grade or activities involving the management of site groundwater or LNAPL, which are not conducted under the oversight of a Licensed Site Professional in accordance with the Obligations and Conditions of the Activity and Use Limitation and the soil and groundwater management procedures of the MCP at 310 CMR 40.0030.
ii. Constructing a residential structure or other structure providing overnight housing without a supporting Licensed Site Professional Opinion.
Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the **NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** may contact Steve Charron, Chelsea Sandwich LLC, 800 South Street, Suite 500, Waltham, Massachusetts 02453, (781) 786-6320. The **NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-29576 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, (978) 694-3200.
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NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION
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 03/31/2022. 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: March 11, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
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

(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CLEANING SERVICES AT THE CHELSEA POLICE STATION
Sealed bids to furnish all services to provide Institutional (Building) Cleaning Services for the

City of Chelsea Police Department.
Invitation for Bid documents are available on or after March 17, 2022 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “CLEANING SERVICES AT THE CHELSEA POLICE STATION” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, April 7, 2022. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.
This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.
Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
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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. SU21 C0447CA
In the matter of: Elizabeth Marie Peralta
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Elizabeth Marie Peralta of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Wolfie Mingy King
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 03/31/2022. 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: March 11, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
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(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
DESIGNER SELECTION- CHELSEA MILL HILL FIRE STATION APPARATUS FLOOR FINAL DESIGN, SPECIFICATION, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION
The City of Chelsea,


Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “DESIGNER SELECTION – CHELSEA MILL HILL FIRE STATION APPARATUS FLOOR FINAL DESIGN, SPECIFICATION, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION.”
Request for Qualifications will be available on or after March 17, 2022 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “DESIGNER SELECTION – CHELSEA MILL HILL FIRE STATION APPARATUS FLOOR FINAL DESIGN, SPECIFICATION, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION.” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, April 14, 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 149
Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
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(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD REPAIRS @ HIGHLAND PARK
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for “SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD REPAIRS @ HIGHLAND PARK”.
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after March 17, 2022 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD REPAIRS @ HIGHLAND PARK” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 1:00PM on Thursday, March 31, 2022.
Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the “City of Chelsea.”


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The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M.
Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
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SECTION 00100
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
City of Chelsea, Massachusetts (Owner)
Sealed bids for construction of Urban Heat Island Mitigation Pilot Program – ROW Infrastructure Improvements, Contract 2022-35, for the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, will be received at Room 204, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 until 12:00 p.m. prevailing time, on March 31, 2022, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The scope of work includes milling of approximately 1,630 square yards of roadway, installation of 140 tons of light colored aggregate asphalt product, 700 square yards of blasted media surface treatment, 420 linear feet of pavement markings, 170 square yards of sidewalk replacement, 265 linear feet of new or removal and resetting of granite curb, furnishing of a trees and plantings, and installation of curbside landscaped infiltration basins.
The required contract completion date is June 30, 2022.
Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer’s or cashier’s check payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the bid, in accordance with Section 00200, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.
Copies of the contract documents are available through the City of Chelsea Purchasing Department online at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. The Purchasing Department website requires prospective bidders enter their name, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and email in order to secure contract document.
Addendum will be published to furnished email addresses. The Contract Documents and plans will be available to prospective bidders starting on March 16, 2022.
The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent

(100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00700 GENERAL CONDITIONS of these specifications.
This contract is funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.
A Prebid Conference will not be held for this project. Any request for interpretation of plans and specifications may be submitted in writing by March 23, 2022.
All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.
Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.
By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids.
The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids.
CITY OF CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS
BY ITS CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.
Reading, Massachusetts
3/17/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers 500 Broadway
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the review and approval of the construction management plan, related to the demolition and ground up construction project of the Innes Apartments Redevelopment.
Per Order
Chief Brian A. Kyes
Chairperson
3/17/22, 3/24/22 C

FRESH AND LOCAL

Rutabagas

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In March, our thoughts turn to Irish food – soda bread, corned beef and cabbage, and rutabagas. The last may surprise you, but rutabagas were always on the dinner tables of Penny’s Irish family members, only they called this root vegetable a Swede. In Scotland, they are called neeps and also go by the name Swedish turnip.

It is generally agreed that this vegetable is probably a cross between a turnip and a cabbage and originated in Northern Europe. Recipes for it pop up in most countries with cold winters and harsh conditions. One friend with a German/Jewish background still prepares a side dish of simply boiled rutabagas with a bit of butter in memory of his mother, who always included it in holiday meals.

It was something people could grow and store to feed themselves and their animals when little else was available. Like

many other foods of the poor, it carried a stigma for many years. Now that seems to be changing. As more of us return to the simple, healthy foods of past generations, rutabagas are stepping into the spotlight.

More Available and More Popular

Lately, we have been able to buy unwaxed rutabagas more months of the year, and as a result, we’ve been expanding our use of this delicious vegetable. We are also hearing more food writers, chefs, and food lovers singing their praises.

We enjoy them mashed with butter and a bit of their cooking liquid as a side dish. By the way, that cooking liquid is gold. Don’t pour it away! You can use it as a vegetable broth and add it to soups and stews.

Penny also adds cubes of rutabaga to our soups and stews. We love them in our fillings for chicken, turkey, or lamb meat pies.

We read that this is traditional in Canada. We’ve also discovered that they defrost and reheat better than mashed potatoes as a mash for the topping of meat pies we freeze for another day.

Rutabagas are also great in a mixed mash with other roots like potatoes, carrots, or parsnips. This happens to be a favorite dish of a friend of ours from Donegal.

After hearing two food writers rave about roasted rutabagas, Penny began adding them to sheet pans of potatoes, carrots, onions, garlic, and squash ready for roasting. Those women were right; they are a great addition to our stash of roasted root vegetables and all the things we make when they become leftovers.

Peeled, washed, and cut into sticks this root vegetable is perfect to enjoy raw with other crudités or shredded to add to a slaw or salad. Our first dog Sassy would begin to whine for them as



Here the rutabaga was added to a lamb stew and also combined with potatoes for a mixed mash that was served on the side.

a special treat anytime Penny cut them. Yes, they are both safe and good to share with your dog in a reasonable quantity.

Nutrition

One reason that rutabagas may be gaining popularity is their nutritional value. The website Healthline says, “Rutabagas are a hearty vegetable packed with fiber, vitamins, and antioxidants.

They promote feelings of fullness, which can prevent weight gain. Furthermore, they contain powerful compounds that help fight inflammation, prevent premature aging, and are associated with a reduced risk of various cancers.”

By the way, according to many Irish food folks, corned beef and cabbage is not Irish but rather Irish American. Penny’s fam-

ily called it a boiled dinner and served it any time of year rather than as a March special. It is simply what Irish immigrants substituted for the more traditional dish of boiled Irish bacon with cabbage and champ.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins keep pace



Tuesday night’s matchup against the, out-of-the-playoffs’ Chicago Black Hawks, turned out to be an exciting game that saw Marc-Andre Fleury stand on his head to thwart the Bruins on shot after shot attempt, and at the other end of the ice, Linus Ullmark was mirroring Fleury’s performance. When the smoke cleared at the end of regulation time, the score was deadlocked at 1-1. Fleury had notched 46 saves in his night’s work, and Ullmark just 19 saves, but in all honesty, Linus came prepared, making highlight reel stops of a Chicago breakaway in the second period, plus a few point blank attempts to keep Boston in the game. In the overtime, Matt Grzelcyk’s goal at 1:40, on a super setup from Taylor Hall and David Pastrnak, moved the Bruins on with the all-important two points with the 2-1 victory. “I just wanted to get open for Hallsy and Pasta, two unbelievable players, they’re going to find me,” said Grzelcyk after he was set up by Hall and Pastrnak. “If I find open space, I know they are super creative — so, wanted to move away from the blue line, open some space, and Hallsy made a great play sucking the guy over. I had all day.

Boston head coach Bruce Cassidy offered positive comments during his praise, noting Ullmark had everything under control throughout the contest, plus several robberies on Black Hawk attempts, especially during their breakaway chances. Ullmark was back in net for the first time in a week, but you would never know it from his solid play. Kudos to Boston, showing great resilience in bouncing back from a disappointing no-goal call in the third period, when Charlie Coyle found the back of the net for the 2-1 lead, but Craig Smith was instead whistled off for ‘Goaltender Interference,’ and the locals were able to kill off the penalty, and put it all behind them, as they focused ahead, to gain the important win!

Last night

(Wednesday), Boston was hosted by the Minnesota Wild, with the Bruins looking to expand their win streak to four for in a row, before moving on to face the Winnipeg Jets tomorrow (Friday at 8:00pm), then on to Montreal on Monday to battle with the Canadiens at 7:00pm), before making a trip to New York, to take on the New York Islanders (Tuesday at 7:30), and Zdeno Chara. Following a day off, the Bruins will prepare to welcome the Tampa Bay Lightning to the Garden on Thursday, in a 7:00pm start, to begin a five-game homestand with visits from Islanders, Toronto, New Jersey, and Columbus.

ICE CHIPS: The Boston Bruins will honor Nick Foligno’s 1,000th game milestone on Saturday, April 2nd when Boston hosts the Columbus Blue Jackets at TD Garden at 7 p.m. Foligno, who signed with the Bruins prior to the 2021-22 season, appeared in his 1,000th game on Tuesday, March 15 against the Chicago Blackhawks. The 6-foot, 210-pound forward was drafted in the 1st round, (28th overall) by the Ottawa Senators in the 2006 NHL entry draft. Foligno played five seasons for the Senators, scoring 61 goals and 87 assists for 148 points in 351 games. On July 1, 2012, Foligno was traded to the Columbus Blue Jackets, where he would spend the next nine seasons. In May 2015, Foligno was named the 6th captain in Columbus Blue Jackets history, and he served as the captain for each of the next five seasons. In 599 games with the Blue Jackets, Foligno recorded 142 goals and 192 assists for 334 points. Foligno ranks in the top-four all-time in Blue Jackets history for games

played (3rd), goals (4th), assists (3rd) and points (3rd). In 999 career games, Foligno has recorded 205 goals and 292 assists for 497 points.

Two additional signings by Boston included locals, Boston College forward Marc McLaughlin, and defenseman Mike Callahan. Boston Bruins General Manager Don Sweeney announced that the team has signed forward Marc McLaughlin to a two-year entry-level contract beginning this season with an annual NHL cap hit of \$883,750. McLaughlin, 22, spent the last four seasons at Boston College, serving as the captain for each of the previous two seasons. The 6-foot, 210-pound forward appeared in 130 career games with the Eagles, recording 40 goals and 36 assists for 76 points and a plus-30 rating. McLaughlin set his career high in goals (21), assists (11) and points (32) during his senior season in 2021-22. The North Billerica, MA native also represented team USA at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China, appearing in two games for the United States. Also, Sweeney announced today, March 14, that the team has signed defenseman Mike Callahan to a two-year entry-level contract beginning in 2022-23 with an annual NHL cap hit of \$883,750. Callahan, 22, spent the last four seasons at Providence College, serving as the captain for each of the previous three seasons. The 6-foot-2, 196-pound defenseman appeared in 136 career games with the Friars, recording 13 goals and 53 assists for 66 points and a plus-24 rating. Prior to attending Providence, the Franklin, Massachusetts native played in 60 games in the USHL with the Bloomington Thunder, Central Illinois Flying Aces and the Youngstown Phantoms. Over two seasons, Callahan recorded three goals and 15 assists for 18 points and a plus-three rating. Callahan was originally selected by the Arizona Coyotes in the fifth round (142nd overall) of the 2018 NHL Entry Draft.

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