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Chelsea resident Shahana Bhaduri, with her parents and friends and family members, was honored by the City Council on Monday night with a resolution for her volunteer efforts helping Ukrainian refugees.

## Council celebrates resident's international volunteer efforts

By Adam Swift

When others wondered what they could do to help refugees from the war in the Ukraine, recent Chelsea resident Shahana Bhaduri used her own money to travel to the Polish-Ukrainian border to lend a hand.

On Monday night, the City Council presented Bhaduri with a resolution celebrating her efforts helping Ukrainian refugees, as well as a host of other local and national volunteer efforts.

"We saw what was going on on our TVs in the Ukraine and were horrified by it," said Council President Roy Avellaneda, who introduced the motion. "(Bhaduri) is a friend of mine, and we're friends on Facebook, and I saw

her jump on a plane and go to the front lines of the crisis and go to Poland. She handed out oranges, bananas, umbrellas, whatever these refugees from the Ukraine needed as they were crossing and fleeing their homeland."

Avellaneda said Bhaduri's selfless and self-funded act should come as no surprise to anyone who knows her.

"During the pandemic, she was right there with some of the volunteers at St. Luke's during the food pantry," said Avellaneda. "If you get to know her and spoke to her about her past, she was there in 2015 in Greece helping the refugees who were coming over from Syria. It was the same situation and she just self funded and went out to go."

The council resolution also highlights Bhaduri's financial donations to nonprofits in Chelsea and her help in raising donations for a wide range of organizations, including Partners in Health Programs, which provides technical and financial assistance, medical supplies, and administrative support to partner programs in Haiti, Peru, Russia, Rwanda, Lesotho, Malawi, Mexico, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, the Dominican Republic, and Boston.

"Aside from that, anyone who knows her, her spirit is just so fun to be around, so positive, so I wanted to say thank you for what (she's) done," said Avellaneda.

Councilor-At-Large Damali Vidot, who said she just met Bhaduri before

Monday's meeting, praised her for her selflessness.

"In a world where we're seeing so much plight and violence and hate, it's so beautiful to know that people like you exist and I just want to thank you for what you do," Vidot said.

District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez said he met Bhaduri last year and thanked her for being a volunteer and a leader not just in Chelsea but also overseas.

Several councilors also praised Bhaduri's parents, who were in attendance at City Hall along with Bhaduri and several other family members and friends.

The council also read a resolution on Monday night celebrating the 100th birthday of Chelsea resident Katherine Stec.

## Wish List

Council to continue exploring community center and parking garage projects

By Adam Swift

A community center and a municipal parking garage have both been on the wish list for city councilors for a number of years.

But if the council wants to move ahead, it might have to pick one of the two major capital projects over the other.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero recently requested that Ambrosino consider the construction of a parking garage and a community center.

"I am aware that both of these building projects have been desired by the City Council for quite some time," Ambrosino replied in a letter to the council. "However, I honestly believe that, at this point, the Council will need to make a decision as to which of these buildings has the higher priority. While it is possible that the City could absorb the debt service for one of these buildings over the course of the next 3-5 years within its Capital Plan, it cannot afford both at once."

Ambrosino noted that he has put a placeholder of \$5 million in the city's capital improvement plan for the past several years, with a parking garage project currently listed in

the plans for fiscal year 2026.

"The amount of \$5 million is likely on the low side, but it might allow for the downpayment on a modest-sized structure on an existing City owned parcel such as the Chestnut Street parking lot," stated Ambrosino.

However, if the council prioritized the construction of a community center, Ambrosino said it would make more sense to use the \$5 million for that project.

"The cost of a legitimate community center is going to be significant, more in line with major public building construction," stated the city manager. "The City's Housing & Community Development Department has surveyed some other facilities, and it appears the cost of a decent sized facility, say 40,000 sq. feet, would likely run at least \$500 per sq. foot, which translates to \$20 million. This does not include any land acquisition costs, which likely would add several million to the price."

If the council did want to move forward with a community center project, Ambrosino recommended the creation of a subcommittee to look at potential sites for acquisition and

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## Keeping It Clean:

Mike Sandoval, Community Services Administrator, Chelsea DPW

By Scott Ruescher

Storytelling Associate, TND

In the course of an ordinary weekday, Mike Sandoval, Community Services Administrator in the Department of Public Works in Chelsea, might do any number of things. His mobile office, a sparkling white pick-up truck bearing the city seal on the driver's-side door, allows for lots of multi-tasking.

Driving from DPW headquarters on the other side of the Tobin underpasses from downtown Chelsea, Mike might deliver two-wheeled recycling and solid-waste barrels, stacked three barrels high in the bed of the truck, to houses (and apartment



Mike Sandoval of the Chelsea DPW.

buildings with eight units or fewer) that terrace the slopes of Mount Bellingham, with views across nearby Logan International and the harbor to downtown Boston. Then, on the way back to the DPW to pick up more barrels for, say, homes on tonier Admirals Hill, on the bank of the Mystic River where the naval hospital used to stand, he might stop on the busy commercial stretch of Broadway and pull over to the curb to check on things.

Wherever he goes in this geographically en-

closed barrio—bordered by the Mystic River, the Tobin Bridge, Mill River, and Chelsea Creek—he goes with the intent of keeping the common spaces of Chelsea as clean and presentable as can be, and with the knowledge that an individual sense of responsibility for that is at least as essential to the creation of a healthy community as any legislated rule might be. "I am blessed to meet a lot of people on this job," he says, "and to spend a lot of my time encouraging people to help us meet our commu-

nity standards." It's public education work at the grassroots—or maybe the sidewalk—level.

Stepping from the truck to walk his beat, he might call a colleague at headquarters to report a particularly deep pothole he came across back on Washington Avenue, a street that winds among the hills of Chelsea in the path of the pre-Columbian trails of the Winnisimmet tribe of Abenakis. While doing so—still talking on his cell phone—he might spot a tree branch fallen across the sidewalk and be in the process of kneeling to retrieve it when, lo and behold, an old acquaintance, a fellow native of Honduras—a beaming older compatriota from the Mosquito Coast on the Caribbean—breaks into a big smile, in his bright blue running suit, and waves hello from across the street. "¡Buen día, Miguel!"

On the way back to the truck, Mike might reflect

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District 5 Councilor Judith García, pictured with her mother, Reina Burgos, at the Campaign Kickoff Dinner at Tu Casa Restaurant.

## Judith García hosts kick-off fundraiser for State Rep. campaign in Chelsea

Staff Report

Chelsea City Councilor, community leader, and current candidate for State Representative Judith García hosted a 100-seat dinner party in the heart of Chelsea at Tu Casa Restaurante y Bar in Chelsea, Massachusetts on Friday, April 15. The program was entirely bilingual to accommodate both English and Spanish speakers.

Community activists Irma Mazzoni and Jose Dubon delivered the welcome toast, and local singers Dania "La Catrachita" Hernández and Wilbert "El Buki Mayor" Sánchez each performed several songs for the dancing guests. Introducing García to the stage was youth activist Manuel Teshe. Teshe spoke of his experience attending Chelsea

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# CPS and CPD partner to offer Youth Internship Academy

Special to the Record

“I always wanted to learn about law enforcement and criminal justice,” pondered Chelsea High School sophomore Cleny Reyes.

For Reyes and a cohort of her fellow Chelsea High School students, that interest is being developed through their participation in the Youth Internship Academy, a partnership with the Chelsea Police Department to offer students hands-on experience to learn about law enforcement and criminal justice.

This spring, a group of 12 students is participating in the Youth Internship Academy. The academy is structured to offer students both in-classroom learning opportunities, and physical training with CPD School Resource Officers (SRO). The structure provides students with a holistic view of law enforcement, and provides a lens into all the career paths available to them. Topics/instructors that students have learned about/ from include:

- CPD Drug Unit
- History of Policing
- Military
- CPD Downtown Task-force & Substance Abuse
- Physical Training (PT)
- Drill and Ceremony
- Run Hide Fight (The

Police Department’s Perspective)

- Motor Vehicle Law
- Nutrition
- Identification/Field Interrogation and Observation
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- Criminal Investigation Division
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- Crime Analysis
- Recruitment, Scenarios & Public Speaking
- Gang Unit
- Defensive Tactics
- Domestic Violence
- Tours of Nashua Street Jail, 911 Dispatch Center, CPD & the Chelsea Courthouse

The Youth Internship Academy occurs on four days from Monday-Thursday for two hours after school. On Friday’s, the students meet with the Pathways, Internship and School to Work Manager Geymi Santana Francisco to discuss the internship and receive support if needed.

Reyes believes that the content of the internship and its structure has helped her immensely. “It has benefitted me a lot academically. I was not paying attention in school. This class with the police academy helped me a lot with how to stay focused in school and doing my work.”

School Resource Officer (SRO) David Batchelor Jr. has been an SRO for seven years, and a member of the Chelsea Police Department (CPD) for 11 years. He along with Officers Maria Barbosa and Garrison Daniel run the Youth Internship Academy. The CPD team coordinates the presence of guest instructors, develops the course materials for the students, and establishes the regiment of physical training that the students partake in.

The PT is a core element of the academy experience, but it is more than just working out. Members of CPD teach the students discipline through a variety of ways including regular exercise, but also through following commands such as at ease, attention, and teaching students how to stand in formation. Batchelor reports that the positive results of this routine are seen in just a few weeks. Students go from, at the start of the internship, gathering in a circle prior to begin PT to standing in military formation awaiting instruction. The PT component is where Batchelor sees a lot of development and benefit for the CHS students.

“They end up loving to do it. They are scared at the beginning. They don’t

know what to expect, but by the end that’s their favorite part. They love doing it. And the discipline that comes with it is something that these students will never forget. They’ll carry it with them off the field and into the classroom. A big part of this academy is discipline and respect. We try to really preach that throughout the whole course.”

Students are not required to have any prior experience with any sort of PT, and the CPD officers proceed at whatever pace is necessary to ensure that students learn and are safe while working out.

Reyes expressed how pleased she was in how the officers work with the students to help them exercise. “Not all of us have experience working out, and I thought we weren’t going to be supported with that. Like we would go straight into lifting 50 pounds [or something like that], but we are developing. I feel really supported that they [CPD officers] don’t judge us.”

Every year, the Youth Internship Academy develops good habits in students, and creates an opportunity for students to receive credit while learning about the law enforcement field. It supports a pathway to careers upon graduation from CHS. In the past seven years, multiple academy graduates have gone on to enlist in the military. Batchelor even believes that they are close to seeing former Academy students take the police exam, which you must be 21 to take.

Over his seven years of work in schools, Batchelor is particularly proud of one fact about the Youth Internship Academy. “We have not had one student quit. Not one. They’ve all stuck it out. They’ve all gone through it. They enjoy it.”

Reyes is a student who, upon learning about the Academy, was attracted to it as it relates to her desire to potentially enlist in the military one day. It has provided her with real-world insight into law enforcement, and all the different career paths that exist in criminal justice. The experience has also personalized police officers for her:

“When I was little, I always thought that as policemen, you had to find criminals and stuff. Just like cops and robbers. But then they explained to us that there were different branches like detectives, people that help with computers and technical stuff, and all that. There are a lot of different jobs in the po-

lice force.”

Batchelor also observed that the Academy enlightens its students on all that encompasses being on the police force. “I think the students definitely see all of policing, and not just what you see on TV. They experience the different aspects of policing.”

Chelsea Chief of Police Brian Kyes added, “My Officers have informed me that the students involved in this program are not only learning a great deal about local policing in an urban environment but they are also building formidable long lasting relationships based on mutual trust and respect. The same holds true for those who wear the uniform. What better way to bridge the existing gap of uncertainty than to get together and see each other for what we really are. This program certainly furthers that interest and is absolutely a win-win for everyone involved.”

Reyes delivered a succinct response when asked if there was anything else that she has enjoyed about the Academy:

“I think that being with police officers is really cool.”

## Roberto Jiménez-Rivera First to Qualify for the Ballot in New Chelsea-Everett State Representative District

Chelsea School Committee member Roberto to Jiménez-Rivera announced Friday that he has qualified for the ballot in this year’s election for State Representative. “I’m excited to be the first candidate to get on the ballot in this race, which is a huge milestone for our campaign,” said Mr. Jiménez-Rivera. “People are enthusiastic about our new district, and I’ve been having great conversations with our neighbors.”

After being split into two districts for decades, Chelsea was brought together in a brand-new district through the decennial redistricting process. Because the Census count for Chelsea was not enough for a Chelsea-only district, the district also includes one precinct from Everett. Everett, after having only one State Representative for many years, was split into three districts because it had too



Roberto Jimenez is pictured with his family in Chelsea as he began his trip to Boston to submit his nomination papers for state representative in the 11th Suffolk District.

much population for one district..

“Chelsea and Everett deserve a State Rep who will not only lift our voices, but organize to get things done,” said Mr. Jiménez-Rivera. “Our cities face many of the same challenges, and I believe regional solutions will be better in the long run. That’s why I organized with leaders from both cities to ensure that we received the millions of

dollars that our students were promised. We have to keep working together to improve our schools, to prevent our residents from being pushed out, and to protect people from the harm caused by corporate polluters and climate change. In the next few months, I believe the residents of Everett will see in me the tireless advocate that I have been for Chelsea.”

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design options.

“Just keep in mind that, in addition to the one-time acquisition and building costs, such a community center building would require yearly operating expenses within the City’s annual budgets,”

Ambrosino stated, with housing and community development estimating it would require a commitment of about \$1.5 million annually.

“It’s hard to choose which one you would want to have,” said Re-

cupero, who asked that there be further discussion about the issue in a sub-committee on conference. “I’d like to get it all with time ... and figure out a way to achieve what this city has needed for a very long time.”

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### OUR DRIVING IS WORSE THAN EVER, SO THIS IS NO TIME TO REDUCE TRAFFIC STOPS

Pundits and some politicians recently have been calling for a reduction in the enforcement of minor traffic offenses by our police.

We respectfully, and strongly, disagree.

Thanks to a number of factors, our roadways are more dangerous than ever. In 2020, there were 38,680 deaths on U.S. roadways, the most since 2007, even though pandemic precautions had dramatically reduced driving because people were staying at home.

In 2021, overall traffic fatalities continued to rise at a record pace. Nearly 32,000 people were killed in vehicle crashes in the first nine months of 2021, a 12 percent increase from the same period in 2020, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

It was the highest number of fatalities during the first nine months of any year since 2006 and the highest percentage increase during the first nine months of a year in the reporting system’s history.

Why are Americans driving more recklessly than ever?

We believe a number of factors are at play, including an increase in drug and alcohol use during the pandemic, the decline in the use of seat belts, a huge increase in distracted driving because of the use of electronic devices, and a general disdain for societal restrictions that have spilled-over into a disregard for speed limits, stop signs, etc. on our roadways.

The rise in motor vehicle deaths follows other pandemic-era trends: Alcohol sales have soared, drug overdoses have set new records, and homicides have seen their biggest year-over-year increase on record.

In light of these alarming trends and statistics, suggesting that our police should curtail traffic-law enforcement is nonsensical.

We realize that routine traffic stops often are fraught with peril, both for the officers and for members of the public, as happened once again with the recent tragic shooting of a Black man by a white officer in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

However, in an interview with 60 Minutes on Sunday, the new mayor of New York, Eric Adams, noted that we must do more to ensure that effective police enforcement is coupled with respectful, non-abusive police behavior. Those concepts are not inherently mutually-exclusive.

Moreover, said Adams, “If you don’t have public safety, everything crumbles.”

The ancient Romans put it this way, “Let the safety of the people be the highest law of the land.”

That is as true today as it was 2100 years ago -- and that is especially true on our streets and highways.

### PUTIN’S UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE

If you listen to chatter of the pundits and politicians, there seems to a debate about whether Russia is engaging in genocide in Ukraine.

Obviously, we aren’t experts in international law. So we looked up the definition of genocide according to the Genocide Convention, which came together in the aftermath of WWII.

Genocide is defined as any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group:

- Killing members of the group;
- Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; or
- Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part.

Putin is perpetrating all of these acts upon the people of Ukraine. From the outset of the invasion, he said that Ukraine “is not even a country” and that Russia needed to “de-Nazify” it -- codewords for obliterating Ukraine and its people.

Russian forces are indiscriminately bombing, murdering, torturing, starving, and raping civilians. Russian forces have herded hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian citizens onto trains and forcibly transported them to central Russia, where they await an uncertain fate.

The ceaseless bombing campaign against non-military targets has the only goal of wiping Ukrainian cities and towns from the face of the earth. Russian soldiers even have been going into libraries and destroying any books written in the Ukrainian language.

In short, Vladimir Putin is the 21st century equivalent of Hitler and Stalin, both of whom were genocidal sociopaths.

We hope and pray that our government and the rest of the civilized world will do everything conceivable to stop Putin’s barbarous genocide of the Ukrainian people.

# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Finding hope and life before death

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Most of us have wondered about life beyond the grave. Many today are in search of life before the grave. Given what many people traditionally believe about heaven, eternity and life beyond, it would certainly seem very valuable to think about a life beyond. However, what about life here?

The Ukrainian people wake up every day to fight, survive or hide another day. They fight for life and freedom. Why? Life and freedom are worth something.

How much are life and freedom worth? What does it mean to you to hug your spouse or loved one? How much do you enjoy laughing with family, friends or at a funny tv show? How good does it feel to do something you enjoy? Cooking a meal, music, reading, your faith

assembly, grandkids or enjoying a sunny or rainy day. Life is living and enjoying our living.

God didn’t make us to be miserable. We make ourselves miserable. Sickness makes us miserable. Addictions destroy us and others. Death of the people we love zaps us and creates major voids in our lives. Yet, life can only be lived forward and often this is where we get stuck. Too often we put our cars in park and start watching the world go by us. We look in the rear view mirror. Life is whizzing by and we can’t seem to get our foot back on the accelerator to start moving again. This becomes a very stagnate and unhappy way to live. Actually, it’s not a life at all.

Living before you die must have some routine. Go to work. Go someplace. Do something. It

doesn’t have to be exotic or glorious. Often routine is the same thing every day. There is some peace in routine. When our routine and entire lives are shaken, like what is happening in Ukraine, then every minute is about surviving another day.

Survival mode for you may be doctor’s visits. Making a plan for the next five years or year of your life. Reconnecting to some family or a friend or two. Making peace with the past and embracing today.

The key word for life is hope. Peace is another key word but peace doesn’t exist without hope. If we have hope we can look forward to life. We hope we have enough health. We hope we have enough money. The people of Ukraine have hope they can overcome Russia. This keeps many of them

going. Many have fled the country in search of hope.

Find the hope you need to embrace the rest of your life. Hope in family, friends, hobbies and much more is good. Just be very aware, even they may disappoint you. Mainly, find hope in you. God didn’t make junk. Too often, life, events, mistakes, and sometimes even people we are close to make it difficult for us to see our worth and it tarnishes our spirit.

Hope is an inside job that starts now.

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

### Community forum focuses on public health

By Adam Swift

Chelsea Black Community/Chelsea Young Adult Alliance focused on public health with their latest virtual community conversation on Tuesday evening.

The groups have been meeting with city and school departments to discuss the progress since the Black Lives Matter movement of 2020. Tuesday, Chelsea Public Health Director Flor Amaya highlighted how the city’s vaccination efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic can serve as a model for addressing a wide range of public health issues, especially for the city’s BIPOC population.

“I think the way the community approached Covid vaccination rates was an example of how to bring health equity into the forefront,” said Amaya. “Representation is really important for trust building, so really relying on our trusted leaders, community based organizations to really help out with that messaging. It’s important to continue assessing what are the barriers even when access is there for people to go through the door and get the services that they need.”

The community meetings allow each department to publicly discuss its efforts to address disparities, highlight progress made in the last two years, and share plans of action and goals to reduce community and systemic inequalities over the next three months.

Amaya said she is proud of the way the city came together to ensure Chelsea ended up with one of the highest vaccination rates in the state, adding that the cooperation can be a starting point in addressing equity in public health issues.

“When I think of the future of the public health department, it’s really using that as the jumpstart, the platform,” Amaya said.

Addressing public health issues, especially those that impact traditionally marginalized communities, will take continued cooperation and outreach between city departments and outside providers and organizations, Amaya said.

“Public health is an intersection of our lived environment, and it’s not just one department making it all happen, it would be impossible, the department of public health in Chelsea is literally two people,” said Amaya. “It really takes all of us, because if

we are thinking of health equity, it is individuals’ ability to achieve their maximum health potential without being impacted or disadvantaged by social systems that are in place. We can only achieve that by working across departments and across the different structures that create a public health system.”

During a robust question and answer session, Amaya was asked about the steps the public health department and the city are taking to address mental health issues in the city.

“When you are primarily a BIPOC environment, you tend to see mental illness among BIPOC individuals, it’s criminalized sometimes,” said Jayde Umemba of the CBC.

Amaya said the city currently contracts with CAPIC to provide wrap-around services including health services and clinical care. She said the city also has a Navigator program where people can respond to and identify avenues of help for residents who may have mental health issues.

“They are currently out in the community, building trust with a ‘hello, hi, how are you,’ because it takes time for our residents who are suffering from substance use disorders and mental illness to trust individuals and trust that we are there for their best interests,” Amaya said. “Through this pipeline, through identifying residents who may need help, building that trust, I think they are able to better refer them, whether it is to counseling at Suffolk Mental Health or for immediate acute response.”

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Public Schools, which he cites as the reason he received a full scholarship to Bucknell University. He acknowledged García’s contribution to Chelsea’s public schools, her work “on the frontlines of the battle with COVID-19,” and her “willingness to fight for our community” as he invited García to speak.

García related her life-long commitment to her community, recalling that “the minute I left Chelsea High School to attend college – I knew I wanted to come back to Chelsea to take a stand against the inequalities that are rooted in our community. So after college, I returned to Chelsea to help hundreds of families secure free or affordable health insurance.

And in 2015, seeing the lack of representation at the city council, I stepped up and decided to run for office. There is no better way to make changes than being part of the change. As one of the youngest candidates in the history of Chelsea, I went out there and did the work, earned the votes, and together we ran and we won!” Her city council



State Representative Candidate Judith Garcia is pictured with some of the many friends and supporters who attended her Campaign Kickoff Dinner April 15 at Tu Casa Restaurant.

race would not be her first history-making campaign. García is currently the first woman and the first Latina

to run for this newly created state representative seat for Chelsea and Everett.

She highlighted some

of her accomplishments as a city councilor, including a \$5 million dollar investment in Chelsea’s down-

town, \$14k grants for small businesses to refurbish their storefronts, rental assistance regardless of immigration status, and a \$1.5 million COVID-19 small business emergency relief fund.

“For generations, Chelsea and Everett have been denied a chair at the table where decisions get made. Now we get a chair. And to make the most of it – to capitalize on this history-making moment – we need to make sure the person sitting in it has the experience and expertise, the track record and the relationships, the connections and the trust to make sure the voices of this community come with her. And yes – I said ‘her.’ Because I am the one, and together we will make history.”

The Democratic primary for 11th Suffolk will be on September 6, 2022, and the general election will be on November 8, 2022.

Learn more at [electjudithgarcia.com](http://electjudithgarcia.com).



Karla Lopez (and baby), Cindy Teshe, Candidate for State Representative Judith Garcia, Dulce Custodio, Marta Bayles, Claudia Alcazar, and Liset Alcazar.



Dania La Catrachita was the featured singer at the Campaign Kickoff for Judith Garcia.



District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia, candidate for state representative, with campaign supporter, Halida Huzeirovic.



Judith Garcia, candidate for state representative, with supporters, Cindy Teshe and Manuel Teshe.




State Representative Candidate Judith Garcia, with Frander Dubon and Jose Dubon.



From left, Lizet Vazquez, Martha Alcazar, Candidate for State Representative Judith Garcia, Jarisel Vazquez, and Claudia Carreto.



From left, Abigail Hanson, Alejandro Perez, Diego Moreno, Judith Garcia, Anna Sophie Tinneney, and Ramon Soto.

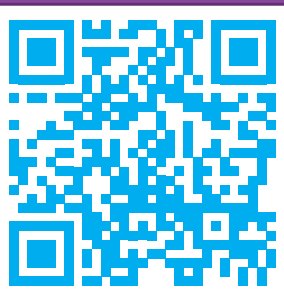


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## TEMPLE EMMANUEL HOLDS PASSOVER SEDER

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Temple Emmanuel celebrated Passover with a festive seder on the second night of the Jewish holiday.

Rabbi Oksana Chapman led the group in blessings and songs from the Haggadah.

Temple President Sara Lee Callahan thanked the members of the congregation and other guests for their continuing support of the synagogue.



Murray Novak and Dotty Novak, pictured with Barbara Kamens at the Temple Emmanuel Passover Seder.



Sharon Minkovitz and Carl Minkovitz, enjoying the Passover Seder at Temple Emmanuel.



Temple Emmanuel President Sara Lee Callahan greets Elijah the Prophet at the Passover Seder.



David McKeough, Esther Berkowitz, Sue Huberman, and Sharon Minkovitz, pictured at the Passover Seder at Temple Emmanuel.



Seated, Sheldon Young, Jordan Young, Sandra Padulsky, and Morton Padulsky. Standing, Lynda Diamond, Sarah Diamond, Karen Poverman, and Steven Poverman.



The leaders of Temple Emmanuel's Passover Seder, Temple President Sara Lee Callahan, Esther Berkowitz, Rabbi Oksana Chapman, Steve Vider, Cindy Millman, and Dotty Novak.



Samantha Buntich, Adam Beirsto, Rachael Beirsto, Ellen Goldstick, Sue Huberman, and Sam McSweeney.



Sarah Diamond (right) and members of the Kaufman family led the guests in performing Passover songs.



The Kaufman and McKeough families are pictured during the Passover Seder at Temple Emmanuel.



Seated, Edythe Shuman, Charlie Director, Murray Novak, and Dotty Novak. Standing, Louis Abrams, Steve Vider, Cindy Millman, and Beverly Feinstein.

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# Sports

## CHS IN SOFTBALL ACTION AGAINST LYNN CLASSICAL

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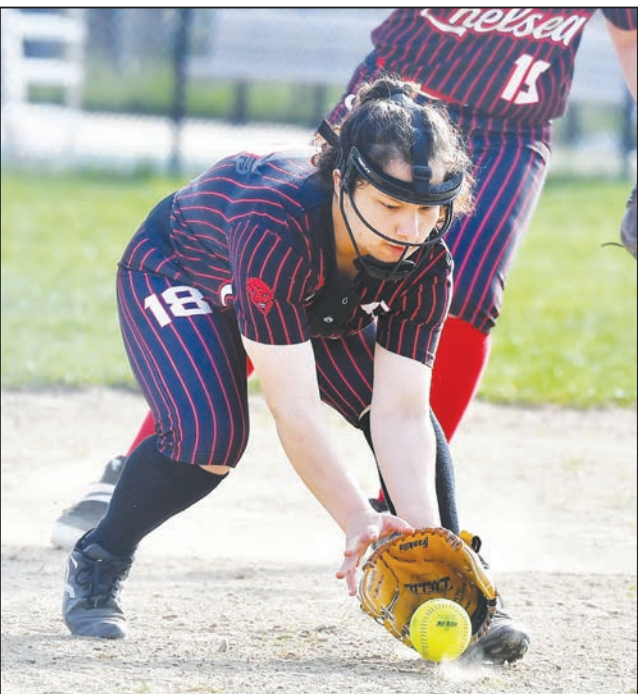
Janeishelly Morales blasted a home run, but it was not enough as Chelsea fell to Lynn Classical 16-1 in softball Monday at Carter Field.



**MAKING THE PLAY:** Shortstop Yareliz Gonzalez Falcon prepares to throw to first base.



**HOMEWARD BOUND:** Janeishelly Morales rounds third as coach Gena Restaino gives her the go sign for Morales inside-the-park homerun.



**HOT CORNER:** Third baseman Adriana Canelas makes a play at third base.



**TAKING A LEAD:** Emily Rojop Lopez(29), who had walked, takes a lead off first base



**SOLID STOP:** Second baseman Ada Figueroa sets herself as she fields a ground ball.



**STRONG SWING:** Adriana Canelas takes her swing at a pitch.



**DEFENSIVE EFFORT:** Pitcher Janeishelly Morales comes off mound to field a slow roller back to the box.



**ON THE PLATE:** Pitcher Janeishelly Morales fires a strike.

### CHS ROUNDUP

#### CHS GIRLS TRACK TEAM CRUISES TO 90-31 WIN

The Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team handily dispatched Greater Boston League rival Somerville, 91-30, this past Thursday. The Lady Red Devils captured 10 of the 14 individual events. Gizelle Rodriguez was a stellar performer for Chelsea. Gizelle took first place in the javelin with a throw of 88’-5.5”; first in the 100 dash; first in the 800 in 2:33.9; and second in the long jump with a flight of 14’-1” to tally 18 points on the day. Jasmine Maradiaga won two events, the high jump with a leap of 4’-4” and the 400 meter hurdles in a time of 80.5. Jasmine also took second in the 400 dash in 73.9 to record 13 points for the Chelsea cause. Kiara Ramirez was a double-winner, topping the field in the shot-put with a toss of 24’-7” and the discus with a spin of 53’-11.” Valerie Ramirez finished first in the triple

jump with a final landing of 27’-4” and grabbed second in the 100 dash. Giselle Olivar captured the 100 high hurdles in a time of 19.5 and took second in the 400 hurdles in a clocking of 82.9. Holly Hatleberg earned first in the two-mile run with a clocking of 16:59.8. The Lady Red Devils also won both the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays. Adding three points to the CHS side of the score-sheet with second-place performances were: Lamari Davis in the shot with a throw of 24’-4”; Angelina Agostini in the discus with a toss of 53’-8”; Darily Sanchez in the javelin with a throw of 63’-1” and in the 200 dash in a time of 29.1; Lauren Nadow in the 100 hurdles in 22.8; and Rosalinda Rojas in the mile in 7:01.7; Contributing single points with third-place performances were: Davis in the discus (53’-5”); Nadow in the javelin (49’-4.5”); Keri Hernandez in the 100 dash and the 200 dash (33.7); Jada Amezcuita in the 400 dash

(81.4); and Reina Moreira in the 800 (3:19.1). Coach Cesar Hernandez and his crew are scheduled to host Everett today (Thursday) and Malden next Thursday at Chelsea Stadium. **BOYS TRACK TEAM BATTLES SOMERVILLE** Although the Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team came up on the short end of a 77-58 decision at Somerville last Thursday, a number of coach Cesar Hernandez’s Red Devil squad turned in outstanding performances. Emmanuel Simon scored 14 points for Chelsea. Emmanuel won the triple jump with a distance of 39’-9” and took the 100 dash with a sprint of 11.6; grabbed second in the 200 dash in 24.5; and took third in the long jump with a leap of 18’-1.5”. Ali Warsame also had a nice day. Ali captured the long jump with a flight of 20’-5.5”; took second in the 400 dash in 53.8 (which was just 0.2 behind

the winner); and took third in the triple jump (37’-10”) for a total of nine points. Markland Richards won the shot-put with a toss of 39’-0.5” Adding three points to the Chelsea tally with second-place finishes were: Henry Martinez in the shot-put with a throw of 33’-9.75”; Jeffrey Ponce in the discus with a spin of 85’-1”; Carlos Jiminez Flores in the javelin with a throw of 114’-9”; Nate Nadow in the 400 hurdles in a clocking of 67.5; Gary Giron in the 100 hurdles with a time of 19.4; Alexander Estrada in the mile in 5:15.3; and Ian Padilla in the two-mile in 11:36.5. Contributing single points with third-place performances were: Nasir Adams in the 200 dash (25.3); Nadow in the 800 (2:18.9); Alejandro Zepe-da in the mile (5:24); and Johnny Maldonado in the two-mile in 12:30.5. The Red Devils are scheduled to host Everett today (Thursday) and Malden next Thursday at the stadium.



**CHASING IT DOWN:** Rightfielder Marilin Esmerelda Romero chases after a fly ball that sailed past her for an extra-base hit.

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## ROLLINS OFFICIALLY SWORN IN AS US ATTORNEY GENERAL

Courtesy photos

Local officials got to witness history with the Investiture of our sister in-service and friend U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins. last Friday.

Rollins is a trailblazing champion for justice and is the first Black woman to serve the District of Massachusetts as an US Attorney.

Both Robinson and Avellaneda endorsed her as candidate for Suffolk County DA.

Early in the pandemic, Rollins and her DA staff

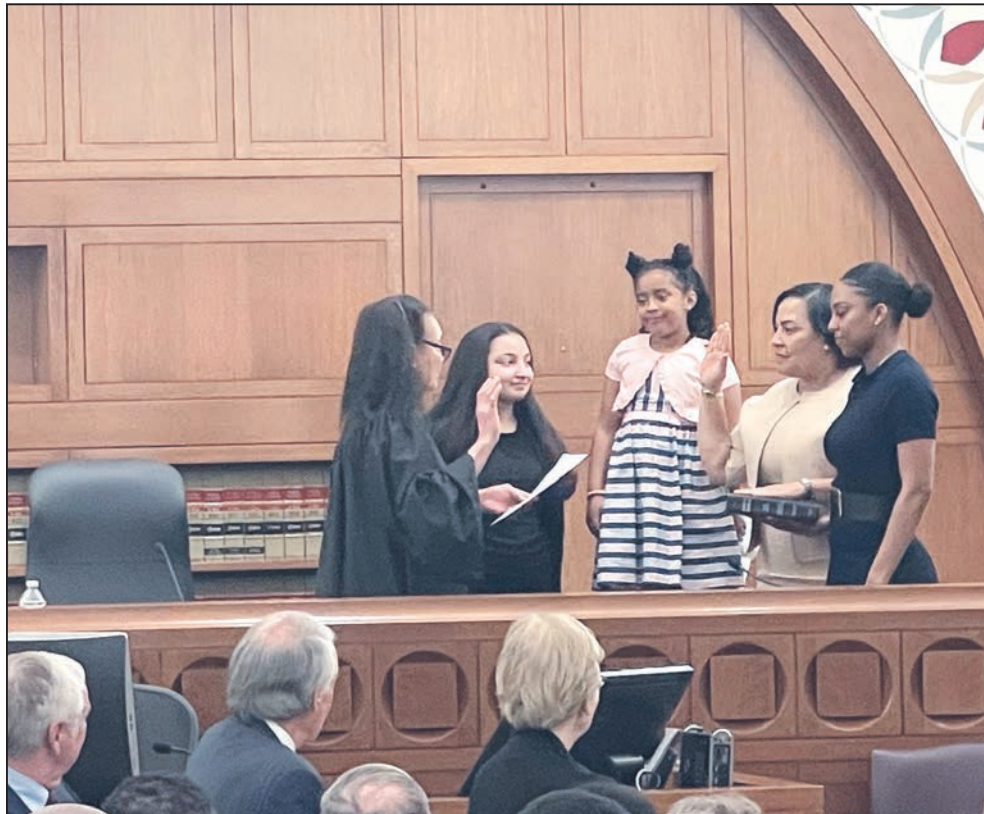


William Weld and Roy Avellaneda.

were regular volunteers pantry. at La Colaborativa food



Roy Avellaneda with U.S. Attorney General Rachel Rollins, Kim Janey and Chelsea Councilor Leo Robinson.



Rachel Rollins takes the Oath of office beside her daughter and nieces.

## MassDevelopment announces another round of TDI Creative Catalyst grants

Staff Report

MassDevelopment announced the availability of \$500,000 in funding for a new round of the Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) Creative Catalyst Grant, a competitive grant program for eligible Gateway Cities that supports locally initiated, public-facing projects that advance arts- and culture-based economic development and neighborhood revitalization. Individuals and organizations proposing projects in and near current and former TDI districts in Attleboro, Barnstable, Brockton, Chelsea, Chicopee, Fall River, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lawrence, Peabody, Pittsfield, Revere, Worcester (Main South), and Worcester (Theatre District) are eligible to apply. Grant awards will range from approximately \$20,000 to \$40,000 for individual projects, and from approximately \$60,000 to \$100,000 for clusters of projects in the same geographic area.

“MassDevelopment’s intensive, hands-on Transformative Development Initiative for Gateway Cities has become a proven model for stimulating economic development in underinvested communities,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, who serves as chair of MassDevelopment’s Board of Directors. “With the support of the Barr Foundation, MassDevelopment has been able to help Gateway Cities foster art and creative infrastructure as a mechanism to hone their identity and drive place-based economic growth.”

“If you have an idea for an arts or cultural project that will build vibrancy and community in a Gateway City downtown or neighborhood commercial center, our TDI Creative Catalyst Grant can provide the flexible resources to turn that concept into reality,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Dan Rivera. “MassDevelopment is grateful for the continued support of the Barr Foundation as we center arts and culture in our efforts to advance economic growth in Gateway Cities.”

Launched in 2019, MassDevelopment’s TDI Creative Catalyst Grant is made possible by the Barr Foundation, which has awarded \$4.4 million



Apollinaire Theatre Company in Chelsea used a portion of a \$75,000 TDI Creative Catalyst grant awarded last year to develop an interactive performance of “Romeo and Juliet” throughout downtown Chelsea, which took place in August 2021 and served as a proof of concept for the city and neighboring businesses by chronicling how temporary street closures promoted foot traffic through the Broadway Corridor.

since 2019 to MassDevelopment to create and administer arts-based programming for Gateway Cities. Through its first two rounds, TDI Creative Catalyst Grant has awarded \$960,000 in grants to 17 organizations to support public art, community theatres, public markets and gardens, artist spaces, and other projects.

“We are excited to support the Creative Catalyst Grant program to fund locally-led projects in Gateway Cities that engage residents, test out new ideas, and support local artists and creative entrepreneurs,” said Barr Foundation Senior Program Officer for Arts & Creativity Giles Li. “Massachusetts’ cities are stronger and more connected when communities are able to invest in themselves.”

Applicants for the new round can find the full Request for Proposals and details about upcoming informational webinars at [massdevelopment.com/TDICCG](https://massdevelopment.com/TDICCG). Applications are due by May 18, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

MassDevelopment’s Transformative Development Initiative works with cross-sector partnerships in targeted commercial districts in Gateway Cities in order to engage community members, implement local economic development initiatives, and spur further public and private investment. Since 2015, MassDevelopment has invested \$20 million in TDI districts through tools such as technical as-

sistance, real estate investments, grant programs, and fellows who work in the districts. That investment has directly influenced over \$100.2 million in public and private investments in the districts, and assisted an additional \$219.9 million.

Defined by the Massachusetts General Laws, Gateway Cities are small to midsized cities in Massachusetts (population of between 35,000 and 250,000) that anchor regional economies around the state, with below state average household incomes and educational attainment rates. The Legislature defines 26 Gateway Cities in Massachusetts, including Attleboro, Barnstable, Brockton, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Fitchburg, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lawrence, Leominster, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Methuen, New Bedford, Peabody, Pittsfield, Quincy, Revere, Salem, Springfield, Taunton, Westfield, and Worcester.

MassDevelopment, the state’s development finance agency and land bank, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. During FY2021, MassDevelopment financed or managed 416 projects generating investment of more than \$1.86 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 6,578 jobs and build or preserve 1,909 housing units.

### CHS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AMANDA ALPERT RECEIVES ENDICOTT SPORTS LEADERSHIP AWARD



Chelsea High School Director of Athletics Amanda Alpert (right) was the recipient of the Endicott College School of Sport Science’s Alumni Graduate Sport Leadership Award. Alpert was honored for her exceptional “leadership, guidance, and service within the sports industry.” In addition to having a distinguished career in the fields of athletics and education, Alpert is also an outstanding professional football player for the Boston Renegades, helping the team win several national championships.

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CHELSEA’S BONGIOVANNI, MALTEZ COMPLETE BOSTON MARATHON RUN



Roseann Bongiovanni stops at Mile 17.5 to greet her husband, Sandro, and children, Luca and Louisa.



GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni and Reading Town Manager Fidel Maltez share a few smiles with Fidel’s family and friends, Luca Shoaf-Kozak, Maria Belen Power, Maya Power-Maltez, and Joaquin Shoaf-Kozak.



GreenRoots Board Vice Chair Grace Muwin and Stacy Amaral watch the Marathon at the hills in Newton.



Roseann Bongiovanni, with her husband, Sandro, children, Louisa and Luca, and parents, Nino Bongiovanni and Donna Bongiovanni, after completing her in the 76th Boston Marathon on April 18.



Roseann Bongiovanni and Fidel Maltez, with some of their supporters at the Boston Marathon, including GreenRoots Vice Chair Sandra Perdomo and her daughter, Arianna.

GREENROOTS PLANTS TREES ON MAVERICK STREET



Volunteers assisted GreenRoots in its cleanup effort near City Hall on Earth Day, April 22.



On Friday, together with the Chelsea DPW and the state DCR’s Greening the Gateway Program, GreenRoots planted 47 trees on Maverick Street in Chelsea.

GREENROOTS WELCOMES CONGRESSWOMAN PRESSLEY



GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni (right) and Associate Executive Director Maria Belen Power (left) welcome Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley to an Energy Justice event at GreenRoots headquarters in Chelsea.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

DAY SQUARE PROJECT APPROVED

EAST BOSTON - At its April board meeting the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved the large mixed-use development pitched for the Day Square area.

Developer Redgate submitted a Project Notification Form with the BPDA last year and wants to transform a 50,000 square foot lot at 355 Bennington St. into a six-story building containing the 170 dwelling units, ground floor retail, accessory parking, and amenities and services for building residents. The rental housing project includes 82 parking spaces and the 7,000 square foot retail space.

The site, which currently houses a single-story commercial business and paved lot, is bounded by Bremen Street, Bennington Street, the Martin A. Coughlin Bypass Road, and Excel Academy Charter School.

Redgate plans to demolish the existing building and construct the new six-story building.

After a few initial community meetings the developer has already dropped the number of units from 180 to 170 and concluded an online survey to get feedback from residents on what they would like to see happen at the site. The survey asked residents what amenities, benefits, changes, additions, retail space uses and improvements that can be made in Day Square to make it more user friendly.

In its approval statement the BPDA wrote the site is, "an underutilized lot on the eastern edge of East Boston's Day Square will be redeveloped to provide 170 new residential units, including 24 income-restricted units, while unlocking key pedestrian and transit con-

nections in East Boston".

"The project site at 355 Bennington is critical to the community vision laid out in PLAN: East Boston, an active planning initiative led by the BPDA, to connect the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway and the Silver Line to Day Square," wrote the BPDA. "Also in line with PLAN: East Boston, the developer has agreed to construct streetscape improvements along Bennington and Bremen Streets to support the revitalization of Day Square and to establish the new pedestrian and bicycle amenities in the neighborhood.

HEARING ABOUT CIP

EVERETT - With the Everett School Committee ready to discuss and possibly vote on the upcoming budget that will total more than \$108 million at its meeting on April 25, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will certainly be a major topic of discussion.

At the meeting on April 11, School Committee members heard from Assistant Superintendent Charles Obremski about the many projects that are being planned for the budgets covering Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 through FY2027.

With overcrowding occurring in almost every school in the city, Obremski was seeking to earmark more than \$2M for modular classrooms at the Keverian School. Currently, the Keverian, which was built to hold 650 students, already is more than 300 students over its capacity.

Committeeman Michael McLaughlin seemed to echo his colleagues regarding the CIP presentation by Obremski.

"This is a great plan," he said. "However, there is an immediate need for handicapped accessibility

at the Parlin Junior High School."

Obremski had earmarked between \$2M-\$3.5M to make Parlin handicapped-accessible in the FY25 budget. However, the unofficial consensus among the committee was to move this Parlin project up on the time list and to be accomplished this year.

The FY23 CIP of more than \$6.7M includes many regularly-scheduled maintenance projects through the district, such as repairing the leaking roof over the gymnasium at Everett High School, updating the phone system, repairing the Webster School roof, replacing the gym floor at the Whittier School, and repairing the kitchen area appliances at the Lafayette School.

Obremski noted that all of these maintenance projects are sorely needed and that many of the items on the list, such as the gym floor at the Whittier School (which is 44 years old), already have exceeded their projected useful life.

Although the FY23 CIP will see the largest expenditures of CIP monies, in FY24 the request will be for more than \$2.6M; in FY25, the figure will be more than \$5M; in FY26, more than \$2.2M; and in FY27, more than \$700,000.

Another area in which School Committee members expressed concern was whether there is a plan to maintain student learning after the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds come to an end in the near future.

Like many communities, some Everett students find themselves behind academically because of the pandemic. Presently, school officials have availed themselves of the ESSER funds that pay for more teachers to help students who are academical-

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Kinsley Pitts who will be dropping the ceremonial puck is shown with her family, Albia Bondar, Brian Pitts, Jim and Karen Bennington, Kath Pitts and Al DeRico.



Adrianna Castronova drops the ceremonial puck between Mike Connolly and her dad, Steven Castronova. Also shown are Winthrop Fire Chief Scott Wiley, Deputy Police Chief John Goodman and State Representative Jeff Turco.

ly behind.

In this school year, the Everett Public Schools will receive more than \$10M to fund the extra teachers that focus on having students catch up on the learning loss.

"ESSER will end and these services will have to be subtracted, or we will have to subtract another service," said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahliani.

"Tough budget cuts are ahead," Tahliani added. "We need to advocate for the students. We need to lobby the City Council."

"We should not look to cut, but advocate for more money," said committee member Marcony Barros, referring to when the School Department appears before the City Council at budget time.

Committee member Samatha Lambert reminded her colleagues, "Students are not impacted equally. There are many disparities."

"We need to create better opportunities," committee member Michael Mangan added. "There is so much new tax revenue from developments that will increase our school population."

In other matters, the committee voted against giving Malden Transportation (MT) a five percent fuel surcharge that the company had requested. It was pointed out the present contract does not provide for a fuel surcharge, and so the committee would have to reword the present contract in order to accommodate this extra expense.

McLaughlin noted that Malden Transportation are "good partners," but Barrios pointed out that the city paid the company when COVID hit, even though there was no service being provided.

"MT does a great job," said Barrios, but suggested that inasmuch as "the higher prices are affecting their profit, we should not agree."

Lambert wanted more figures and urged her colleagues to wait until the information is provided. The motion then failed by a vote of 6-3.

O'SHEA HOLDS CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

LYNN - Lynn native James O'Shea, candidate for Essex County district attorney, held a campaign kickoff reception April 13 at Kowloon in Saugus.

A very enthusiastic, standing-room-only crowd of supporters packed the upstairs function hall for the event.

Attorney Kevin Foley introduced attorney O'Shea for his remarks.

"It's great to see all of you here and to have so many people interested in the O'Shea for DA campaign," began Foley. "I've known Jim for more than 15 years and feel very strongly about his candidacy. The idea of running for district attorney wasn't just something that developed in the last couple of months when Jon Blodgett announced he was not seeking re-election. James has had a long deeply held desire to serve. He felt like with his experience and background, he could make a real difference as district attorney."

Foley also highlighted O'Shea's 24 years of experience as a criminal defense attorney in Massachusetts.

"He has had cases in every court in Essex County and he knows every assistant district attorney in Essex County on a first-name basis, and they know him," said Foley.

O'Shea, who was joined at the event by his wife Tara, and their daughters, Bella and Jamison, and his siblings, delivered an inspiring address that garnered applause at certain points for his remarks. He stressed unity and praised first responders "who have the

courage to put their lives on the line every day."

O'Shea also offered, "You know that I have a strong feeling for fairness, that I'm passionate about these issues, representing my clients, representing immigrants, and I've worked with the police for 24 years. This campaign is going to be more about uniting people than dividing people."

In concluding, O'Shea said, "I want to thank my brothers and sisters, my family who has been a support to me. My entire life I've stood on their shoulders. I am the youngest of Bill and Bev's six children and from birth they have doted on me and protected me and taken care of me and I think they're getting kind of sick of it. Thank you for coming here and enjoy the rest of the night."

ZONING CHANGE DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE

REVERE - A tie goes to the runner in baseball, but a tie vote by a Council subcommittee was not all that advantageous for the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Boston who is hoping to open a rental-car business on Squire Road at the former site of the Verizon store.

However, the 3-3 vote by the Council's Zoning Subcommittee - which despite the deadlock, is considered "not a favorable recommendation" - doesn't preclude the matter from advancing to the full Council for a vote.

In fact, Council President Gerry Visconti expects the matter, which was tabled at the last meeting, to make its way to the full Council, possibly at this Monday night's meeting.

Attorney Nick Zazula and Enterprise Group Operations Manager Doug Valeri appeared at the

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Case No. 2022-09  
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, May 10, 2022 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the application of: Madelyn Garcia For Special Permits and Variances seeking approval to establish four (4) residential units by constructing a second floor above the existing commercial space which does not meet the current minimum zoning requirements for front, rear and side yard setbacks, open space, lot size, number of off street parking spaces and also exceeds maximum density at the premises known as: 157 Washington Avenue  
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 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, May 3, 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 approval of the construction management plan for 25 Sixth Street.  
Per Order  
Chief Brian A. Kyes  
Chairperson  
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LEGAL NOTICE



**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Case No. 2022-06  
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, May 10, 2022 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the application of: 320 Revere Beach Parkway Realty, LLC GVP Corporation For Special Permits to partially demolish and renovate the existing two-story structure, proposing a retail marijuana facility that does not meet current zoning requirements for use, alteration of non-conforming structure and number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 320 Revere Beach Parkway  
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. 2022-07  
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, May 10, 2022 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the application of: 168 Maverick Street, LLC For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to construct a four family dwelling structure which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for lot area, open space, rear yard setback, also exceeds maximum lot coverage and floor area ratio at the premises known as: 168, 170, & 172 Maverick 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 HEARING**  
Case No. 2022-08  
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, May 10, 2022 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the application of: Concrete Garden Inc. For Special Permit seeking approval to renovate existing first floor and mezzanine tenant space proposing a retail marijuana facility at the premises known as: 307 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. 2022-10  
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, May 10, 2022 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.  
With reference to the application of: Verdnyt c/o Doug Meduetz For Special Permits and Variances seeking approval for the demolition of a one-story structure, the combination of three (3) adjoining lots and the construction of an eleven (11) story research and development laboratory which does not meet the current minimum zoning

requirements for lot area, rear and front yard setbacks, minimum aisle width, and number of off-street parking spaces and also exceeds maximum number of stories, and floor area ratio at the premises known as: 213 Everett Avenue  
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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**(LEGAL NOTICE)**  
**CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS REPLACEMENT OF CEMENT CONCRETE SIDEWALKS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS**  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Replacement of Cement Concrete Sidewalks in Various Locations".  
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after April 28, 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 "Replacement of Cement Concrete Sidewalks in Various Locations" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."  
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.  
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.  
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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LEGAL NOTICE



City of Chelsea Licensing Board  
Request for Proposals On-Premise Consumption License  
The City of Chelsea Licensing Board is accepting proposals from restaurateurs/business owners seeking a liquor license, to be issued pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 12. Currently the Board has licenses available.  
The Board shall accept proposals through May 27, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. (noontime). A copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained by emailing [nlibran@chelseama.gov](mailto:nlibran@chelseama.gov), calling 617-466-4152 or by visiting the Licensing Office, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. The RFP will also be available on the Licensing Department page of the City's website, [chelseama.gov](http://chelseama.gov).  
Proposals shall be delivered to the Licensing

Board at its office, City of Chelsea, 500 Broadway, Room 307, Chelsea, MA 02150 no later than May 27, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. noontime. A total of three copies shall be provided.  
Proposals shall include a narrative and any supporting documentation addressing the following factors:  
1. Proposed Location – Provide the address, building square footage, available parking, lease agreements, options to purchase, and any other information and documentation about the location of the existing or proposed restaurant.  
2. Description of Operation – Provide a detailed description of the type of restaurant proposed or existing including type of food, theme, menu, number of seats and hours of operation.  
3. Prior Experience – Provide a detailed description of the proposer's prior experience in operating a restaurant with a liquor license. List the name and location of any ownership interest in an existing or former restaurant.  
4. Job Creation – Provide a list of types of positions and number of each to be created or maintained.  
5. Traffic – Provide the peak hours of operation and expected traffic generation.  
6. Noise Control – Describe any proposed entertainment and how noise, particularly in the evening, will be controlled.  
7. References – Please provide at least three professional references, preferably from those who can attest to the proposer's experience set forth in paragraph 3.  
8. Community Benefit – Please provide a description of any community benefit the City may expect if the license is granted to the proposer.  
9. Quality Design – Describe how the business' exterior design is appropriate to its context.  
10. Market Diversification – Demonstrate how the proposed restaurant fills an existing gap and meets unmet market demand and how it advances Chelsea objective of being the diverse dining destination.  
11. All applicants must submit their ABCC application for a Sec. 12 On Premise alcohol license. Please note that the licenses issued may be City – owned licenses that limits the Licensee's ability to sell/transfer/leverage the license.  
The Board shall review all proposals and evaluate them in terms of serving the public need and in such a manner as to protect the common good and, to that end, to provide, in the opinion of the Board, an adequate number of places at which the public may obtain alcoholic beverages. The assessment of the proposals will be based upon public want and the appropriateness of a liquor license at a particular location as set forth in Ballarin, Inc. v. Licensing bd. of Boston, 49 Mass. App. Ct. 506 (2000).  
The Board anticipates selecting the most advantageous proposals.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Junta de Licencias de la Ciudad de Chelsea  
Solicitud de Propuestas Licencia de Consumo en las instalaciones  
La Junta de Licencias de la Ciudad de Chelsea está aceptando propuestas de restauradores que buscan una licencia de licor, que se emitirá de conformidad con M.G.L. Capítulo 138, Sección 12. Actualmente la Junta tiene licencias

disponibles. La Junta aceptará propuestas hasta el 27 de Mayo de 2022 a las 12:00 p.m. (mediodía). Se puede obtener una copia de la Solicitud de Propuestas (RFP) enviando un correo electrónico a [nlibran@chelseama.gov](mailto:nlibran@chelseama.gov), llamando al 617-466-4152 o visitando la Oficina de Licencias, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. La RFP también estará disponible en la página del Departamento de Licencias del sitio web de la Ciudad, [chelseama.gov](http://chelseama.gov).  
Las propuestas se entregarán a la Junta de Licencias en su oficina, Ciudad de Chelsea, 500 Broadway, Sala 307, Chelsea MA 02150 a más tardar el 27 de mayo de 2022 a las 12:00 p.m. mediodía. Se facilitará un total de tres ejemplares.  
Las propuestas incluirán una descripción y cualquier documentación justificativa que aborde los siguientes factores:  
1. Ubicación propuesta- Proporcione la dirección, los pies cuadrados del edificio, el estacionamiento disponible, los contratos de arrendamiento, las opciones de compra y cualquier otra información y documentación sobre la ubicación del restaurante existente o propuesto.  
2. Descripción de la operación- proporcione una descripción detallada del tipo de restaurante propuesto o existente, incluido el tipo de comida, el tema, el menú, el número de asientos y las horas de operación.  
3. Experiencia previa- Proporcione una descripción detallada de la experiencia previa del proponente en la operación de un restaurante con una licencia de licor. Enumere el nombre y la ubicación de cualquier interés de propiedad en un restaurante existente o anterior.  
4. Creación de empleo- Proporcione una lista de los tipos de puestos y el número de cada uno que se creará o mantendrá.  
5. Tráfico – Proporcionar las horas pico de operación y la generación de tráfico esperada.  
6. Control de ruido- Describa cualquier entretenimiento propuesto y cómo se controlará el ruido, particularmente por la noche.  
7. Referencias – Sírvase proporcionar al menos tres referencias profesionales, preferiblemente de aquellos que puedan dar fe de la experiencia del proponente expuesta en el párrafo 3.  
8. Beneficio Comunitario – Proporcione una descripción de cualquier beneficio comunitario que la Ciudad pueda esperar si se otorga la licencia al proponente.  
9. Diseño de calidad- Describa cómo el diseño exterior de la empresa es apropiada para su contexto.  
10. Diversificación del mercado- Demuestre cómo el restaurante propuesto llena un vacío existente y satisface la demanda insatisfecha del mercado y cómo avanza el objetivo de Chelsea de ser el comedor diverso.  
11. Todos los solicitantes deben presentar su solicitud ABCC para una Sec. 12. En las instalaciones de licencia de alcohol Tengo en cuenta que las licencias emitidas pueden ser propiedad de la Ciudad que limitan la capacidad del Licenciatario para vender/ transferir / aprovechar la licencia.  
La Junta revisará todas las propuestas y las evaluará en términos de servir a las necesidades públicas y de tal manera que se proteja el bien común y, a tal fin, se proporcione, a juicio de la Junta, un número adecuado de lugares en los que el público pueda obtener bebidas alcohólicas. La evaluación de las propuestas se basará en la necesidad pública y la idoneidad de una

licencia de licor en un lugar en particular como se establece en Ballarin, Inc. v. Licensing bd. of Boston, 49 Mass. App. Ct. 506 (2000).  
La Junta prevé seleccionar las propuestas más ventajosas.  
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LEGAL NOTICE



Re:Fiesta Shows  
295 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea, MA  
Chelsea Licensing Commission, May 12, 2022  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License application for Fiesta Shows to operate a Carnival on June 9-19 between the hours of 3:00 - 11:00 p.m. every day at 295 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea, MA. 02150.  
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administrator  
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LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRILL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300  
CITATION  
G.L. c. 210, § 6  
SU21A0378AD  
In the matter of: Luciana Gavira Garcia  
To: Tatiana Maria Gavira  
Any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.  
A petition has been presented to said court by: Oscar Alexander Chirinos of Chelsea, MA  
Tatiana Maria Chirinos of Chelsea, MA  
Requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to Luciana Chirinos Gavira.  
If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.  
An indigent person is defined by SJR Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: WOBURN ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 A.M.) ON: 06/30/2022  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 08, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
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LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Moe Brothers d/b/a Nocturno  
158 Broadway, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission, May 12, 2022  
Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing at 500 Broadway Chelsea, MA. Council Chambers on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for a Change of DBA and Change of Hours of an All Kinds of Alcohol (on Premise) License application to operate a disc jockey, use of amplification, jukebox, karaoke machine, 10 televisions, 2 radios and dancing by patrons at Moe Brothers d/b/a Nocturno at 158 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150.  
Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters of this hearing.  
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administrator  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Valerie Sutherland to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated November 26, 2003 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 33392, Page 35 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2004-A, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-A is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2004-A, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-A dated May 7, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 49648, Page 85, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 250 Congress Avenue, Unit No. 38, of the Willow Park Condominiums, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on May 23, 2022, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The Unit described as #38 in the Willow Park Condominium, City of Chelsea, County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, created by Master Deed dated February 25, 1987, and recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 13436, Page 318, as the same may be amended from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 183A  
This Unit contains the AREA of 1,558 Square feet and is laid out as shown on the plans recorded with said Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided for in M.G.L. Chapter 183A. Section 9, and a plan recorded with the first deed to this UNIT.  
The UNIT is conveyed together with the PERCENTAGE INTEREST of 2.128% (a) in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium, as described in the Master Deed, as amended, and (b) in the Willow Park Condominium Trust, recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 13437 Page 001. The UNIT is to be used only for residential purposes and uses accessory thereto permitted from

time to time as stated in the Master Deed and in the zoning code of the City of Chelsea, and the common areas and facilities shall not be used for any purpose inconsistent therewith and those premises shall be used for no other purpose, except as maybe expressly permitted by the trustees in accordance with the provisions of the Willow Park Condominium Trust. GRANTEE acquires the UNIT with the benefit of, and subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 183A, relating to condominiums, as that statute is written as of the date hereof, the Master Deed and Condominium Trust referred to above and any by-laws and rules and regulations from time to time adopted thereunder, and to all matters of record stated or referred to in the Master Deed as completely as if each were fully set forth herein, and subject to real estate taxes attributable to the UNIT which are not yet due and payable. The Unit is further subject to easements, conditions, restrictions and obligations of record insofar as the same are now in force and effect and subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in Unit Deed dated April 27, 1988 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 14648, Page 314. GRANTEE also acquires with said UNIT as easement for exclusive use of parking spaces number 31 shown on the site plan referred to in Section 4 of the Master Deeds. GRANTEE acquires said exclusive easement in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Master Deed. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 33392, Page 33.  
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. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2004-A, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-A Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Sutherland, Valerie, 13-010726  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC**

**WORKS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6pm at City Hall 3rd Floor at the conference room Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Verizon for the following petition:  
Verizon:  
Small cell wireless facilities at 5 different locations.  
City Light Pole- 95 Crest Ave Intersection  
City Light Pole – Union Street Intersection  
City Light Pole – 1 City Hall Ave  
City Light Pole – 99-101 Park Street Intersection  
City Light Pole – Chelsea Street near Marginal & Chelsea Street Intersection  
The public is invited to attend.  
Rebecca Wright  
Assistant Engineer  
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LEGAL NOTICE



El Departamento de Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública el martes 3 de mayo de 2022 a las 6:00 p. m. en el tercer piso del Ayuntamiento en la sala de conferencias Trabajo propuesto y propósito: Petición de Verizon para la siguiente petición:  
Verizon:  
Instalaciones inalámbricas de células pequeñas en 5 ubicaciones diferentes.  
Poste de luz de la ciudad - Intersección de 95 Crest Ave  
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Poste de luz de la ciudad - Chelsea Street cerca de la intersección de Marginal y Chelsea Street  
Se invita al público a asistir.  
Rebecca wright  
Asistente Ingeniero  
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LEGAL NOTICE



**CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**MARY C. BURKE COMPUTER LAB RENOVATION PROJECT**  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Mary C. Burke Computer Lab Renovation Project".  
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on the educational role he plays in his daily rounds. “I spend a fair amount reminding people that we all have to pitch in and be proud of our city if we are going to keep Chelsea a clean community. They should be responsible for shoveling the snow from their walks and maintaining neat trash and recycling barrels—and not leave it to their neighbors to call us with complaints.”

In spite or because of the challenges of the job, Mike Sandoval is clearly proud of how far Chelsea has come in recent years, since the city administrators figured out how best to use the federal aid for infrastructure that was coming its way. “Chelsea is not a wealthy community”—it’s not Manchester-by-the-Sea or Marblehead, upper-middle-class towns farther up the North Shore of Boston—”but it’s all we’ve got, for so many people like myself who have stories about moving here to make a new life for themselves. We are all trying to make the best of it.”

His own story—“You’ve heard a million just like it,” he says—involves his departure from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, as a young man, a year-and-a-half stopover in New Orleans (complete with asbestos-removal and hotel dishwashing jobs), an invitation from a friend named Emilio to move to Boston, and a job loading airline food at Logan while crashing on the carpet of Emilio’s apartment above a storefront on Broadway. After that, he advanced to a traveling-troubleshooter job for IBM—until he was laid off in 2009 and landed this job with the Chelsea DPW. “Now I’ve got a

mortgage and two grown children,” he says with a big grin. “And I have wonderful friends all over town. I am proud to be part of the movement—if you want to call it that.”

Still, he is a realist. He’s going to tell it like it is, the truth about a problem if he sees it, and not obscure or obfuscate. Like his grandfather back in Honduras used to say: No quiero tapar el sol con un dedo. I don’t want to block out the sun with my finger.

As he said to a lady who was shaking her head at the irresponsibility of careless litter bugs on Broadway one day, “No, mi amor, es la culpa del viento.” No, my dear, he was joking—it’s not any one person’s fault. It’s the wind’s fault that trash is here on the sidewalk.

“The sun is shining equally on all of us,” continues Mike, evoking the happiest of his community-loving spirits. No quiero tapar el sol con el dedo.

According to a 2021 survey of residents conducted by The Neighborhood Developers, Inc., the nonprofit Community Development Corporation that has been building affordable housing, as well as a sense of community, in Chelsea and the nearby towns of Everett and Revere for many years, litter and overflowing trash barrels in Chelsea, like public crime of more nefarious varieties, is less of a problem than it once was in Chelsea. The public education efforts of the Chelsea DPW, in cahoots with the public programming of another nonprofit, GreenRoots, Inc., have begun to pay off. The city seems to be getting cleaner and safer.

It can take longer than

you’d think for Mike to get back to the truck. He might run across a bountiful crop of colillas—cigarette butts—on the sidewalk out front of a bar before he can get back there.

Several of the antique iron light poles on Broadway are equipped with Sidewalk Buttlers—blue metal boxes, attached at shoulder height, where a smoker can snuff out a smoke without creating a public nuisance—but some negligent souls, taking the easy route, have tossed their still-burning Newports and Marlboros to the ground. Without a second’s hesitation, Mike heads into the bar to chat up the barista and ask, in his mellifluous Spanish, for the name and number of the proprietor. Then, back on the sidewalk, he calls the owner of the bar on his cell phone to advise him to discourage that litter of colillas.

In addition to the Sidewalk Buttlers, there are two or three trash receptacles per block on each side of the street, each featuring a plastic insert inside a handsome cast-iron housing that itself costs the city a good \$1000. This is where a smoker theoretically could toss the cigarette, after it’s been thoroughly doused in the dregs of a drink or a puddle in the gutter. But the smoker—a patron of the bar taking a break during halftime of a televised soccer match, or a bartender on a smoke break—in the time-honored tradition has flicked the butt onto the sidewalk while pivoting back toward the door and calling out to a friend driving by in the street. “¡Qué tal, Paco!”

“It’s a challenge to get



Mike with fellow Honduran.



Mike with Food Pantry Director Elaine Mendez.

people to change their habits,” says Mike in response to that automatic behavior.

Then he turns to his left and raises his eyebrows at the sight of a piece of office furniture, a care-worn Formica tabletop on a tall iron stem, left on the sidewalk right here on Broadway, Chelsea’s showcase street, with a handwritten FREE! sign on a piece of notebook paper. Holding the sign up with his left hand, and a crushed cookie box and discarded lottery ticket in his right, he smiles for the camera, then stoops to retrieve an avocado pit from the sidewalk, while launching a discourse on that plastic barrel insert and lamenting that it doesn’t fit the iron housing more snugly. “See what falls between the lip of the plastic barrel and the rim of the housing?” Indeed, a candy wrapper, a well-chewed wad of bubblegum, and the avocado skin separated from its pit in the making of guacamole have fallen through the gap between the lid of the barrel and the rim of the housing.

He lifts the barrel from its handsome but pricey housing and cleans up the mess at the base of the receptacle, all while enumerating the ways in which the bar’s proprietor might offer patrons a cleaner way of discarding their butts. Maybe he should put one of those freestanding outdoor ashtrays with the long necks out there, next to the huge flowerpot that must have cost the city a chunk of change as well.

And sometime in the midst of this he puts in a call to DPW headquarters to ask a couple guys from the crew to swing by and pick up the bar table.

The job can be messy, yes—but the rewards in social capital, for Mike and the people who know him, are worth the trouble.

Crossing the street from the bar to check on things over there, he stops to say hello to Elaine Mendez, a pastor who directs the Revival Chelsea Pantry food pantry on Broadway. Then he pivots to his right and greets the owner of BD’s Discount, one of many Arabic-speaking people on “The Near North Shore,” who’s in the process of supervising the delivery of some large pieces of furniture at the open back of a delivery truck. Back on this side of the street, he pops in to joke around with his sister Maricarmen, at the Zen Wireless cell phone repair store that’s owned by a Chinese immigrant family and staffed by women from Guatemala, Venezuela, and Colombia, as well as her own Honduran.

On the way out, he runs into a man who came to Chelsea from Colombia as a young man 15 years ago. The man says he used to shovel road salt for a living at Eastern Minerals down on Marginal Street, on the bank of Chelsea Creek, but had to quit because of skin rash he got

from the chemicals in the salt, and then was laid off from his next job at a produce market in neighboring Everett when the owners realized the sight of his rash might drive customers away. Seeing how downhearted he is about his situation, Mike asks if he’s getting treatment for the rash—yes, he is—and wishes him the best.

And then, as if on cue, here comes another white DPW truck, pulling to a stop near the abandoned Formica tabletop. Out pop two friendly black-haired fellows in orange DPW safety vests to toss it—or gently place it, rather—into the bed of the truck. “He’s a good guy,” says the younger one of Mike, to the grinning affirmation of the older one.

Leaning against his own truck at last, in his DPW jacket, ballcap, chinos, and sneakers, near the El Dorado Café where he likes to have a cup of coffee and schmooze with the Colombian owners and their staff, Mike says, with the help of his expressive hands, “To change a community, you have to invest—money, yes, but love and care for your community too, and the willingness to make a personal contribution to it. Don’t throw your cigarette in the street if you want a cleaner city.” Invest in social capital, that is.

“I was hired for this job because I can talk to people all day long without getting tired,” he continues. “And I can do it in English or in Spanish—in a city that is more than 75 percent Latino.” “It can be a challenge, but I love it.”

Now, in view of Katz Bagel Bakery—the last remaining bakery of its kind, in a city that attracted European Jews and many other international immigrants in the early 20th century—he turns the corner to pose for a picture against a mural and some sidewalk art that The Neighborhood Developers sponsored in an alley known as Division Street, only to run into Omar, a strapping and relaxed-looking man in his 30s or 40s, newly promoted to lieutenant in the Chelsea Fire Department, whose family came to Chelsea from Cuba in the 1960s.

Then he’s off to the DPW to pick up another load of two-wheeled barrels to deliver to some houses on Powder Horn Hill, up by the very old but still functioning Soldiers Home, the highest point in Chelsea, where you can see the islands of Boston Harbor in one direction and the hills of Revere and the North Shore coastline in the other. There’s a lady up there, probably from one of the old Italian American families who still comprise a significant portion of the population, who could use an extra recycling barrel and a solid-waste receptacle as well. She lives in the house she grew up in during the time of the first Latin-American immigra-

tion to Chelsea, just a few doors downhill from the ridgetop Soldiers Home grounds. She recycles everything, says Mike, and she has a tenant downstairs.

There she is now—straightening things up in the tidy little herb-and-flower garden in front of her house, on a tolerably warm early spring day.

After two or three hours of this multi-tasking activity, what’s Mike Sandoval going to do for the rest of the day?

For starts, he needs to stop by Eden Street Park, a sweet little public oasis that connects Addison Street at one entrance to Blossom Street at another, to answer a complaint about vandalism. There he runs into two friendly fellows from Central American origins, including the husband of the woman who filed the complaint. They want to help him think about ways to keep the rowdy teens from tearing the place up.

“The city spent thousands of dollars to improve this park,” says Mike. The hub of the park is a small playground with a spongy rubber surface and a cluster of swing sets and slides. From both entrances meander elevated gardens on both sides of the walkway, with flower beds and ornamental fruit trees, bordered by stone ledges. Some broken glass from discarded soda bottles on the flagstones sparkles among the windblown litter, dangerously close to the slide in the playground, and most of the corner stones of the ledges have been yanked away and cast aside, some even thrown across fences into neighboring yards. “See what I mean?” says Mike. “We’ve got to do some education here.” The two neighbors, home from work at their own landscaping jobs, agree that a neighborhood watch group might be a good idea, although for now fixing the broken security cameras would help too.

After twenty minutes of chatting with the guys, Mike says it’s time to hop back in the sparkling white truck. “I have a meeting about recycling programs with the Chelsea school principals at 3pm,” he says. But school has just let out, and kids are passing through park, taking a shortcut from Addison to Blossom Street. Knowing a teaching moment when he sees one, Mike takes the opportunity to encourage each group of kids passing through the park on the way home to close the gates firmly as they enter and depart—and to make sure not to litter those candy wrappers of theirs! “It’s a full-time job,” he says. “Pero no nos queda más.” There’s nothing else we can do but try to make things better.

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