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Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Discover Chelsea Digital Marketing Director Seth Daniel, Civic Design and Engagement Strategist Mimi Graney, and XSS Hotels Director of Community Relations Maureen Foley.

## Chelsea launches first-ever travel and tourism campaign to highlight hidden gem for visitors

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea has launched its very first travel and tourism campaign entitled 'Discover Chelsea' to draw in visitors to the city's 900-plus high-quality hotel rooms, to amplify Chelsea's phenomenal access to the region's best destinations, and to highlight the authentic multi-cultural vibe that is inherent to Chelsea.

With a Mariachi band playing in the background, and foods from Chelsea restaurants Tambo 22 and Mi Salvador, the team behind the Discover Chelsea

campaign, a project of the City of Chelsea's Chelsea Prospers initiative, publicly announced the effort in Chelsea Square on June 23. Adding some special flavor to the day, attendees were treated to Michelada kits, a spicy beer and tomato juice cocktail that is a specialty of restaurants up and down Chelsea's business district. Colorful 'Discover



Chelsea's street pole banners with striking artwork created for the artist Anna Dugan highlighting the city hung throughout the downtown.

Discover Chelsea was enabled by a competitive grant from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT). The Chelsea team received great support from the Greater Boston Conven-

tion and Visitors Bureau (GBCVB). The partnership with the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce was helmed by Maureen Foley, a Chamber member from XSS Hotels.

Unveiled at the event was a new 'Discover Chelsea' website with a wealth of information on travel itineraries, transportation, Chelsea restaurants and businesses, as well as interesting background about the city for curious newcomers. The campaign also includes a new video, premiered at the

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## Ride share fees approved for road projects

By Adam Swift

Thanks to nearly half a million Lyft and Uber rides originating in Chelsea in 2021, the city now has an additional \$50,000 for its streets and sidewalks improvement plan.

At its most recent meeting, the City Council approved the appropriation of \$49,247.90 in available funds from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund to assist in the FY23 street and sidewalk program.

"These extra funds available for appropriation come from the recent annual distribution to the City based upon rides originating in Chelsea from Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft," stated City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

"As part of the new regulatory scheme, TNCs are required to pay the Commonwealth a \$0.20 per-ride assessment. One half of that assessment is distributed proportionately to each city and town in the Commonwealth based upon the number of rides that originate in the municipality."

The state has previously determined that local communities must specifically appropriated the TNC funds in order to be spent, and that the funds must be used "to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure."

Ambrosino requested the funds be used for FY23 roadwork.

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## Planning Board backs visitor parking pass ordinance change

By Adam Swift

The Planning Board unanimously voiced its support last week for a zoning amendment that will allow residents prohibited from obtaining residential parking stickers to obtain visitor parking passes.

The proposed zoning change was initially brought up by Planning Board member Mimi Rancatore and proposed before the City Council by Council President Roy Avellaneda. The council will take up adoption of the ordinance change when it reconvenes in the fall.

In 2019, the City Council amended the zoning ordinances so that residents of developments that received a special permit due to reduced parking spaces would not be able to take part in the city's on-street sticker parking program.

"The argument then being that if you are not going to have enough parking onsite and state in front of the Planning Board or the Zoning Board it because your residents or owners won't have cars, then we felt they should not participate in the resident sticker program," said Avellaneda.

However, when the ordinance was passed, the council did not realize it would impact those residents attempting to get a visitor parking pass for guests.

"We didn't realize that the visitor pass program is also considered to be part of the resident parking program," said Avellaneda. "When we restricted these very same buildings from participating in the resident sticker program, it also meant that someone like Mimi, who lives in one of these buildings, can't get a visitor pass, and you know that she has friends and people who want to come and see her. It was a complete oversight and we never intended that to be the situation,"

Avellaneda said he approached the city's parking clerk to make sure residents of the buildings where parking stickers

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## Training the Future

New EBNHC, AmeriCorps/CDC Partnership will build next generation of public health leaders in the state

By John Lynds

With a five-year, \$400 million investment from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) will be one of several health care providers to partner with AmeriCorps and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to recruit, train, and develop future physicians, nurses, social workers, and other professionals in the public health sphere, to address broader public health needs that have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

The Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA) CEO Emily Haber said seven Massachusetts-based health care organizations



EBNHC CEO Greg Wilmot during the announcement of a new partnership between EBNHC, AmeriCorps and the CDC to recruit and train the next generation of public health leaders.

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# Chelsea’s Worldwide Humanitarian

## Juan Gallego has been a force in Rotary’s international community service projects

By Cary Shuman

Ever since Juan Gallego came to Chelsea more than four decades ago, the main theme of his life has been helping others less fortunate overcome adversity.

“I came here on April 10, 1980,” said Gallego, who was 16 years old at the time.

Gallego joined the Rotary Club of Chelsea 23 years ago, and it has been through that outstanding organization that he has become a force in community service locally and internationally. Gallego is a past Rotary president and has been recognized numerous times with prestigious awards (He is an eight-time Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient, for example), but fellow Rotarians and community leaders know that Gallego doesn’t do it for the acclaim or the adulation.

“Juan Gallego is one of the leading people in Chel-



Juan Gallego.

sea who is always giving back to the community,” said Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson. “He goes above and beyond and never looks for any recognition. He’s just a solid human being.”

### Traveling to Colombia this month for Rotoplast International

Juan Gallego will be traveling to Colombia later this month as an assistant director of a 29-member medical and non-medical team of volunteers for a Rotaplast International mission to perform 129

cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries for children at the General Hospital of Medellin. Rotaplast International is headquartered in San Francisco.

This will be Gallego’s ninth trip to Colombia. Through the years, Gallego and other team members have helped more than 26,000 children.

“It’s a beautiful mission, 100 per cent beautiful,” said Gallego. “It gives me a sense of helping someone that otherwise would not have been able to receive help. To be able to do that, I feel like it’s a gift that God gives us. It gives me more than I give, and it affects everyone on our team in the same way.”

Juan Gallego has two children, Matthew, 20, who is a student at Suffolk University, and Melissa, 17, a senior at Malden Catholic High School.

Melissa Gallego, who is fluent in Spanish, will be accompanying her father



Juan Gallego (second from right) is pictured on a previous humanitarian mission to Colombia.

on the trip to Colombia to assist in translations.

“What Juan is doing in Colombia for those chil-

dren is unmatched,” said Leo Robinson. “It’s outstanding what he is doing for children in need of

medical assistance there and what he has done for Chelsea people his whole life.”

# A Super Summer

## Alpert, Renegades seek women’s pro football’s national championship

By Cary Shuman

When Chelsea High School students return to school in August, they may want to stop by the athletic director’s office and ask Amanda Alpert for an autograph.

Alpert is doing something very big this weekend. She and her Boston Renegades professional football teammates will be competing for the Women’s Football Alliance (WFA) national championship Sunday in Canton, Ohio. The game will be televised live (2 p.m.) on ESPN2, giving Alpert and women’s professional football exposure to millions of sports fans worldwide.

The Renegades, who play their home games at Harry Della Russo Stadium in Revere, will be putting their undefeated record on the line against the Minnesota Vixen.



Chelsea High School Athletic Director Amanda Alpert, (50) anchored the offensive line in the Boston Renegades 42-24 win over the Pittsburgh Passion in the Women’s Football Alliance contest recently at Harry Della Russo Stadium

line for its teamwork and execution.

“We have Erin Truex at right tackle, Steph Jeffers and Ashley Beckham, who share the duties at right guard, Sam McKay at left guard, and Hillary Crook at left tackle,” said Alpert. “Molly Winston also fills in at the tackle position. Ashley, Steph, and Hillary are going to be on Team USA playing in Sweden when our season is over.”

Renegades running back Tytti Kuusinen, who came to the United States from Finland to play pro football, rushed for four touchdowns in the team’s 42-24 victory over the Pittsburgh Passion in the

national semifinals.

“She’s a great back who finds the seam,” credited Alpert. “We can only block so much, and she makes her own blocks happen, too. She’s a powerhouse. We also have an amazing quarterback (the legendary Allison Cahill).”

Alpert is excited about the team’s appearance on ESPN2 and the quest for its fourth consecutive WFA championship.

“We won in 2018, 2019, and 2021 (the 2020 season was canceled due to COVID) and now we’re looking to win in 2022,” said Alpert.

All told, Alpert has been a part of six championship teams, having previously starred for the Boston Militia. She is in her 18th season as a professional football player.

Asked if the current season has been a total success, Alpert replied, “Ask me on July 10 at 4:30 p.m.”

Amanda Alpert, 38, has been the director of athletics, physical education, and health in the Chelsea school system for six years. She has two children, Owen, 7, and Finleigh, 4.

Amanda’s father, Allan Alpert, is well known in Chelsea, having previously served as the city’s director of emergency management and in leadership positions as the president of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Chelsea.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### AFTERNOON GAMES AT HIGHLAND PARK FOR AGES 6 TO 15

Looking for interesting, fun sports activities for your kids to do this summer? MA Sports Leagues comes to Chelsea with a variety of sports and games during this five-day afternoon program that runs all summer and includes dodge ball, team handball, World Cup Soccer, field hockey, kickball, wiffle ball, ultimate frisbee, and flag football. Sign up for 1 week or all 6 weeks! Location: Highland Park. 30 Willow Street.

Mon-Fri 1-4pm, July 5-August 12.

Call Chelsea Recreation for more information at 617-466 5233

### FREE SWIM LESSONS

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is offering free swimming lessons for children and young teens at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool in the City of Chelsea this summer. Session 1 runs through Friday, July 15. For more information regarding the program, details about other upcoming

ing free swimming lessons sessions, or to register for swim lessons, please visit the agency’s webpage.

### SHERIFF TOMPKINS ENDORSED BY CORRECTION OFFICERS LOCAL 419

Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins announced support from the largest union representing workers at the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department (SCSD). Tompkins garnered this support by championing changes to end racially-biased drug testing procedures and steadfast commitment to the Field Officers Training program.

“Throughout your previous terms, you have run on a platform that pledged solidarity with the Labor Movement and a devotion to a constructive internal labor relationship. As President of your largest employed Union, I can attest that you have upheld your word and have forged an unprecedented rapport between the Municipal Employer and its Union employees,” Said Johnathan Corey.

“You have altered the narrative, and have cre-

ated a managerial ‘open door policy’ that promotes cohesiveness and productivity. Instead of implementing uniformed or partisan policies and procedures, your administrators actually approach Union officials to seek out the greatest applicable solution to overcome conditions in arguably one of the most dynamic work environments,” concluded Corey.

Sheriff Tompkins has shown time and time again that he cares passionately about the workers at the SCSD. He has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the men and women who do this difficult, often thankless work of corrections in the fight for pay parity and equity in benefits for doing the same work as their state counterparts.

“I’m incredibly humbled and proud of the endorsement from Local 419 in my re-election campaign for Sheriff. They represent the heart and blood of our organization, and to have their respect and support means that the work we do every day to improve our employees’ working conditions is making a difference,” Said Sheriff Tompkins

For more information, visit: [www.votestevetompkins.com](http://www.votestevetompkins.com).

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## ANOTHER WEEKEND... ...ANOTHER MASS SHOOTING IN AMERICA

As we are writing this, we are watching the news reports about the mass shooting that occurred in Highland Park, Illinois, during a Fourth of July parade on Monday morning.

We initially were disappointed with the news coverage of this horrific event because there was no mention by the reporters and commentators that Highland Park is well-known for its large Jewish community. We had many friends in college who were from Highland Park and who were members of the Jewish faith. Our daughter at a local university also has friends from Highland Park and they stated their belief in the immediate aftermath of the shooting that their community was targeted because of its large Jewish population. The Israeli Foreign Minister offered his nation’s condolences to the citizens of Highland Park.

The reason we mention this is because of the possibility that the motivating factor by the shooter was his desire to commit yet another hate crime similar to the targeting of a Black neighborhood in Buffalo, N.Y., a few weeks ago by a young man who adhered to white nationalist beliefs. Whether authorities will be able to find definitive “proof” of an anti-Semtiic motive in the Highland Park shooting may never be known.

However, we recall when the neo-Nazis went to court in the 1970s in order to march in nearby Skokie, Illinois, another commuinity with a large Jewish population, including Holocaust survivors (which is why the neo-Nazi group deliberately targeted that town for their march).

Fast forward almost 50 years, and it was a bunch of neo-Nazis who gathered in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017, and who were chanting, “The Jews will not replace us.”

Anti-Semitism has existed for centuries and it still is prevalent today, but now is reaching record levels. The anti-Defamation League reports that anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. reached a record-high of 2,717 in 2021. That’s a 34 percent increase from the year before and averages out to more than seven anti-Semitic incidents per day in our country.

Even if one accepts the pro-gun lobby’s self-serving and silly mantra that, “Guns don’t kill people, people kill people,” the reality is that the easy accessibility to military-grade weapons of mass death by those who seek to target our fellow Americans who are members of Black, Latino, Jewish, LGBTQIA+, and other minority communities provides the means by which they can perpetrate these horrific attacks.

Until our government leaders are willing to take a stand against limiting the sale of these weapons, a measure that the vast majority of Americans support, Monday’s tragedy in Highland Park, Illinois, will be repeated again...and again...and again.

## THE EXPERTS KNOW NOTHING

Listening to the so-called experts, both in and out of government, who opine these days about the present and future state of the economy, can leave your head spinning.

For every self-described expert who says that the economy is strong, there is another who will say that we are headed for a deep and long-lasting recession.

Well, here’s our view: No one knows what they’re talking about because these are unprecedented times for which there is no ready comparison to any other period in the modern era.

Today’s labor shortages, in every industry from trucking to aviation to hospitality to health care to teaching and more, have not been seen since WWII, when millions of American men and women went off to fight the war and women filled the slack to meet our war production needs.

But today, there is the added twist that many of these jobs are highly-skilled -- such as airplane pilots, nurses, doctors, and teachers -- that require specialized training and college degrees.

The housing shortage is reminiscent of the immediate post-WWII era when servicemen returned home to start families and there was nowhere to live. Back then, the government built public housing for veterans and their new families in every community and also offered low-interest mortgages for those who wanted to buy a home pursuant to the GI Bill (which also helped pay for a college education for vets). But there is no ready answer today to negate the housing shortage, which means that home prices and rents will continue to soar.

The continuing after-shocks of the pandemic, most notably the hastened retirement of millions of Baby Boomers, likewise are unprecedented for the simple reason that we never have experienced a pandemic event in the modern era. The Baby Boomers continue to have an outsized effect on the economy, as they have from the day they were born -- but in a reverse direction.

Inflation is higher than it has been in 40 years, but the Fed’s ability to tame rising prices via higher interest rates is minimal, thanks to the unprecedented disruptions in supply chains and shortages of many natural resources caused by the pandemic and enhanced by the war in Ukraine (the first major war in Europe since WWII).

Then we have to consider the effects of climate change -- the droughts, wildfires, and major storms -- that have the collective impact of creating shortages that ripple throughout the economy and which will only get worse.

In short, none of the textbooks that these economic experts studied when they got their degrees taught them anything about today’s economic environment. If the economists are looking for comparisons from previous eras, the appropriate box to check is, “All of the above.”

In short, we are in uncharted waters and, in the words of the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates, the only thing we know is that we know nothing.

# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Allen Kentucky, mental illness erupts into pure hell

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Allen, Kentucky is a place that holds fond memories for me. When I was only sixteen years old, Allen Baptist Church invited me to speak for a weekend youth event. I had the opportunity to meet and work with over a hundred people from the Allen community. Lasting friendships were made with some of the finest people on earth. To this day, the kindness and fellowship bestowed on me by that group of people were instrumental in my life’s direction.

Sadly, even the finest communities and dearest people on earth can experience pure hell. Mental illness erupted as Floyd County police officers were shot dead in Allen last week. According to news reports they were trying to serve a warrant to a man accused of domestic violence.

Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt said the officers faced “pure hell”

when they arrived at the man’s home.

Four other people were injured at the scene in Allen, a small town of 166 people located just outside of Prestonsburg.

The officers who died in the shooting late on Thursday have been named as Capt. Ralph Frasure, Deputy William Petry and dog handler Jacob Chaffins. K9 Drago, one of the dogs that Mr Chaffins handled, also died.

Capt. Frasure had been with the Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Police Department for 39 years. The department said he had served “with honor and glory up until the last second”.

The men ran into a barrage of gunfire from a rifle when they went to the house on Main Street shortly before 6:00 EST.

The shooting continued for nearly three hours before suspect Lance Storz was taken into custody, having surrendered after negotiations involving members of his family.

He has been charged with two counts of murdering a police officer, five counts of attempted murder of a police officer, one count of attempted murder and one count of first-degree assault on a service animal.

The families and friends of the slain police officers and the wounded officers have been forever changed. The community of Allen will forever be scarred by one of the worst events to ever occur in the state of Kentucky.

Gun violence is not limited to age. An assault rifle in the hands of any mentally deranged person results in tragedy.

Police officers have a scary job. It’s no wonder they are nervous and seem sometimes quick to pull their weapons. Floyd county officers walked into a situation and were totally caught off guard. Looking back, they would approach Storz differently. A miscalculation too often is fatal. In the moments of what appears to be just an

other day of work or life, the worst tragedies can happen.

Allen is a wonderful Eastern, Kentucky town. The town is filled with beautiful, loving people. Evil at the highest level can exist and erupt in any place. It’s not limited to a big city hundreds of miles away. This is why all communities, sheriff departments, schools and churches must be vigilant in being aware of the ongoing dangers of America’s growing mental illness epidemic. Ignoring our cultural mental illness dilemma will only perpetuate ongoing fatalities.

*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.*

## Residents cycle toward \$66 million goal for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

On Aug. 6 and 7, more than 6,000 riders, including three riders from Chelsea, will pedal in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), a bike-a-thon with one and two-day routes from 25 to 210 miles, with the goal of topping last year’s record-breaking gift and raising \$66 million for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (Dana-Farber).

The PMC is the nation’s single most successful athletic fundraiser, donating 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar to Dana-Farber as its largest single contributor, accounting for 55 percent of its Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, the PMC has raised more than \$114 million for Dana-Farber, bringing its 42-year contribution to Dana-Farber to \$831 million.

“We’re coming off of a record-breaking fundraising year for Dana-Farber, and we’re thrilled to be ‘back in the saddle’ this

summer, bringing our PMC community together for our first traditional PMC weekend since 2019 with our sights set on making an even bigger impact in the fight against cancer,” said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. “We are so inspired by the dedication of our riders, volunteers, donors, sponsors and community members throughout the last two challenging years and can’t wait to see everyone on the road this August for the 43rd PMC.”

PMC 2022 will include 16 routes – from 25 to 210 miles – designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fundraising ability. Most participate in honor of a family member or friend fighting cancer and more than 800 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients, considered Living Proof® of the PMC mission. More than 150 Dana-Farber employees are committed to the cause as riders and volunteers as well, in some cases to fund their

own cancer research.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation® and M&T Bank. To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town or to register as a rider, visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org), or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PMC2022 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Thank you to the following riders from Chelsea:

- Sean Kavanagh
- Philip Renzi
- Andrew Vassallo

About the Pan-Mass Challenge

The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is a bike-athon that today raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the world. The PMC was founded in 1980 by Billy Starr, who remains the event’s executive director, an annual cyclist and a fundraiser. The PMC has since raised \$831 million

for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. The event donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the cause, generating 55 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue as Dana-Farber’s single largest contributor. The PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors, all of which are essential to the PMC’s goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. The PMC’s hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber’s doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information on the Pan-Mass Challenge, visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org).

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# Rotary Club of Chelsea sponsors 20 Chelsea students at Camp Rotary

The Rotary Club of Chelsea annually sponsors twenty Chelsea children to one week at Camp Rotary. The Club pays all expenses for the camp week including tuition, field trips, cabin pictures and canteen funds. Camp Rotary is an overnight camp located on Stiles Pond in Boxford, MA owned by the Rotary Club of Lynn and managed by Youth Services Managers, Inc. Camp Rotary officially turned 100 years

old in 2021 which was celebrated with a Centennial Gala at its spectacular new dining hall on June 11 2022.

The Chelsea children are chosen based upon essays submitted to the Rotary Club of Chelsea explaining why they should be selected to attend camp. Prior to camp the selected children and their parents are required to attend a pre-camp meeting held at the Clark Ave School

Cafeteria. At the meeting, Camp Director Dr. Rich Cowdell explains to the children and their parents what to expect during their week at Camp Rotary. He also answers questions from the children and their parents. Rotary Club of Chelsea Past President Sue Gallant is the chairperson of this Rotary project. She works with the Chelsea Public Schools to distribute the applications to Chelsea students, coordi-

nates transportation to and from camp with the Chelsea Police Department and makes sure all the children are properly prepared to attend camp. That includes supplying each child with a backpack filled with items they will need for camp.

Since 1998 the Rotary Club of Chelsea has sponsored over 395 Chelsea students at Camp Rotary thanks to the generosity of the Chelsea Club members and local businesses.



Some of the students sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chelsae that will be going to camp.

# Chelsea Teachers Union endorses Roberto Jimenez-Rivera for State Rep.

The Chelsea Teachers Union is proud to endorse Roberto Jimenez-Rivera for State Representative in his bid for the newly-created 11th Suffolk district. Since joining the Chelsea School Committee, Mr. Jimenez-Rivera has been a strong ally to our members and a tireless advocate for Chelsea students and their families. His advocacy for the Student Opportunity Act is having an enormous impact on our schools, as millions of state dollars are now allowing us to create more opportunities and supports for students and staff alike.

community.”

“Our teachers, para-professionals, and student support staff are essential to unlocking this community’s fullest potential,” said Mr. Jimenez-Rivera. “Through our latest contract agreement with CTU we were able to raise our educators’ salaries and improve their working conditions, making it easier to keep them here, supporting our kids. I’m very proud of our work together and I’m thrilled to count on their support in this race. I look forward to continuing this work with them and the rest of our community as we fight for the Chelsea that we all deserve.”

Su trabajo abogando por la Ley de Oportunidad de Estudiantes ha tenido un gran impacto en nuestras escuelas, con millones de dólares estatales que ahora nos están permitiendo crear más oportunidades y proveer ayudas adicionales para nuestros estudiantes y el personal escolar.

contrato con el sindicato pudimos darle a nuestros educadores un mejor salario y mejorar sus condiciones de trabajo, para que puedan continuar tra-

bajando aquí, apoyando a nuestros chicos.

Estoy muy orgulloso de nuestro trabajo juntos y muy entusiasmado de contar con el apoyo de

CTU en esta campaña. Voy a continuar este trabajo con ellos y con el resto de nuestra comunidad, luchando por el futuro que nos merecemos.”

## Outdoor Dining Grant Program now open

The Housing and Community Development Department is pleased to announce the second year of its Outdoor Dining Grant Program to help local restaurants, bakeries, cafes, and eateries with their outdoor dining spaces. Funded by the Chelsea City Council, businesses can get up to \$5,000 in assistance through this program. Funds may be used to purchase shade structures or umbrellas, décor, tables, and chairs, as well as plantings and other materials for outdoor dining.



The Outdoor Dining Grant Program is designed to help local restaurants, bakeries, cafes, and eateries with their outdoor dining spaces.

CTU President Kathryn Anderson said “Roberto’s work on School Committee has been dedicated to the learning and living conditions our students need and deserve. Stable housing, clean air and water, and food security are critical for our students’ success in school. His experience as an advocate and organizer is critically needed at the State House, to fight for the policies we need in order to support our schools and our com-

El Sindicato de Maestros de Chelsea (CTU) está orgullosamente endosando a Roberto Jiménez-Rivera para Representante Estatal en su campaña para el nuevo distrito 11 de Suffolk.

“Nuestros maestros, paraprofesionales, y personal de apoyo estudiantil son esenciales para alcanzar el máximo potencial de nuestra comunidad,” dijo Jiménez-Rivera. “En nuestro nuevo

Online applications and more information can be found at <https://www.chelseama.gov/outdoor-dining-grant-program>

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El Departamento de

Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario se complace en anunciar el segundo año de su Programa de Subsidios para Comedores al Aire Libre para ayudar a restaurantes, panaderías, cafés y comedores locales a expandir sus espacios al aire libre. Financiado por el Concejo Municipal

de Chelsea, las empresas pueden obtener hasta \$5,000 en asistencia a través de este programa. Los fondos pueden usarse para comprar estructuras de sombra o sombrillas, decoración, mesas y sillas. Por más información, visite <https://www.chelseama.gov/outdoor-dining-grant-program>

# COVID-19 Boosters: Fast Facts

## Here’s what you need to know:

- Like other viruses, COVID-19 changes over time, leading to new variants.
- Boosters provide protection against these variants, giving your body an added layer of defense.
- You can still get COVID-19 after getting a booster, but your risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death are greatly reduced.
- Your booster does not need to be the same vaccine brand as your original COVID-19 vaccination.

Recommended booster doses vary by age and health status.



Check with your doctor or visit [mass.gov/CovidVaccine](https://mass.gov/CovidVaccine)



# Tourism/

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event, highlighting many of the city’s attributes with a number of well known residents and businesses people involved in the production. The lively three minutes was produced by ActiveVista Productions, the duo behind several recent documentaries centered on the city.

Chelsea’s hospitality sector was on a growth trajectory prior to COVID-19 with the opening of six state-of-the-art hotels in recent years, but this was significantly impacted during the pandemic. Now, as travelers are returning to the Boston area, Discover Chelsea is trumpeting the often-unheralded attributes of this small gateway community and seeks to bolster the local businesses.

Chelsea is a great base for travel and just a bridge away from downtown Boston. In fact, Chelsea is just one train stop from the TD Garden and a 20-minute train ride to Salem and the North Shore. With four stops across the city, the Silver Line SL3 carries visitors to the airport in minutes, and into the Seaport and convention spaces in 20 minutes.

“Chelsea is a wonderful city and a perfect location for visitors who come to the Boston area. This small city has seven stylish contemporary hotels which offer over 900 available guest rooms and suites,” said Maureen Foley of XSS Hotels, a hotel operator in Chelsea, and a Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Board Director. “Tourism and hospitality is the third largest industry in Massachusetts, and it makes a significant economic impact in a community. By boosting awareness of Chelsea as a visitor destination ‘just a bridge away’ from downtown Boston and Logan International Airport, we can promote local restaurants, hotels, shops, historical places and other attractions to travelers coming here from a near-

by town or from another country. We want to welcome them to discover Chelsea and experience its unique authenticity.”

Added Martha Sheridan, CEO of the GBCVB, “The City of Chelsea has emerged as a true destination draw for our region. Always rich in culture, Chelsea partners have now produced the assets, itineraries, and digital content to reach visitors in new and innovative ways. With a spectacular culinary scene, fun recreation, a beautiful waterfront, impressive hotel inventory, and a diverse community eager to welcome all people, we are so excited for travelers from near and far to discover Chelsea!”

Director of the Discover Chelsea campaign and the City’s Chelsea Prosperity initiative overall, Mimi Graney said the city has much to offer visitors. In many ways the Discover Chelsea campaign is the culmination of her efforts over the past five years. Cumulative projects to improve public spaces, install community-centered public art, and special events have animated the downtown for residents and new visitors alike. Walking tours and communication efforts to showcase Chelsea are given a bigger platform through the campaign.

“Chelsea’s got so much to offer but unfortunately the traditional venues travelers would seek out when planning their visit to the Boston area had nothing to say about the community,” said Graney.



Chelsea Police Capt. David Batchelor and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.



Roca Vice President of Government Affairs Kathi Reinstein and Metro Credit Union Vice President Saritin Rizzuto.



Holiday Inn Chelsea Director of Sales Vianna Soto and Holiday Inn Chelsea General Manager Hailey Guzman.



TownPlace Suites Hotel Director of Sales Bianca Santos and Colwen Hotels Area Director Joe Fiorello.



MFA Marketing and Tourism Manager Todd McNeel, GBCVB Executive Director Katie Davis, and Dawn Martin of DIG Boston.

“There’s awesome parks, great places to eat, and interesting areas to explore. We’re making sure that this information is easy to find for those coming to the area.”

The project might even have locals thinking about their community in a new way.

“We’re all ambassadors for our community,” Graney explained. “Whether you’re working in a local business or making plans for a night out with friends. All of us developing the resource materials for the project have been amazed at how exceptional Chelsea truly is in all it has to benefit travelers. And in documenting so many of the neighborhood businesses we’re marveling at how truly special this place is.”

The groundwork for the development of Chelsea’s hospitality sector came in two phases. First, several hotels came online in only a few short years. With all those potential visitors, City Manager Tom Ambrosino and the Chelsea



Maureen Foley delivers remarks at the Discover Chelsea kickoff event in Chelsea Square.

City Council invested in a vibrant city core where people could enjoy themselves during their stay.

“Since arriving as city manager in Chelsea, I have had the highest of hopes for our downtown and for the idea that visitors to our city, staying in our hotels, could enjoy the local businesses and the authenticity of the Chelsea experience,” said Ambrosino. “We have invested millions of dollars in the infrastructure of the downtown, and countless hours, and hope to invest even more in the coming years. Chelsea has a lot to offer visitors who choose to stay here.”

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said the state grant was a perfect fit for Chelsea, to help entrepreneurs like Joseph-Seale bring in new business from outside the area, and to fortify the existing hotel investments made in Chelsea several years ago.

“Chelsea’s hospitality industry is not as well-known as it should be and this grant was something



City of Chelsea Communications and Community Outreach Manager Lourdes Alvarez displays one of the gift bags that were distributed to guests at the Discover Chelsea kickoff event.

I was happy to support at the State House,” he said. “Chelsea residents will benefit from great jobs in the hospitality industry and local businesses will benefit from the added revenues from visitors to the city looking for an authentic, affordable place to stay with great accessibility to Boston and the North Shore. With our recent investments from the state in public transportation on the Silver Line and commuter rail station, Chelsea is a quick stop from any destination in the region. It’s critical that we let tourists coming here know that.”

One person ready to show tourists some of Chelsea’s hidden, and not so hidden, treasures is Ellen Rovner. Having started a walking tour business in Boston, but living in Chelsea, she expanded recently to include several new walking tours here – which is where she was born. The tours touch on the past, with the history of Chelsea’s once-large Jewish community, to the

colorful, with a tour of the city’s amazing public art program.

“I set out to show those interested in Chelsea just how phenomenal the city is by foot, and I ended up being the one who learned the most,” she said. “Having been born in Chelsea, I have learned so much about the city where I started out, and the walking tours here of so many of the various fun, interesting and authentic experiences have taken on their own life. I invite anyone visiting Chelsea to take one of the six tours and learn about everything from public art to famous movies filmed in Chelsea.”

Discover Chelsea will continue throughout the summer with a social media campaign and other events as well. The campaign’s website can be accessed at [www.discoverchelseama.com](http://www.discoverchelseama.com).

For further inquiries, please contact Mimi Graney at [mgraney@chelseama.gov](mailto:mgraney@chelseama.gov) or (617) 466-4186.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, City Council President Roy Avellaneda, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce President Paul Nowicki.



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City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Maureen Foley, Mimi Graney, City Council President Roy Avellaneda, GBCVB Vice President of Communications David O'Donnell, and El Mundo Boston President and CEO Alberto Vasallo.

JUDITH GARCIA AND KELLY GARCIA PARTICIPATE IN RED SOX LATINO YOUTH RECOGNITION DAY

On June 21, the Boston Red Sox, in collaboration with El Mundo Boston, honored 24 students from Chelsea and Revere public schools for their academic achievements. The event was part of the organizations' annual "Latino Youth Recognition Day", a 25-year-old tradition that the COVID-19 pandemic put on hold for the past two years.

Among those standing on the field at Fenway Park to congratulate the students were Red Sox Players Xander 'the X-man' Bogaerts, Alex Verdugo, pitcher Hansel Robles, Wally the Green Monster, and Chelsea's own School Committee Chairwoman Kelly Garcia and Councilor Judith

Garcia. Kelly Garcia has served on the Chelsea School Committee since 2016 and currently serves on the Budget & Finance and Human Resources sub-committees. Judith Garcia was elected to Chelsea City Council in 2015 and is currently running for state representative in Massachusetts' newly created 11th Suffolk district.

At the event, Councilor Garcia said, "I'm feeling proud, joyful, and hopeful to be here today. These kids from our community made a lot of sacrifices during such a difficult year to excel academically, and they're here! What a reward to be here at Fenway – such an iconic place – to celebrate their

achievements after all that hard work."

After greeting the students on the field, Judith Garcia was welcomed up to the announcers booth by the legendary Nilson Pepen Jr., the Spanish voice of the Red Sox. After a quick tutorial, Garcia helped Pepen call the game, and Pepen voiced his support for her state representative campaign.

The next Latino Youth Recognition Day will be held on July 5 and the award-winning students will be from East Boston public schools. The democratic primary for 11th Suffolk will be on September 6.

For more information [www.electJudithGarcia.com](http://www.electJudithGarcia.com).



Judith Garcia and Kelly Garcia participate in Red Sox Latino Youth Recognition Day at Fenway Park.

The Revere Beach Sand Sculpting Festival set for July 22-24

Staff Report

The Revere Beach Partnership, in coordination with the City of Revere and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, is excited to announce that it will be hosting the 18th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 22nd to 24th, 2022. After hosting a modified and scaled-back version in 2021, the event elements will return in full including the return of the Master Sand Sculpting Competition!

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

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

ways been a destination spot for visitors. We're thrilled to see that this year's festival will have all the festivities as previous years - with live entertainment, fireworks, and access to enjoy food from local businesses, there will be something for everyone to enjoy."

State Rep. Jeff Turco, past president of the Revere Beach Partnership and a current member of the advisory board, said he is looking forward to this year's festival. "It's a great opportunity to showcase America's first public beach and all the incredible improvements that have taken place, along with the great new restaurant," said Turco.

I think this year's event is going to be a great success."

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

Revere Beach Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2001.

The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is



A look at a previous sand castle.

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

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## Chill out with cool watermelon treats

FAMILY FEATURES

There's nothing quite like juicy, fresh watermelon to cool you off on a hot summer day. Whether you want to give the kids a refreshing, healthy snack or wow guests with a watermelon showpiece at a backyard barbecue, these recipes serve up great taste and good nutrition all summer long. For more tasty ways to make a summer splash, visit [www.watermelon.org](http://www.watermelon.org).

- Watermelon Beach Party**
- 1 watermelon — can be seeded or seedless
  - Cutting board
  - Kitchen and paring knives
  - Pencil or thin marker
  - Large bowl and spoon or ice cream scoop
  - Blue gelatin
  - Small plastic container
  - Small beach themed items
  - Gummy fish

Using an oblong seedless watermelon, cut a 1/4-inch slice off the bottom to provide a stable base. Draw lines in a wave design with a sharp pencil or thin marker approximately one half of the way up and all the way around the watermelon. Scoop out the flesh with an ice cream scoop or a large spoon, and reserve for salad. Chill gelatin in a small plastic container to make a pool of "water" and place in the watermelon bowl. Fill in around the "water" with fruit salad cut into fun shapes and balls. Arrange toys toward the edge of the watermelon bowl. Garnish sides with drink umbrellas and plastic palm tree swizzle sticks, and add gummy fish to complete the scene.



- Beach Bucket**
- 1 watermelon — can be seeded or seedless
  - Cutting board
  - Kitchen and paring knives
  - Green dry erase marker
  - Large bowl and spoon
  - Melon baller
  - Beach theme cookie cutters
  - Light-colored cake mix

Wash watermelon under cool running water and pat dry. Placing watermelon on its side, cut off the bottom end 1/4 to 1/2 inch so it can stand flat on its end. Be careful not to cut too deep into the white part of the rind — this would allow liquid to leak from bottom of carving. Stand watermelon on cut end. With dry erase marker, draw a line about 1/3 of the way down from the top, around the whole watermelon. Pick a point on the line and find the corresponding point on the exact opposite side of the watermelon. From those points measure 1 inch to the right and to the left. Connect those points by drawing two parallel lines across the top forming the shape of the handle. Use paring knife to cut along lines, being careful not to break or crack handle. For best results, hold paring knife like a pen, but only cut half way into rind. Once you complete that first cut all the way around, go back and cut the rest of the way through the rind. Doing the cut in two steps will ensure a cleaner line and smoother cuts. Carefully remove trimmed rind and flesh. Try to remove as much as possible in large portions that can later be sliced and used with the cookie cutters. Scoop out remaining flesh from base, trying to leave as much flesh intact. Remove it in larger pieces that can be used for making watermelon balls or bite-sized chunks. Take knife and carve a channel about 1 to 2 inches from top edge, creating rim of bucket. Take the large removed pieces and trim off rind. From flesh, cut rectangles about 1/2 inch thick. Using cookie cutter, cut shapes from watermelon. To create light colored shapes, use slices of honeydew melons, or cut decorative pieces from white part of watermelon rind. Set aside and drain on paper towel. With remaining fruit, make either cubes or balls and drain. Toss with other cut fruit and berries and fill bucket. Decorate top of bucket with cut watermelon shapes and new, clean toys and shovels. Use light colored cake mix to resemble sand.

- Watermelon Raspberry Lemonade**
- Makes 4 servings
- 6 cups watermelon cubes (seeds removed)
  - 1/4 cup raspberries
  - 1 cup water
  - 1/3 cup sugar
  - 1/2 cup lemon juice

Place watermelon, raspberries and water in container of electric blender, cover and blend until smooth. Strain through fine mesh strainer into pitcher. Stir in sugar and lemon juice until sugar dissolves. Refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour.

- Watermelon Popsicles**
- Watermelon**
- Chunks of fresh fruit — try grapes, strawberries, or kiwi fruit
- Puree watermelon and pour into popsicle molds. Drop in chunks of fresh fruit, insert caps and place in freezer. Serve when frozen.

## How to choose a watermelon

- Look for a firm, symmetrical watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.
- The watermelon should be heavy for its size.
- The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.

**Did you know?**

- Watermelon has higher concentrations of lycopene than any other fresh fruit or vegetable.
- Watermelon is naturally low in saturated fat, total fat and cholesterol.
- A 2-cup serving of watermelon is an excellent source of vitamins A and C and a good source of vitamin B-6.



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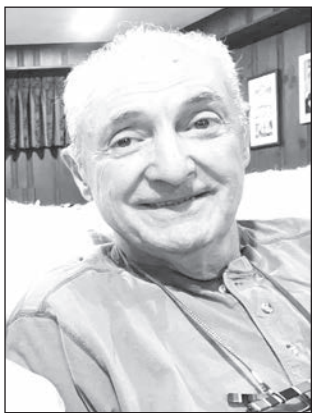
Louis Lawrence Abrams  
Of Winthrop, formerly of Chelsea

Louis Lawrence Abrams of Winthrop, formerly of Chelsea, passed away on June 29.

Louis was the beloved husband of the late Adrean (Freede) Abrams, the devoted father of David Abrams and his wife, Alyssa and Stephanie Long and her husband. Kenneth; the dear brother of Phyllis Pokat and her late husband, Louis, Stanley Abrams and his wife, Kathy and Leonard Abrams and his wife, Jen. He was the loving grandfather of Ethan, Samantha, Zoe, Chelsea, Mason and Amber.

Services were held on Wednesday, July 6 at Temple Emmanuel, 60 Tudor St., Chelsea.

Interment was in Everett. Memorial observance was held at his late residence following the in-



terment and will continue today, Thursday, from 2 to 8 p.m. Contributions in Louis's memory may be made to the Autism Alliance of Metrowest, 1881 Worcester Rd., Suite 100, Framingham, MA 01701 or the Winthrop Public Library, 2 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Chelsea Licensing Commission, July 14, 2022  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Transfer of a Wine and Malt Beverages License application (On Premise) from Los Amigos Corp. d/b/a Restaurante Los Amigos to Sandovalmja, Inc. d/b/a Los Amigos 339 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify all abutters, via Certified Return Receipt mail, of this hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administrator  
7/7/22, 7/14/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S

SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
Premises: 58 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Rose Ann Tilton and Theresa V. McDonald to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., said mortgage dated December 8, 2003, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, in Book 33465 at Page 117 and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by virtue of an assignment from Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMTLI Asset Trust to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated June 17, 2019 and recorded in Book 61422 at Page 75 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds; previously assigned by US Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated July 12, 2018 and recorded in Book 59983 at Page 87 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., to US Bank Trust NA, as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated August 29, 2016 and recorded in Book 56708 at Page 199 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on August 5, 2022 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:  
A parcel of land located in Chelsea, County of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts with a street location address of 58 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 currently owned by Theresa V. McDonald and Rose Ann Tilton and more fully described in the Vesting Document dated 11/24/98, recorded on 11/25/98, in Liber 23155 Page 184 and designated as metes and bounds property. More particularly described as:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in Chelsea, Suffolk County, known and numbered 58 Chestnut Street and being shown as part of Lot 29 on Williams Street on the plan entitled "Plan of Lands of the Winnisimmet Company and others in Chelsea and Malden" by J.H. Shearer, Engineer, dated 1864, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Book 616 bounded and described as follows:  
Commencing on said Chestnut Street at the passageway between Beacon Street and Williams Street and then running:  
Northeasterly: on said Chestnut Street, thirty-one (31) feet, then turning and running;  
Northwesterly: on a line parallel with said passageway forty-four (44) feet; more or less to Lot 28 as shown on said plan; then turning and running  
Southwesterly: on said Lot 28, Thirty-One (31) feet to said passageway then turning and running  
Southeasterly: on said passageway Forty-four (44) feet to the point of beginning.  
The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgages' Title see deed dated November 24, 1998, and recorded in Book 23155 at Page 184 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.  
FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.  
Other terms to be announced at the sale.  
BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC  
270 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB,  
d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868  
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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING  
Case No. 2022-15  
In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a meeting of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway  
With reference to the application of:  
The Neighborhood Developers, Inc.  
For Major Site Plan Review to construct sixty-six affordable residential units at the premises known as:  
170 Cottage Street.  
Plans and copies of the application and petition may be viewed at the

office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, during City Hall business hours.  
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LEGAL NOTICE



Re:Agular Corp. d/b/a Bar La Cueva  
802 Broadway  
Chelsea MA  
Chelsea Licensing Commission, July 14, 2022  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Change of Hours of an All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages License application (On Premise) to Aguilar Corp. d/b/a Bar La Cueva at 802 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administrator  
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LEGAL NOTICE

SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
By virtue of the Judgment and Order of the Chelsea District Court (Docket # 2214CV00019) in favor of the Trustees of the 729-731 Broadway Condominium Trust against Olga Chacon and The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, As Trustee For The Certificate Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-11, establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L. 183A § 6, on the real estate known as Unit #1 in the 729-731 Broadway Condominium, 729-731 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 ("Unit") by the Trustees of the 729-731 Broadway Condominium Trust ("Condominium"), for the purpose of satisfying such lien, the same will be sold at a public auction sale at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at the subject Unit. The Unit to be sold is more particularly described as follows:  
The Unit is in that condominium known as 729-731 Broadway Condominium, established under Declaration of Trust and pursuant to Master Deed, each dated October 5, 2005, and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds ("Registry of Deeds"), at Book 38297, Pages 107 and 124, respectively, together with said Unit's undivided interest in the common area and facilities as described in said Master Deed.  
The post office address of the Condominium is 729-731 Broadway Condominium, 729-731 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. The Unit and the Condominium are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A. The Unit hereby conveyed is shown on the plans of the building filed simultaneously with the Master Deed with said Deed, a copy of a portion of which plans are attached to the first Unit Deed. Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium as set forth in said Master Deed. Said Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of (1) the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 183A, as amended;

(2) the provisions and matters as set forth in the first unit deed and floor plans recorded therewith; and (4) the provisions of said Declaration of Trust of the Condominium, as amended.  
Said Unit is conveyed together with the right of easements appurtenant to said Unit as described in the Master Deed.  
Being all and the same premises conveyed to Olga Chacon by deed dated May 31, 2006, duly executed, sealed, delivered, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds, Book 39705, Page 100. The Unit is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, tenants or occupants, prior mortgages, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, common area charges, and all other claims in the nature of liens, having priority over the said Judgment, if any there be.  
No representation is or shall be made as to any mortgages, liens, encumbrances, or the condition of the subject Unit.  
TERMS OF SALE:  
A non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars shall be required to be made payable to 729-731 Broadway Condominium Trust in cash, by certified check or by Bank Cashier's check at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid to 729-731 Broadway Condominium Trust, in cash, by certified check, or by Bank Cashier's check in or within thirty (30) days from the date of sale to be held in escrow until delivery of the deed. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.  
Trustees of the 729-731 Broadway Condominium Trust  
By their Attorney, Howard S. Goldman  
BB0#199030  
Goldman & Pease LLC  
160 Gould Street  
Suite 320  
Needham, MA 02494  
(781) 292-1080  
Dated: June 27, 2022  
6/30/22, 7/7/22, 7/14/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE



AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA  
DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS  
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA  
De conformidad con la Sección 1.15, Parte IV del código administrativo de la Ciudad de Chelsea, sección 22-64 (b) Establecimiento de tarifas de recolección de desechos sólidos y la sección 30-65 establecimiento de tarifas de facturación de agua, alcantarillado y basura de las ordenanzas de la Ciudad de Chelsea el Martes, 19 de julio de 2022 a las 6:00 p.m. en el tercer piso en el cuarto de conferencia La audiencia pública para los residentes interesados tendrá la oportunidad de ser escuchada sobre el aumento propuesto de las tarifas de recolección de desechos sólidos y el aumento propuesto para las tarifas de agua y alcantarillado. Se invita al público a asistir.  
Lou Mammolette  
COMISIONADO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617)788-8300  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
Docket No. SU22P0694EA  
Estate of Nicoletta L. Incerto  
Date of Death: 02/10/2022  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of: Petitioner Toni M. Melissa of Sandwich, MA  
A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Roni m. Melissa of Sandwich, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
7/7/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS  
June 29, 2022  
City of Chelsea, c/o Department of Housing & Community Development City Hall  
500 Broadway, Room 101  
Chelsea, MA 02150  
617-466-4180  
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:  
On or about 07/18/2022, the City of Chelsea Department of Housing & Community Development will submit a request to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to release Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds (Mini-Entitlement Program FY2021) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended to undertake three projects part of the FY2021 City of Chelsea Mini-Entitlement Community Development Block Grant, consisting of: Shawmut St. and Chester Ave. Streetscape Enhancements in the Shurtleff-Bellingham Neighborhood (Census Tract 1602.01, 1602.02, 1601.01, 1601.02) and the Chelsea Housing Rehabilitation Program. On Shawmut St. and Chester

Ave., the City proposes replacing deteriorated sidewalks, installing wheelchair ramps, planting street trees, and repaving substandard asphalt pavement. The project will utilize approximately \$340,000 of CDBG funds. The Chelsea Housing Rehabilitation Program proposes to use approximately \$70,000 of CDBG funds to make loans to eligible property owners of one- to four-unit residential properties for housing rehabilitation and to make needed repairs. The program is designed to address violations of the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code, and may also include asbestos abatement and de-lead-ing activities or lead paint abatement, alone or combined with other work, and to remedy other building code violations or complete related building improvements including, but not limited to, plumbing and electric system repairs, heating system repairs or improvements, weatherization, roofing and accessibility modifications. The program is estimated to serve approximately two (2) housing units in the CDBG target areas (Census Tracts 1601, 1602, and 1605 including the Shurtleff/Bellingham, Addison/Orange and Mill Hill neighborhoods). The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Department of Housing & Community Development Office, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA and may be examined or copied Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19, persons interested in viewing the files are encouraged to call ahead at 617-466-4180 to make an appointment.  
PUBLIC COMMENT  
Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Chelsea Department of Housing & Community Development. Comments may be submitted to 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA 02150 or via email to atrain@chelseama.gov. All comments received by July 18, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. will be considered by the City of Chelsea prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.  
RELEASE OF FUNDS  
The City of Chelsea certified to DHCD that John DePriest, Director of Permitting & Land Use Planning, in his capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer for the City of Chelsea, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DHCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Chelsea to use Program funds.  
OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS  
DHCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Chelsea's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission

date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Chelsea; (b) the City of Chelsea has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development at 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.  
John DePriest  
Environmental Certifying Officer  
Chelsea Record: 7/7/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
In accordance with Section 1.15, Part IV of the City of Chelsea administrative code section 22-64(b) Establishment of solid waste collection fees and section 30-65 establishment of water, sewer & trash billing rates of the ordinances of the City of Chelsea on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 6:00pm on the 3rd floor in the conference room Public hearing for interested residents, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed increase of solid waste collection fees, and the proposed increase for water and sewer rates.  
The public is invited to attend.  
Lou Mammolette  
COMMISSIONER  
6/30/22, 7/7/22, C

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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA  
INVITATION FOR BIDS  
Purchase and Installation of Pedestrian Activated Signal Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (PAS-RRFB) Signs  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Purchase and Installation of Pedestrian Activated Signal Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (PAS-RRFB) Signs".  
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after July 7, 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 "Purchase and Installation of Pedestrian Activated Signal Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (PAS-RRFB) Signs" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, July 21, 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  
7/7/22 C

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE  
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and

(d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on June 27, 2022, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:  
Now, therefore be it Ordained, that the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:  
Amendment 1  
That Part II, Chapter 6 – Building and Fire Prevention Regulation, Article II – Building and Related Codes, Section 6-34 – Reserved be amended by adding the following new Section 6-34.  
Sec. 6-34. – Energy Reporting and Disclosure.  
(a) Purpose.  
(b) Definitions.  
Use  
Type  
Code  
Square feet threshold  
Dwelling unit threshold  
First reporting deadline  
Non-Residential  
Large  
NR-L  
Greater than or equal to 50,000  
N/A  
June 30, 2023  
Medium  
NR-M  
Greater than or equal to 35,000 and less than 50,000  
June 30, 2024  
Small  
NR-S  
Greater than or equal to 20,000 and less than 35,000  
Residential  
Large  
R-L  
Greater than or equal to 50,000  
Greater than or equal to 50  
June 30, 2023  
Medium  
R-M  
Greater than or equal to 35,000 and less than 50,000  
Greater than or equal to 35 and less than 50  
June 30, 2024  
Small  
R-S  
Greater than or equal to 20,000 and less than 35,000  
Greater than or equal to 20 and less than 35  
Municipal & Other  
Housing Authority  
MUN  
All properties  
N/A  
June 30, 2023  
City of Chelsea  
All properties  
(c) Energy and water disclosure for City buildings.  
(d) Energy reporting for covered properties.  
(e) Direct upload.  
(f) Preservation of documents.  
(g) Disclosure.  
(h) Enforcement and penalties.  
(i) Power to suspend.  
(j) Applicability.  
(k) Severability.  
(l) Implementation.  
(m) Notice.  
Amendment 2  
That Part II, Chapter 1 – General Provisions, Section 1-8 – General penalty; criminal and non-criminal disposition, Subsection (c) be amended by inserting the following in the table of noncriminal violations: Ordinance  
Fine  
Enforcing Personnel  
Building energy reporting and disclosure, Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6-34  
\$50.00 first offense  
Building inspectors  
\$150.00 second offense  
\$300.00 third offense  
Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.  
Jeannette Cintron White  
City Clerk  
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL HEARS OF NEED FOR DEVENS SCHOOL

EVERETT - Superintendent of Everett Public Schools Priya Tahiliani appeared before the City Council on Monday night to explain the rental status of the Devens School. The current owner of the former Everett school building notified school officials that he might be looking at selling the building when the lease expires in June 2023, and is seeking to talk to city officials about the possible sale or even renewing the lease.

The city has been renting the Devens School for approximately the last 10 years. The yearly cost of the rental is \$580,000 per year. The Devens School was originally owned by the City of Everett, but the council approved the sale about a decade ago.

The Devens School presently is being used as a school for students with Individualized Educational Plans (IEP) who cannot be in a typical classroom setting because of their learning issues and specific needs.

Dr. Brian Wallace, the principal at the Devens School, also appeared before the councillors and provided a quick overview of the school's programs.

"We need school space," Wallace said to the councilors, while mentioning how important the smaller classroom-size is to the learning process and future success for a child on an IEP.

In 2012, the Everett school decided to lease back the Devens School in order to save the taxpayers the added expense of transporting these students to programs in other communities.

He noted how important continuity is for these students and that any change can be detrimental to their educational progress. He also told the councillors that according to studies, these students do best in schools that are located within their own community. Many students in other communities which do not provide adequate special needs education programs are forced to take long bus rides, at great ex-

pense to their school districts, in order to receive the educational programs they require.

Tahiliani added, "We need this building to stop additional overcrowding."

The issue of new schools for Everett's burgeoning school population became a major focus for city officials and residents when the School Committee brought to the public's attention earlier this year the extent of the serious overcrowding problem facing the school system. School officials outlined their plans to convert present storage space into classroom space or to add modular classrooms at the Keverian School in order to ease the present overcrowding situation.

Wallace emphasized to the council that the Devens School exists, "because local schools cannot handle the need."

The councilors voted to refer the matter to the mayor's office to meet with the owner of the Devens School and then get back to the council with information about the possibility of a new lease or purchase.

ZUMIX WALK FOR MUSIC IS SUNDAY

EAST BOSTON - At the height of the pandemic Zumix did not slow down one bit. Like many local organizations Zumix, East Boston's popular music and performing arts nonprofit, reinvented itself and hosted remote celebrations, online classes and virtual showcases.

Their work throughout the pandemic culminated last year with an in-person return of Zumix's annual Walk for Music fundraiser after the event was forced to go virtual in 2020.

There was much to celebrate at last year's Walk for Music as the annual event coincided with Zumix's 30th Anniversary celebration and a \$1 million gift from McKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett's foundation.

Madeleine Steczynski, co-founder and executive director of Zumix, said she was happy to announce that this year's Walk for Music will again be in-person as the neigh-

borhood and city slowly crawls out from under the grips of COVID.

Steczynski said on Sunday, July 10 at 3 pm Zumix community members and other participants will walk through Eastie's parks to support the nonprofit's award-winning music and youth empowerment programs.

The event will begin at the Zumix Firehouse at 260 Sumner St. with registration at the firehouse beginning at 3 pm and the Walk for Music starting at 4 pm.

The daylong festivities will conclude with the kickoff of Zumix's Summer Concert Series in Piers Park, also a part of the annual Eastie Week celebration.

"We're so excited to welcome our community back to the Firehouse for the Walk for Music," said Steczynski. "It has been a challenging couple of years, and music and community have kept us going. We can't wait to celebrate with everyone."

The Walk for Music has become one of Zumix's signature events and something Steczynski, the Zumix staff and community looks forward to each year.

Over the years, the Walk for Music has become one of Zumix's largest annual events, raising well over \$50,000 each year.

The money raised through the Walk for Music allows Zumix to keep its creative programs free and low-cost and serve more than 1,000 youth each year.

For over three decades Zumix has offered programs for young people ages 7-18 in songwriting and performance, creative media and technology, musical theater, private lesson instruction, and instrumental ensembles.

Created as a response to the need for high-quality music programming in Boston's schools and communities, the Walk for Music has historically been an afternoon of music, celebration, and community for local music organizations. This year's event will focus on the neighborhoods and green spaces of East Boston, including Piers Park, Bremen Street Park, and the

ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK



Julio and Alejandra Castro with their grandfather, Ron Spinney, holding his acrylic art pour paintings during the first Art in the Park hosted by the Winthrop Art Association as part of their summer series on June 25.

Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.

Walkers can sign up in advance on the event page at <https://secure.frontstream.com/walk-for-music-2022>.

Those wishing to donate can visit <https://secure.frontstream.com/walk-for-music-2022> or send a check made out to ZUMIX to 260 Sumner Street, East Boston, MA, 02128.

In the case of inclement weather, the concert and celebration after the walk will take place at the ZUMIX Firehouse.

BIOLAB CAUSES HEATED DISCUSSION

REVERE - Two things remain apparent on the issue of biolab safety at the life science center being planned as part of HYM's spectacular development of the Suffolk Downs site.

One is that the issue of which biolab safety level [the levels range from 1 to 4] will be implemented in the laboratories is very heated, and two is that there are many questions still to be addressed.

The Revere Board of Health invited Sam Lipson, director of environmental health for the Cambridge Public Health Department, to speak at Monday's Revere City Council meeting. Lipson certainly impressed all with his knowledge and expertise on the topic. Lipson, who holds bachelor's and master's of science degrees wide-ranging LinkedIn resume attests, Lipson, from Cal-Berkeley and UMass Boston "oversees the enforcement of local and state regulations pertaining to hazardous chemical, biological, and mineral exposures within the City of Cambridge."

With MIT and Harvard in its midst and many research laboratories inside the city, Cambridge is biolab central in the region, giving Lipson a unique and vital perspective on the issue of biolab safety.

Lipson was present at the meeting to not only offer a comprehensive presentation, which he did admirably, but to answer questions from the City Council.

But when a person in the audience disrupted the meeting just as the Council was poised to ask questions, City Council President Gerry Visconti asked Revere Police officers to escort the individual out of the Council Chambers. Visconti then wisely called for a recess (which became 30 minutes) before all attendees were allowed back into

the Chambers for the resumption of the meeting.

By that point, Lipson had exited the building and Visconti referred the matter to Council Patrick Keefe's zoning subcommittee for further review.

Most attendees left the meeting at that point, with some gathering outside to express their opinions on animal rights in organized, peaceful fashion, as two Revere Police officers stood professionally nearby on the steps of City Hall's side entrance, ably securing the scene.

Most everyone agreed that Visconti had acted correctly in summoning the assistance of police officers inside the Council Chambers. Other Revere Police officers and State Police officers also arrived to maintain order and they were effective.

Visconti said he was hoping that the Council would get the opportunity to ask questions to Lipson pertaining to the plans for biolabs at the Suffolk Downs site.

"Unfortunately, the meeting was disrupted, and that prevented the Council from asking questions, and he [Lipson] ended up leaving," said Visconti. "At this point, we're not sure if he would be amenable to a return visit."

In the end, Visconti sent the matter to the zoning subcommittee, who will discuss the matter further and make its recommendations to the full City Council.

Interestingly, the current level of Biosafety in the Revere ordinances is for Level 3, to which many, including Council members, have expressed their opposition.

But as Monday night's unusual chain of events showed [with a guest speaker leaving before he was able to answer questions], the issue of biolab safety – and what biosafety level will be instituted in the Revere ordinances – is still a controversial one.

(Information from LinkedIn pertaining to Mr. Lipson's academic credentials and director's position in the Cambridge Health Department was used in the compilation of this story).

COUNCIL HEARS ABOUT CBD

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met on June 21, where it viewed the Town Planner's presentation on the potential revitalization of the Center Business District (CBD).

CBD Storefront Improvement

Town Planner Rachel Kelly presented a draft of

a Facade and Storefront Improvement Program for Winthrop's newly renovated CBD. The presentation was created by the Town of Winthrop and Innes Associates with aid from the Mass. Dept. of Housing and Community Development.

According to the presentation, a Facade and Storefront Improvement Program is a "program for economic development within a specific area or entire community, a tool to strengthen and promote small businesses, and a strategy to revitalize and showcase a downtown or commercial center."

Beginning in March, presenters visited the CBD and met with local businesses, documenting current conditions and developing a draft improvement plan. Photos showed the existing storefronts in CBD.

If the Town adopted the program, businesses visible from the street could apply for a grant to address code violations; improve accessibility and energy efficiency; and upgrade signage, awnings, lighting, painting and landscaping.

Other communities that have participated in similar programs include Ashland, Brookline, Cambridge and Woburn.

Question of Inclusion

During the public comment period, a number of Winthrop residents expressed their concern about Winthrop's lack of inclusive messaging for the June holidays of Juneteenth and Pride.

One resident said that, although leadership claims that Winthrop is an inclusive town, that has not been the experience of a lot of marginalized communities.

"We, as a council, have failed the community miserably," said Councilor Joseph Aiello in response to the criticism. "All of us need to do better, including myself."

The councilor received a standing ovation from those present in the audience.

Board of Health Updates

Regarding the black plastics ban that we reported on two weeks ago, the Board of Health suggests that retail locations stop distributing black and dark-colored plastics. They will have six months to comply with the new demand.

Outdoor pools at four locations have become a safety concern. The Board of Health will be drafting an ordinance to upgrade the safety at those locations, which can include requiring a lifeguard to be on duty.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Food podcasts

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A significant advantage of following a topic via podcasts is that you can do something else while you listen. Penny likes to listen to her favorites while cooking and on long drives. Listening to podcasts with headphones or earbuds is a great option in a waiting area or on public transportation. A podcast may be perfect for winding down before sleep without exposure to blue light from screens.

Our Favorites!

“The Splendid Table” is one of the first podcasts we discovered. It began in 1997 as a call-in radio show on Minnesota Public Radio and now airs weekly across the country on public radio stations and as a podcast. Today it is hosted by food writer and editor Francis Lam who, despite his deep knowledge of food, asks the questions the home cook would ask in his interviews.

“The Good Food Podcast” from KCRW in Los Angeles may seem a strange choice for east coast listeners. However, we are longtime fans of the chef and host Evan Kleiman. We always learn from the people and topics she covers. While we may turn green as she talks about local produce availability and the range of restaurant choices, we can use what we learn to apply to local options.

Special Interest Podcasts

One of the first places we turn to find excellent podcasts about specialized food topics is the Heritage Radio Network. Here are a few we discovered from that source.

Since we are fascinated by food history, we enjoy culinary historian Linda Pelaccio’s “Taste of the Past” podcast. In one episode, she takes you on a journey through the tradition of growing rice in Italy. In another, she’ll ex-

plore the culture and cuisine of the Roma people of Spain.

Cutting the Curd” is all about cheese. We credit much of what we know on that topic to this show. The subjects covered here have made us more comfortable conversing with local cheesemongers. That means we can make a broader range of cheese choices and discover new favorites we might never have tried. It also makes us appreciate the hard work and skill of the people who make cheese, age it, and deliver it in excellent condition.

Once you enter the home page [www.heritage-radionetnetwork.org](http://www.heritage-radionetnetwork.org), you can review shows by topic. In preparing this column, we found a few new offerings we’ll audition, including ones on cider, pizza, wine, cookbooks, and Asian food cultures.

In addition to food, you’ll find shows on gardening and farming, the environment and policy,



We credit much of what we know about cheese to the podcast “Cutting the Curd.”

health and wellness, food business, drinks, and the science and technology of food.

Audition a Few!

As with any food topic, your taste may be different from ours. You may want to add podcasts from major food blogs or networks you follow elsewhere, like Bon Appetit, Eater, The Kitchn, the Food Net-

work, or the BBC.

Sound and style are important factors when choosing podcasts. We’ve rejected a few shows that offered great information but included annoying music. We understand that ads and cross-promotions for products make these “free” programs possible and have no problem with that in moderation. We

soon tire of podcasts that are more ad or promotion than content.

In most cases, you can slide along to sample different spots in a program to see if it appeals to your tastes and level of interest.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.*

Boston Landmarks Orchestra Receives \$100,000 Grant

Boston Landmarks Orchestra is one of 140 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 to \$500,000 each through Cummings Foundation’s \$25 Million Grant Program. The Boston-based organization was chosen from a total of 580 applicants during a competitive review process. It will receive \$100,000 over three years.

The Cummings Foundation grant will support Landmark Orchestra’s Music and Memory program with performances in assisted living centers which specialize in care for patients with memory loss and dementia.

Rooted in the mission “we build community through great music,”

Landmarks Orchestra brings free live orchestral music to Greater Boston audiences. Landmarks Orchestra strongly believes in a reciprocal approach to programming and collaborations, especially with historically marginalized populations.

“This grant is truly transformational for our Music and Memory program and we can’t wait to start working with additional communities,” says Mary Deissler, Co-Executive Director.

The Cummings \$25 Million Grant Program supports Massachusetts nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties.

Through this place-

based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the areas where it owns commercial property. Its buildings are all managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate, Cummings Properties. This Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 11 million square feet of debt-free space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

“We are so fortunate in greater Boston to have such effective nonprofits, plus a wealth of talented, dedicated professionals and volunteers to run them,” said Cummings Foundation executive director Joyce Vyriotes. “We are indebted to them for the work they do each day

to provide for basic needs, break down barriers to education and health resources, and work toward a more equitable society.”

With the help of about 90 volunteers, the Foundation first identified 140 organizations to receive grants of at least \$100,000 each. Among the winners were first-time recipients as well as nonprofits that had previously received Cummings Foundation grants. Forty of this latter group of repeat recipients were then selected to have their grants elevated to 10-year awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 each.

“Our volunteers bring diverse backgrounds and perspectives, which is so critical to our grant

selection process,” said Vyriotes. “Through this democratized approach to philanthropy, they decide more than half the grants every year.”

This year’s grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including food insecurity, immigrant and refugee services, social justice, education, and mental health services. The nonprofits are spread across 45 different cities and towns.

The complete list of 140 grant winners, plus more than 900 previous recipients, is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org).

Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$375 million to greater Boston nonprofits.

About Boston Landmarks Orchestra

Boston Landmarks Orchestra was founded in 2001 by conductor and community advocate Charles Ansbacher. The orchestra is comprised of many of the area’s finest professional musicians. In its earliest years, the orchestra performed in such historically important settings as Fenway Park, the USS CONSTITUTION pier, Jamaica Pond, Franklin Park, Copley Square, Boston Common, and other landmark locations. Since 2007, its principal home has been at the DCR’s Hatch Memorial Shell. For more history visit [landmarksorchestra.org](http://landmarksorchestra.org).

Options counseling opens doors to older adults with disabilities

Special to the Record

Older adults and people with disabilities, and those who help to care for them, are often not aware of all the services and supports that are available to them mostly because they are not sure where to begin the search for information about such programs.

In partnership with the State, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) responds to this need by providing a free resource to older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers who have no idea how to gain access to services and programs when they need it. The service—options counseling—can be considered a one-stop resource to help guide these folks to obtain the supports they are seeking. The MVES Options Counseling team works with individuals and their families to help them decide what supports they need to live where they want with dignity and choice.

“Options counseling is an interactive short-term process to empower individuals in need of long-term services and supports to make an informed choice about the settings and services that best meet their needs,” explains Di-

ane Glaude, options counselor at MVES. “Individuals and families receive unbiased information from us about relevant programs, services, housing options, and financial resources to help pay for services. We assist individuals to determine next steps and connect with relevant referral sources.”

A person-centered resource, options counseling is provided at no cost and to all income levels of people who want to remain at home but need supports to do so, after someone has been admitted to a long-term care facility following a hospital stay, or when a family caregiver needs help to continue providing care in the community. The program is built to objectively help guide referral sources, caregivers, other agencies, MVES consumers and their families, and individuals living in the community. It is a great “first call resource” for anyone with aging related service option questions.

According to MVES Options Counselor/Clinical Coordinator Jessica Phelan, options counseling is also offered to adults 18+ who identify with having a disability who want to know what different service and sup-

port options are out there.

“There are so many different options in Massachusetts and it is hard sometimes for a person to navigate the system. That’s where we come in. We provide counseling about the different options so community members and our consumers can make the best informed decision regarding their care,” says Jessica.

The MVES Options Counseling staff will explore options for housing, in-home supports, transportation, public benefits, nutrition, and caregiving. Together, they help make the best choice for the person’s unique situation.

Options counseling supports consumer-directed care where consumers are able to make their own decisions about what options they would like to explore and pursue, according to Meghan Brookes, options counselor at MVES.

“We can provide options counseling over the phone, at someone’s home, or in a community setting. I discuss the consumer’s needs, concerns, and goals to determine the appropriate options and provide them with information on these options,” says Meghan. “Then I can assist consumers in the

decision making process once all options are presented as well as make the necessary referrals, if needed.”

The team make referrals to a variety of programs and inform consumers about many different types of options. “We often refer consumers to programs at MVES including home care services, clinical casework, home delivered meals, SHINE, and Money Management,” says Meghan. “We also meet with many consumers who are seeking housing resources, in-

cluding completing housing applications, learning about subsidized housing options, emergency rental assistance options, and homeless services.”

As for government-funded programs outside of MVES, options counselors help individuals with information on fuel assistance, SNAP benefits, Social Security and MassHealth options. They also provide information on general community resources including transportation, medical equipment providers, and legal resources.

“We work with consumers with a variety of concerns, questions, and needs and explore many different options – each referral and each consumer is unique,” she says.

If more long-term support is needed, the Options Counseling staff may refer the individual to the State Home Care program if home care services are needed.

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FEMA awards nearly \$10.3 million to MBTA for COVID-19 cleaning and safety costs

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly \$10.3 million to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to reimburse it for the cost of keeping its public transit systems safe and operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$10,288,865 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the MBTA for the costs associated with disinfecting equipment and facilities between July and September 2020, as well as other steps taken to protect the public and its employees.

The authority used contract labor and paid overtime for its employees to disinfect the subway (the Red, Orange, Blue, and Green subway lines), bus (171 bus routes and 4 rapid transit routes), commuter rail, ferry, and The

RIDE (MBTA's door-to-door paratransit service) systems.

The MBTA also provided personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, and wipes to its personnel, installed barriers between operators and the public, and installed signage and crowd control measures at various locations throughout the system.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the MBTA with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Keeping public transit operating safely

during the pandemic was critical to allowing essential workers to continue to commute to their jobs, as well as providing service to the general public."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

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