

MassHousing closes on \$10.4 million in financing to create new affordable and workforce housing at 25 Sixth Street

MassHousing has closed on a total of \$10.4 million in affordable and workforce housing financing to the non-profit The Neighborhood Developers, Inc. (TND). The MassHousing financing will allow The Neighborhood Developers to transform a former light industrial site at 25 Sixth Street in Chelsea into 62 new mixed-income rental and homeownership units, located on the MBTA's Silver Line near Bellingham Square.

As part of the 25 Sixth Street development, TND will create six new homeownership units, which will be affordable to moderate-income first-time homebuyers under MassHousing's Commonwealth Builder Program. The Legislature has committed \$115 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to scale up the Commonwealth Builder program, and 25 Sixth Street is the first homeownership project in Massachusetts to utilize ARPA funding.

“COVID-19 highlighted the importance of having a quality, affordable home and the 56 new rental units and six homeownership units that 25 Sixth Street will provide just steps from public transportation and downtown Chelsea will add housing stability and economic opportunity to that neighborhood for many years to come,” said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy. “We’re pleased that ARPA funding will support these six new affordable homes for first-time buyers as part of the Commonwealth Builder program as we work to increase homeownership opportunities, especially for communities of color, across the Commonwealth.”



An artist rendering of the 25 Sixth Street project.

“The transformation of 25 Sixth Street in Chelsea is a showcase for the mission-oriented work of The Neighborhood Developers, and for our state’s leadership in deploying federal pandemic relief to create stronger and more equitable communities,” said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay. “This development will create quality new homeownership opportunities and affordable rental housing, in close proximity to transit and jobs, and provide a platform for economic prosperity.”

“TND is pleased to work together with MassHousing and the City of Chelsea to bring more for-sale and rental affordable homes to Chelsea. The location of 25 Sixth Street in downtown Chelsea right next to a Silver Line stop, makes local and regional amenities readily accessible to our future residents,” said Rafael Mares, Executive Director of The Neighborhood Developers.

TND acquired the 25 Sixth Street parcel just ahead of the pandemic; an empty warehouse was located on the site. When a pandemic related food pantry outgrew the office of La Colaborativa, TND made the warehouse avail-

able for the food pantry's use. Thousands of meals were distributed at the site meeting a huge community need. Soon, the property will fulfill another pressing need of more affordable housing. The 25 Sixth Street development involves the creation of 56 new deed-restricted rental homes and 6 new homeownership condominiums, all of which will be contained in a single midrise building.

MassHousing is supporting the project's rental component by providing TND with a \$6.9 million permanent loan, \$1.2 million in financing from the Agency's Workforce Housing Initiative, and \$932,500 in additional subordinate financing.

The rental financing also involved approximately \$13.6 million in tax credit equity from an allocation of federal and state Low Income Housing Tax Credits by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), \$4.2 million in direct support from DHCD, \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which MassHousing manages on behalf of DHCD, and \$1.2 million in local funding from the North Shore HOME Consortium. Silicon Valley Bank

will be the construction lender and the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation will be the tax credit syndicator.

The Agency has also committed \$1.38 million in Commonwealth Builder funds to support the creation of the project's six new homeownership condominiums. Other funding sources in the homeownership transaction include a \$3 million construction loan from Silicon Valley Bank, \$300,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, \$637,000 in local funding from the North Shore HOME Consortium, and \$50,000 from the Charlesbank Foundation.

Eight of the new rental apartments will be subsidized with federal housing vouchers and restricted to households earning up to 30 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), 36 apartments will be restricted to households earning up to 60 percent of AMI, and there will be 12 workforce housing units for households earning up to 90 percent of AMI.

There will be 27 one-bedroom rental apartments, 18 two-bedroom apartments, and 11 three-bedroom apartments. The building will feature a second-story

roof deck courtyard.

Three of the homeownership condominiums will be deed-restricted and affordable to households earning up to 80 percent of AMI and three homeownership units will be affordable to households earning up to 100 percent of AMI. All six homeownership opportunities will be reserved for first-time homebuyers. Condominium units will be priced between \$240,800 and \$393,200.

The Commonwealth Builder program is a landmark initiative to address the racial homeownership gap in Massachusetts by creating new homeownership and wealth-building opportunities in communities of color. It is the largest state-level program of its kind in the nation.

Gov. Baker and MassHousing launched the Commonwealth Builder program in mid-2019, as a \$60 million initiative to build roughly 500 new workforce homes affordable to first-time homebuyers in communities of color.

The Massachusetts Legislature has allocated an additional \$115 million in ARPA funding to scale up the program. The ARPA funds allow MassHousing and its development partners to create more homes, while also providing deeper subsidy levels to developments serving lower-income homebuyers. Massachusetts is the only state in the nation utilizing ARPA funding to create new homeownership opportunities that address the racial homeownership gap.

In addition to home-ownership production supports, the Legislature has also allocated \$65 million in ARPA funding to homebuyer supports, including down payment assistance, for first-time homebuyers in disproportional

tionately impacted communities. CommonWealth Builder units may be purchased with enhanced, ARPA-supported DPA.

25 Sixth Street is the first development to receive Commonwealth Builder homeownership production funding utilizing ARPA. Since the program's inception, MassHousing has closed on a total of \$11.5 million in Commonwealth Builder funding, to create a total of 91 new homeownership opportunities in communities of color, including 81 new homes restricted under the Commonwealth Builder Program.

25 Sixth Street also advances the Baker-Polito Administration's goal of creating at least 1,000 new workforce housing rental units affordable to middle-income households through MassHousing's Workforce Housing Initiative. Since the inception of the initiative in 2016, MassHousing has committed or closed workforce housing financing totaling \$149 million, to 72 projects, located in 27 cities and towns, and advanced the development of 5,578 housing units across a range of incomes, including 1,507 middle-income workforce units.

The general contractor will be NEI General Contracting, the architect is Utile Architecture and Planning, and property will be managed by WinCompanies.

MassHousing has financed 13 rental housing communities in Chelsea totaling 1,386 units of housing with an overall original loan amount of \$132.7 million. The Agency has also provided home mortgage loans to 770 homebuyers and homeowners in Chelsea with an original purchase principal balance of \$93.9 million.

POETRY WALK KICKOFF EVENT A SUCCESS



The 2022 Chelsea Poetry Walk kickoff event drew a large crowd, with guests coming from as far as Seattle, Washington and Portland, Maine and even neighboring communities such as Malden, Revere and Lynn. Pictured at the podium are Carol Resnek and Event Director Lorenzo Recupero. More photos from the event will appear in next week's Chelsea Record.



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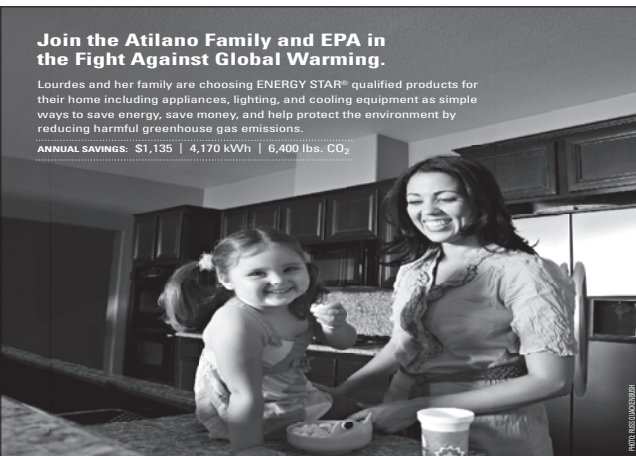
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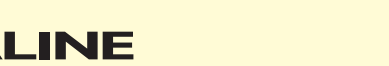
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paign is based on my lived experience and relations with local residents as a lifelong Chelsea resident and seven years advocating for those residents as a Chelsea City Councilor.”

Jimenez-Rivera is a current School Committee member at-large. He came to the United States from his home of Puerto Rico at the age of 18 and earned a Master’s degree in education. He currently works as an organizer with the Boston Teachers Union.

“My advocacy has brought millions of dollars to our schools and has improved the lives of working families in Chelsea, Everett, and across the state,” Jimenez-Rivera stated. “That work has

earned me the endorsement of dozens of lifelong community leaders and advocacy organizations, including labor unions, teachers, environmental groups, and social workers, more than all of my opponents combined.”

The other contested races in the Democratic primary include governor, where current state Attorney General Maura Healey and State Senator Sonia Rosa Chang-Diaz are on the ballot; lieutenant governor, where there is a three-way race between Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, State Representative Tami Gouviea, and State Senator Eric Lesser; and Attorney General, where the race is be-

tween Andrea Campbell, Shannon Liss-Riordan, and Quentin Palfrey.

Also on the Democratic side, long-time Secretary of State William Galvin is being challenged by Tanisha Sullivan, and Christopher Dempsey and Diana Dizolgio are running for auditor. Current Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden is being challenged by Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo.

In the Republican primary, Geoff Diehl and Chris Doughty are the candidates for governor, and former state representatives Leah Allen and Kate Campanale are on the ballot for lieutenant governor.

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tricts.

Over the last three years, the district’s Pathway Programs have helped dozens of parents and paraprofessionals continue to take the next step as educators.

Begun in 2019, the paraprofessional to teacher Pathway Program has helped paraprofessionals earn their teaching licenses and take the next step in their careers.

Human Resources Director Christine Lee said the program is especially important, because many of those taking part are Chelsea residents, so it helps to increase local investment and diversity in the Chelsea schools.

“We are continuing to build this and we currently have nine new members, and we have a pretty high rate (of those who become full-time teachers) once the paras get their Master’s,” said Lee. “They definitely are scooped up for teaching roles, and we do offer a scholarship for the paras to get their Master’s degree in education.”

In addition to the paraprofessional to teacher program, the Pathway Program expanded to include a parent to paraprofessional program, and a teacher to administrator program in 2020.

“We heard about Lawrence having a program similar to (the parent to paraprofessional), and it just seemed like a brilliant

idea,” said Lee. “We have 6,500 kids, that means we have 6,500 times two parents to access. The parents being part of our school staff, it has been really cool to hear some testimonies from parents saying their kids are very proud of them when they see me in their school building and they know what is going on with their student’s education.”

Perhaps most importantly, thanks in large part to the district’s Pathway Program, Abeyta said the district has been able to hire a number of Chelsea residents and dramatically increase the diversity of its staff. She said Chelsea has had a higher proportion of teachers of color than the state overall in recent years, particularly in 2021-22.

More than numbers, Abeyta and Lee both side the Pathway Program is about improving opportunities for students and Chelsea residents, with a student to paraprofessional pathway program coming online this year for Chelsea students looking to move into the teaching profession.

One of the most impressive of all the Pathway Program stories is that of Martha Valentin, a Chelsea resident who spent nearly three decades as a paraprofessional before moving into the Pathway Program.

“She’s a Chelsea girl, she immigrated here from Honduras because her mother wanted better educational opportunities for her and her family and she graduated from Chelsea High, got her Bachelor’s degree, even met her husband at Chelsea High School, and she was a para for 30 years,” said Lee. “When I met her four years ago and got to know her, I asked ‘Martha, why don’t you become a teacher, you have a Bachelor’s degree and it’s a huge salary difference, too?’”

After going through the Pathway Program, Valentin finally passed the state teachers’ licensing test and got a new job teaching at the Kelly Elementary School this year.

“She was so happy, she came over and she thanked everybody and she is so grateful,” said Abeyta.

Even with all the stress and challenges that can come with being a teacher, Abeyta said it is a career that is still like no other.

“It’s rewarding, you get to work with kids and make a difference in their lives and be a role model to children,” said Abeyta. “It is one of the most rewarding careers there is. That’s why I am in education, because we are changing lives and generations; I always say that this is legacy work and the reward is great.”

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resulting in pedestrian safety issues,” said Train. “The sight lines of this intersection are poor, so, for instance, an approaching vehicle on Clark cannot necessarily see pedestrians that are attempting to cross.”

Train said the city met with TEC last week to discuss short- and long-term measures for the intersection that will also be presented at the September traffic commission meeting.

The commission did approve a “Do Not Block the Box” requirement at the intersection of Spruce and Williams street as requested by the community development department.

“The genesis of this was feedback from various abutters, as well as the councilor for the area,” said Train. “Many cities, like the city of Boston, have implemented ‘Do Not Block the Box’ pavement markings to ensure that folks are not idling their vehicles in the middle of the intersection when traffic is log jammed. So previously, we’ve instituted this at a select number of intersections, but we’ve held off on implementing it widely due to some of the operations and maintenance considerations.”

At Spruce and Williams, Train said there is congestion due to vehicles queuing in the intersection

and obstructing oncoming traffic.

Train added that community development and the DPW could produce a list of other intersections in the city that could benefit from the “Do Not Block the Box” markings. He said the most likely candidates are the intersections of Spruce and Second and Spruce and Everett.

Train also noted that a contract has been awarded by the city for traffic improvements at the intersection of Washington and Jefferson, and that the work should begin after Labor Day and be completed by the end of the year.

CHELSEA CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANTS TO SUPPORT ART & CULTURAL PROJECTS

Chelsea Cultural Council has received \$39,200 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) a state agency, to assist public projects that promote access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities and sciences.

Organizations, schools, individuals are encouraged to apply for grant funds that can be used to support a variety of artistic and cultural projects that benefit citizens in Chelsea – including field trips, exhibits, festivals, short-term arts residencies or performances in schools as well as cultural workshops and lectures. Projects awarded must be implemented between January, 2023 and December 31, 2023. The deadline for completed Online Application must be received by Monday, October 17, 2022.

This year, the Chelsea Cultural Council is participating in a MCC initiative that allows those who are awarded a LCC Standard Grant to be given direct grant funds upfront and in full (a one-time payment) to ease financial challenges grant recipients may encounter, however, grant recipients must follow certain requirements outlined in the Chelsea Cultural Council FY23 Guidelines.

Online Application is available at www.mass-culture.org/chelsea. Guidelines can be picked up at Chelsea City Hall, Dept. of Health & Human Services, Room 100 or find them at www.chelseama.gov/ccc. For additional information call 617-466-4070.

NORTHEAST METRO TECH’S NEW WEBSITE

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce the launch of Northeast Metro Tech’s new website.

The new site has user-friendly features, and an easy-to-navigate design, including an interactive home page, which consists of icons for school bus schedules, lunch menus, and the parent and student portal.

Visitors of the site can explore the variety of vocational programs offered by the school, including opportunities for growth and certifications in those areas.

The site also offers information on the school’s building project, which highlights design plans and construction milestones, with completion expected in 2026.

Students who are interested in attending Northeast Metro Tech can now apply online, view the

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school handbook, and staying up-to-date with student events and school news.

“We are excited for the launch of our new website. The modern design will make is easier for students to access all of the necessary pages and documents with just the click of a button,” said Superintendent DiBarri. “The site encompasses our overall mission at Northeast Metro Tech, and we are excited for everyone to see it.”

The new website was designed by John Guilfoil Public Relations.

CHELSEA RESILIENT PODCASTING PROJECT LAUNCHES

The Chelsea Resilient Podcasting Project launches this September at the Chelsea Public Library. Teens are sought to be part of this paid opportunity to learn the skills of podcasting and create the first programs using the library’s new podcasting equipment.

Over twelve sessions held at the Chelsea library young people will meet with trainers from Somerville Media Center. SMC is a digital makerspace in Somerville and the organization’s talented staff have has been teaching digital media and media literacy to youth and adults for forty years. Boston Free Radio, a consortium of internet radio and podcast producers, is based here.

In two-hour workshops, the group of young people and library staff will learn all aspects in podcasting from ideation to production to distribution. The hands-on sessions will introduce participants in recording and editing quality audio as well as the skills to create a compelling program such as storytelling, interview techniques, and the use of music.

Workshops will take place on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 pm starting September 14 through until December 14, 2002. There will be no meeting on October 5 and November 23. For taking part, teens will receive a \$30 VISA gift card for their attendance at each meeting.

Over the course of the workshops the group will create a series of podcasts to illuminate the mural on Fifth Street by David Fichter entitled Chelsea Resilient: Call and Response Through the Ages. This detail-rich artwork tells the story of four hundred years of Chelsea history. The podcasts will give background on the people and places depicted in this local landmark.

Both David Fitcher’s mural and this podcasting project are presented by Chelsea Prospers, the City of Chelsea’s initiative for neighborhood vitality with funding provided

by the City of Chelsea and the Chelsea Cultural Council’s Heritage Celebration Grant program.

The equipment and expertise acquired through this project enable to the creation of a fully functional podcasting center at the Chelsea Public Library. Starting this winter portable audio equipment including high quality microphones, handheld recording devices and accessories will be available to check out like a library book. Workstations at the library will provide the means to edit audio files and package a completed show for distribution on Chelsea’s podcasting channel, Boston Free Radio or your own venue.

Teens interested in this opportunity should contact the Chelsea Public Library at (617) 466-4350 or they can complete an Interest Form and get more details on the Chelsea Prospers website at www.ChelseaProspers.Org

CHELSEA DAY AND SHOP CHELSEA RETURN THIS SEPTEMBER

Chelsea Day returns this September. Set for Saturday, September 17, Chelsea Day is in downtown on Broadway from Fifth Street to Third Street. The celebration will include a variety of events:

- Chamber and downtown businesses will remain open and have sidewalk sales/cafes.
- The street will have plenty of happenings such as carnival games, dunk tank, street performers, and arts & crafts.
- An adult only section will be located in Luther Place with a beer garden, food truck, and much more.
- Local non-profits will be on hand to manage activities and provide information on the services and programs that they provide to our community.

SHOP Chelsea will also return, which is a campaign to support Chelsea’s local businesses prior to and during Chelsea Day. It is an exciting event that will culminate in a raffle for residents on Chelsea Day to win prizes for shopping in the City.

From Sept. 1-17, shop at any store, restaurant or establishment that gives receipts in Chelsea, and bring your receipt to the Chelsea Chamber (308 Broadway) to enter. There is NO limit on entries. Submit any receipt that you have from shopping in Chelsea during the two-week period to increase your chances of winning. Support the City’s local businesses, and bring the receipts to the Chelsea Chamber for your chance to win prizes at Chelsea Day! Winners will be announced on Saturday, Sept. 17!

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DOCTORS URGE VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

To the Editor,

“As schools in the Commonwealth prepare to open for the new academic year, the physicians of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS), the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MCAAP) and the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians (MassAFP) strongly encourage parents and guardians to ensure that their children are up to date on all vaccinations

and boosters, including those that reduce the effects of and transmission of COVID-19 and those required to attend school.

“The importance of in-person learning and its positive effect on the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of children cannot be understated. Public health officials, school officials, school districts, and families must work collaboratively toward a shared goal of an academic year with as little disruption as possible. Vaccines are safe and remain our most effective public health tool to prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 and interruption of day-to-day learn-

ing that will result from a significant increase of positive cases.

“COVID-19 is still here, it is still a threat to public health, and there exists the likelihood of a surge in the fall and winter. Therefore, it is critically important that schools be prepared to shift quickly to preventive measures proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19 should community data suggest a significantly increased risk of contracting COVID-19 within the school or in the community.

“Our organizations will work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Massachu-

setts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and continue to monitor key data and base real-time COVID-19 guidance on relevant and current public health data. We wish all students, school staff, and families a safe and productive school year.”

Dr. Theodore Calianos, President, Massachusetts Medical Society
Dr. Mary Beth Miotto, President, Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Dr. Emily Chin, President, Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians

GUEST OP-ED

MBTA fall service cuts are yet another hit to mobility in Greater Boston and the region

By Jascha Franklin-Hodge

Wednesday’s announcement by the MBTA that it would sustain and deepen service cuts on the rapid transit system and bus network puts the region’s transportation future in jeopardy. Federal, state, and local officials must work together to restore critical services as quickly as possible. These service cuts will overlap with the unprecedented Orange and Green Line shutdowns, compounding significant challenges for riders and the region, and raising serious equity, mobility, environmental, and economic concerns. Magnifying the impact of chronic underinvestment in infrastructure, these cuts underscore the MBTA’s continued inability to address critical systemic staffing issues.

Transit is essential to Boston and the conse-

quences of diminished service are felt every day by riders. These cuts will ripple across our region this fall as students return to school, more workers return to the office, and the Orange Line resumes service with the expectation of major improvements. To rebuild trust in transit, we call on Secretary Buttigieg and members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to work with the MBTA and the FTA to restore safe, reliable service to Boston and the region. We must:

- Find accelerated solutions to the rail dispatcher shortage that has resulted in substantial reduction in rail service since June. As additional dispatchers enter service, the MBTA, with support from the FTA, must prioritize restoration of peak period service levels as quickly as possible.
- Immediately address

the critical shortage of bus operators which has led to dwindling service for the most loyal and transit-dependent riders. The Department of Transportation and Department of Labor must work with the MBTA, state officials, and labor unions to understand and remove the barriers to attracting this essential workforce, financial or contractual.

- Support improved MBTA communication with riders in advance of any significant future service disruptions that may be necessary to address safety deficiencies identified by the FTA.
- Provide regular progress reports to the public on staffing levels and targets, headways, and ridership impacts in order to maintain transparency and rebuild trust.

In addition to the direct impact on mobility and quality of life for the

people of Metro Boston, the MBTA’s inability to provide full service will increase some of the nation’s worst congestion, further lock in unsustainable travel patterns, and make our decarbonization goals more difficult to reach. While safety must be the MBTA’s number one priority, the MBTA needs the support of every level of government to urgently implement a plan to address safety and provide robust, reliable, and equitable transit options to support commuting and mobility within the region. We stand ready and eager to partner on these needs and accelerate the return of safe, reliable service that our communities deserve.

Jascha Franklin-Hodge is Mayor Michelle Wu, Chief of Streets, LivableStreets Alliance, A Better City, and Transit Matters

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Baker signs bill implementing a women’s rights history trail in Commonwealth

Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, joined by legislators participated in a ceremonial bill signing of H. 4555, An Act relative to the creation of a women’s rights history trail. The Governor previously signed this bill into law in late May. It is now codified as Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2022.

The legislation directs the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT), in conjunction with the Secretary of Transportation, to develop and implement a women’s rights history trail program that will include properties and sites that are associated with the fight for women’s rights and suffrage in the Commonwealth. The legislation establishes a women’s rights history trail task force to research, solicit public input, and make recommendations for sites, properties, and attractions to be included in the trail program, and calls for MOTT to create related educational materials and vacation itineraries.

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito were joined by bill sponsors Senator Joan Lovely (D-Salem) and Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury) and several other members of the Legislature, including the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, for the ceremonial bill signing at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

“I am pleased to sign this legislation that will help Massachusetts better honor and preserve the legacies of women throughout the Common-



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wealth’s history who have made our state a better place,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “I am deeply grateful for the work of so many legislators other partners who worked hard to pass this bill, and our administration looks forward to working with the new commission to make this history trail a reality.”

“This bill is the product of significant work and collaboration by many key players and we are grateful to see it become law,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “The new Women’s Rights History Trail will cover important historical milestones and landmarks across the Commonwealth and will help our residents better understand these crucially important historical figures.”

“This legislation adds to the important work the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism does

educating residents and visitors about our unique state by creating a new avenue for exploring sites related to significant women throughout our history,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. “With tourism playing a big role in Massachusetts’ recovery from COVID-19, our cultural sector and local economies will benefit from this coordinated effort to increase visibility and access to historic sites in our communities.”

“With the creation of a Women’s Rights History Trail, Massachusetts is acting to memorialize the struggle for women’s rights in the Commonwealth,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano. “I want to thank my colleagues in the House and Senate, as well as Governor Baker, for working to ensure that the

suffrage movement, and all that it achieved, will be celebrated through the highlighting of these landmarks.”

“Women in Massachusetts have played a pivotal role at every step in the Commonwealth’s history, yet their contributions are too often overlooked,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. “The Women’s Rights History Trail will serve as a visible monument to the history of women—and the women’s rights movement. Understanding this history gives us all a chance to reflect on where we have come from and what it means to leave a legacy that can uplift and inspire future generations. I am glad to see that this trail will give particular attention to the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of the women who have transformed Massachu-

setts. I would like to thank Senator Lovely and my colleagues in the Senate, as well as our partners in the House and Senate, for their work to make this a reality.”

“Our nation and our Commonwealth would not be what they are today, were it not for the contributions of women,” said Senator Joan B. Lovely. “Though as important as men to our country’s history, women have seldom received the recognition they rightly deserve. With this law, we stand to remove women from the annals of history and finally place them at the forefront. I would like to thank Senate President Karen Spilka, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito, House Co-sponsors Representative Hannah Kane and former Representative Carolyn Dykema, Caucus Co-Chair Representative

Pat Haddad and Executive Director Nora Bent, for ensuring that women’s history will continue to be preserved and advanced for generations to come.”

“This legislation creating the Women’s Rights History Trail ensures that the many women from our Commonwealth who contributed to the fabric of our nation and democracy are recognized, and that their accomplishments are preserved in our state’s history, so that their legacies may serve as inspiration for future generations of young women,” said Representative Hannah Kane. “I am proud to have been a sponsor of this legislation, helping to carry out my late colleague Rep. Gailanne Cariddi’s vision, and I look forward to serving as a member of the Women’s Rights History Trail Task Force.”

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TEMPLE EMMANUEL OPEN HOUSE

Temple Emmanuel held an Open House and Cookout for members of the community Sunday in the Temple Courtyard.

Temple President Sara Lee Callahan and Rabbi Oksana Chapman welcomed guests to the enjoyable event.

Members and guests were provided tours of the historic synagogue by Temple member Ken Wacks.



Temple President Sara Lee Callahan thanks Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson for being a sponsor of the event. Also recognized as a sponsor was Robyn Glazer Milbury.



Larry Smith and Elaine Smith are pictured at the Open House. The social hall at Temple Emmanuel is named in their honor.



Janice Wacks Doherty, her brother, Dr. Kenneth Wacks, and family are pictured at the Open House at Temple Emmanuel.



Ronald Waxman is pictured at the grill preparing the barbecued hot dogs and chicken for the guests at the Open House.



Temple President Sara Lee Callahan thanks event coordinator Esther Berkowitz for helping to make the Open House gathering a big success.



Seated are Edythe Shuman, Dotty Novak, and Murray Novak. Standing are Cindy Millman, Jay Rosenzweig, and Rabbi Oksana Chapman.



Temple President Sara Lee Callahan and board member Herb Selesnick welcome Efrain and Nohemi Chavez and their sons, Gregory and Armando, to the Open House.



Seated are Herbert Weiss, Marsha Johnson Weiss, Ronda Winer, and Joan McKinnon. Standing are Cindy Millman, Sara Lee Callahan, Jim Howard, Carol Brown, and Bertha Doyle.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

AMAZON WAREHOUSE SLATED TO CLOSE

EVERETT - Five Amazon delivery stations in Massachusetts, including one located in Everett, will be closing, according to Amazon spokesperson Caitlin McLaughlin.

Last week, McLaughlin made the announcement that the Everett location, as well other sites in Dedham, Mansfield, Milford, and Randolph, are all slated to be closed.

Employees will be able to transfer to other sites, according to McLaughlin.

The brand-new, 220,000 sq. ft., one-story warehouse distribution facility on Beacham Street has been occupied by Amazon for a little less than two years. Davis Companies acquired the site in the fall of 2019 and solved a long-standing issue with flooding in the area caused by collapsed drainage pipes leading up to and under the site.

The Davis Companies undertook the complete replacement of 280 feet of culvert under their property as part of the agreement with Chelsea and Everett at a cost of \$7.2 million. They replaced a 16' x 9' corrugated steel culvert with a 16' x 12' concrete box culvert. Another 70 feet of concrete box culvert was constructed in Chelsea.

No specific date for the warehouse closings was announced.

BPHC PROVIDES COVID UPDATE

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) provided the following updates on the latest COVID-19 trends for the City of Boston:

Levels of COVID-19 virus in local wastewater have increased by 17.8% over the last seven days but have held stable over the past 14 days with a 7.4% decrease, and are now at 520 RNA copies/mL.

(Data as of August 15) New COVID-19 cases in Boston have decreased by 20.5% over the past seven days, and by 22.7% over the past 14 days.

East Boston reported a total of 143 new cases over this two-week period making it the neighborhood with highest amount of new cases reported.

The other four neighborhoods with high COVID reported cases are Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Roxbury and the South End.

(Data as of August 15)

Boston has seen 146 new COVID-19 related hospitalizations in the past seven days, which is a 0.6% decrease over the past seven days and a 18.4% decrease over the last 14 days.

(Data as of August 17), Community positivity is 7.2% as of August 18

Suffolk county remains at medium community risk, according to the CDC.

With back-to-school season and cooler temperatures approaching, BPHC is encouraging families to plan ahead by ensuring school aged children and teens are up to date on their vaccinations, including COVID-19. Parents and guardians should schedule a check-up for their child before the school year begins. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's health, as well as vaccines, with their pediatrician.

Getting as many children and teens up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations as possible is crucial to these efforts. Vaccines and boosters are our the most effective tools for preventing transmission in school settings. It is important for youth's emotional wellbeing and academic performance that they experience a more normal school year that doesn't involve widespread shutdowns and remote learning. A full list of COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Boston is available on the BPHC website.

"Just like getting books and school supplies, making sure your child gets a checkup from their doctor is a very important part of the back-to-school routine," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "I encourage all parents and guardians to use this checkup as an opportunity to get your child vaccinated or boosted for COVID-19 to help keep them healthy, reduce their risk of infection and ensure they can stay in school with minimal interruption."

Based on current trends, BPHC's recommendations remain unchanged. Proper COVID-19 safety and mitigation practices are our best tool for driving our metrics down further. Residents should continue to adhere to the following strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations to reduce your risk of severe illness.

COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for everyone ages 6 months and older.

Booster doses are recommended for everyone ages 5 years and older.

Second booster dose are recommended for everyone ages 50 and older, as well as moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals who are 12 or older.

Wear masks indoors, especially in crowded indoor settings like public transportation.

Test for COVID-19 before and after attending large gatherings, especially if you know you will be around high-risk individuals, such as seniors, those who are immunocompromised, and those who are unvaccinated.

Stay home and isolate if you are sick or test positive for COVID-19. If you test positive, contact a health care provider about oral antivirals or monoclonal antibody therapy.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is offering free telehealth services for Paxlovid, an oral antiviral that has been proven to reduce the risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 significantly. For more information, visit their website.

Gather outside and choose outdoor activities as often as possible.

Open windows and doors to ensure good indoor ventilation.

Vaccine and booster trends (data as of August 15):

74.5% of Boston residents are fully vaccinated.

42.2% of fully vaccinated Boston residents have received a booster.

48.1% of Boston children ages 5-11 are fully vaccinated.

73% of white children ages 5-11 are fully vaccinated, 69% of AAPI children are fully vaccinated, 35% of Latinx children are fully vaccinated, and 29% of Black children are fully vaccinated.

13.4% of Boston children ages 6-months to 4-years old have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

23% of white children ages 6-months to 4-years old have gotten their first dose, 20% of AAPI children have gotten their first dose, and 3% of Black and 3% of Latinx children have gotten their first dose.

NEWHALL ON BABE RUTH ALL-STARS IN VIRGINIA

LYNN - When the Greater Lynn Babe Ruth needed a key hit in the Babe Ruth World Series

COTTAGE PARK YACHT CLUB HOSTS 28TH ANNUAL REGATTA TO BENEFIT MAKE-A-WISH



Shown above, Cottage Park Yacht Club Commodore John Cataldo (back, second from left) stands with a Make-A-Wish family and Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island CEO Sean Holleran (back, third from left).

in Virginia, Shea Newhall delivered.

Newhall hit a sizzling .500 in the tournament to lead all players from the 11 regional championship teams and the host Stafford team. A left-handed hitter and first baseman, Newhall had seven hits in 14-at-bats. He drove in two runs and scored three.

"Shea was dialed in," said Lynn Coach Rich Avery. "Whenever he got up and we needed a big hit, he just seemed to put the ball where someone wasn't and got on base."

Newhall's memorable performance earned him a spot on the prestigious 2022 Babe Ruth World Series All-Tournament Team.

Appropriately enough, Newhall, who is sophomore at St. Mary's High School, received an elegantly designed baseball bat which may require a separate space on the talented Newhall family's ever-expanding trophy shelf.

The Lynn team, led by Manager Leon Elwell, won its first three games in pool play before losing to Torrance, California in the final game before the single-elimination round. Interestingly, Torrance's pitching coach, Harrison Mingham, had played against Greater Lynn Babe Ruth in the 2015 Babe Ruth World Series. Mingham went on to play college baseball for Marymount California University.

Lynn was ousted from the tournament by Rapid City, South Dakota. Pitt County, a powerhouse from Greenville, North Carolina, defeated Torrance, 10-7, to win the

world championship.

The competition was really tough at the World Series," said Avery. "Obviously when you get to that point, all the teams are regional champions. Even the host team (Stafford, Virginia) was very good. The whole tournament was an awesome experience for the players and the coaches."

Lynn third baseman Jared Paone and catcher Kyle Cummings were named to the Babe Ruth World Series All-Defensive Team. Each player received a "Gold Glove" award from Babe Ruth officials.

Lynn officials expressed their appreciation to team parents and fundraisers Jill Avery, Yasmene Driscoll, Lysa Newhall, and Joanne Marks.

COUNCIL AMENDS ORDINANCES RELATED TO PROPOSED LIFE SCIENCE CENTER

REVERE - The City Council voted unanimously to amend the ordinances related to the life science center being proposed at the Suffolk Downs site that is being redeveloped by HYM Investment Group.

The vote - which will reduce the Biosafety Level (BSL) at the life science center from BSL-3 to BSL-2 and create restrictions on the testing of certain types of animals - is considered a major victory for the many residents who had expressed concerns about the potential research and laboratory testing that would be done at the facility.

Council President Gerry Visconti, who proposed the amended ordinances in tandem with Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, outlined the amendments at the outset of the discussion.

"Currently the way the ordinance reads is that the City allows for a life science building with a BS-Level 3," said Visconti. "What Councillor McKenna and myself have proposed is a reduction in that Bs-Level 2."

Visconti and McKenna also proposed an amendment "that if any animal testing takes place in the SDOD District (Special Development Overlay District), it will prohibit the testing of the following species: cats, dogs, rabbits, monkeys, chimpanzees, and other related primates."

Visconti also stated that HYM Managing Director Thomas O'Brien's intention "was always to put no more than a BS-Level 2 [at the life science center]. He [O'Brien] has agreed to the changes regarding the animal testing."

Any other life science buildings outside the SDOD will have to be done by special permit "as well as prohibiting any animal testing."

Visconti called the amendments "significant changes" to the city's ordinances.

Zoning Subcommittee Chair Patrick Keefe, who presided over the discussion, said after the vote approving the amendments that, "Revere is a fast-growing community with excellent access to Boston and more indus-

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Baker-Polito administration highlights school safety initiatives

Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, joined by Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Jeff Riley, Acting Commissioner of Early Education and Care Amy Kershaw and public safety officials, announced plans to file legislation proposing significant investments in school safety initiatives to support programming, training and resources for schools and districts throughout the Commonwealth. The administration’s proposed investments will expand its ongoing commitment to deliver a safe and secure learning environment for all Massachusetts students.

“As children return full-time to the classroom this fall, we want parents and educators to know that our administration is always working to improve and build on all the resources available to districts to make their schools as secure as possible,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Our administration has and will continue to provide critical resources for students, staff, families and first responders while making significant investments in training for first responders and school staff so they can protect Massachusetts schools.”

“Children, teachers and staff deserve to feel safe in the classroom, and our

administration’s funding proposal will invest in the resources and programming required to equip school communities and emergency personnel with the tools they need to keep schools safe,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “We look forward to working with our colleagues in the Legislature to provide critical funding for districts across the Commonwealth.”

Governor Baker signed a supplemental budget with \$15 million for school safety initiatives in October 2018.

To date, as part of the Safe and Supportive Schools Initiative, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \$15 million in grant funding, including \$7.5 million awarded to more than 150 districts statewide to invest in security-related infrastructure upgrades and \$7.5 million in grant funding to increase mental health support and to support schools’ hiring of additional mental health and behavioral health specialists. Additionally, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EO-PSS) and the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) actively and frequently collaborate on training and best practices for emergency and active shooter responses in school settings. District superintendents

are required each year to attest to that they have a multi-hazard evacuation plan in place, as well as that there is training provided to support that plan.

Public safety officials today also highlighted the Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program, an internationally recognized standard adopted by the Commonwealth as part of its ongoing commitment to emergency preparedness and community resilience to promote a statewide model for an integrated active shooter and hostile event response. Through cross-discipline collaboration among first responders and emergency personnel, ASHER is designed to protect communities and help them prepare, respond and recover from crisis events. The ASHER framework has already been implemented in state-run police and fire training academies, and parallel training is being finalized for current state police and fire personnel.

The Baker-Polito Administration will file a supplemental budget request in the coming weeks totaling nearly \$40 million to support critical school safety initiatives and equip students, staff and emergency responders with the training necessary to respond to better respond to threats within schools.

The proposal will include:

- Matching grants for security and communications upgrades in K-12 schools and public higher education institutes
- Grant funding for child care providers to support safety measures and multi-hazard emergency planning
- Grant funding to support districts pilot an anonymous “tip line” to report potential threats
- Funding for a statewide “Say Something” public awareness campaign and corresponding training
- Support for ongoing emergency response training for school officials
- Creation of a comprehensive school safety website

“These safety proposals would support a huge range of children and students, from those in child care to those at public colleges and universities,” said Education Secretary James Peyser. “The key to these proposals is collaboration among different state agencies and different local entities. When we invest in strengthening partnerships between school districts and first responders, we help ensure that schools are safe environments focused on learning and growing.”

“These proposed supports would be a welcome

addition to school districts’ safety planning and infrastructure,” Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley said. “The matching funds for equipment upgrades, plus funding for additional school staff to meet and collaborate with first responders are critical pieces that will help ensure our schools are places where students are safe, healthy, and ready to learn.”

“Nearly 200,000 children are spending time in our early education and care programs across the Commonwealth each day,” said Department of Early Education and Care Acting Commissioner Amy Kershaw. “These resources would provide our programs with the critical resources needed to not only upgrade and modernize their safety and security systems but also to plan, prepare and practice for various emergency scenarios based on the unique needs of our young learners and the early educators who work with them.”

“The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security remains deeply committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to ensure that schools provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our children and educators,” said Public Safety and Secu-

rity Secretary Terrence Reidy. “We continue to build on vital initiatives, including school resource officer training, security infrastructure investments and the implementation of standardized policies to advance our shared goal of achieving the highest safety standards in school districts across the Commonwealth.”

“As the school year approaches, the Administration’s action support our students and teachers across the Commonwealth to have the resources they need to be and feel safe in the classroom,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. “Today’s proposed investment in the well-being of our children is crucial to the Commonwealth’s commitment to protect students, teachers, staff and our future.”

“As students and staff head back to school across the Commonwealth, we are proud to announce new measures that will proactively invest in student safety and the security of education facilities across all levels,” said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. “We look forward to filing for funding to support these important initiatives in the coming weeks.”

Foxboro weekday commuter rail service pilot to start September 12

On Monday, September 12, a one-year weekday Commuter Rail service pilot between South Station and Foxboro station will start, allowing riders to travel easily and directly between Boston and Foxboro. In spring 2020, the MBTA cancelled its Foxboro Weekday Service Pilot due to the pandemic. The service starting on September 12 is a one-year pilot program offering 11 inbound and 10 outbound weekday trains between Foxboro and Boston via the Fairmount and Franklin Commuter Rail lines.

“We’re excited to again launch this weekday service pilot between Foxboro and South Station, providing access to transit for more Commuter Rail riders,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “We appreciate the collaboration with the Kraft Group, including in offering free parking at the station for the duration of the pilot. We continue to be committed to improving public transit across all of the communities we serve, and we look forward to analyzing the pilot’s data upon completion

of the pilot.”

“We’re thrilled to welcome commuters back to Foxboro station this fall,” said Brian Earley, Vice President and General Manager of Patriot Place. “As the workforce continues to return to in-person work, Foxboro station’s commuter-friendly schedule, free parking, and 500-plus parking spaces create an easy, efficient, and cost-effective option for commuters. We greatly appreciate the partnership of the MBTA, MassDOT, and Town of Foxborough as we work to relaunch

this weekday commuter service in a way that inspires economic development and is beneficial to the community and commuters alike.”

“As passengers continue to return to the Commuter Rail, we are proud to offer a reliable service that meets their changing needs,” said Abdelilah Chajai, CEO of Keolis Commuter Services. “In partnership with the MBTA, we are offering more regular service throughout the day, and now we are expanding service to the Foxboro com-

munity. These are all examples of how the MBTA and Keolis are adapting to meet the current and future needs of our Commuter Rail passengers.”

On weekdays, there will be a total of 21 trips between South Station and Foxboro station. This includes 11 inbound trips and 10 outbound trips. A full list of trains to and from Foxboro station can be found at mbta.com/Foxboro. Foxboro station is in Zone 4 with a regular Zone 4 one-way fare costing \$8.75, a regular Zone 4 round-trip fare costing

\$17.50, and a regular Zone 4 monthly pass of \$281 on CharlieTicket or \$271 on the mTicket app.

Trains between Foxboro and South Station travel on the Franklin and Fairmount Commuter Rail lines. Not all trains will stop at Hyde Park, Ruggles, or Back Bay stations. Passengers should check each line’s schedule at MBTA.com for details.

Foxboro Station Parking: Parking prices will be free to riders, as these costs will be paid during the pilot by Kraft Group.

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tries want to be a part of our city.”

Keefe added, “I’m excited that Revere is becoming an attractive canvas to many great sources of industry, employment, and community partnerships. Massachusetts is leading the nation in the life sciences and Revere ought to be part of that amazing growth. Thomas O’Brien and HYM are showcasing what we already knew: Revere is a special place to be.”

COUNCIL SEEKS MORE REMEDIATION FROM MASSPORT

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council has signed onto a letter asking Massport to provide additional remediation efforts in relation to the planned runway safety area improvement project for Runway 27 at Logan Airport.

“This is a runway safety area improvement, it is not a runway extension,” said Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher, who wrote

the letter, at the council’s August 16 meeting. “The draft environmental impact report came back from Massport. It was open for public comment and they extended the period from the 8th to the 22nd, which gave us time to get a letter in front of the council to sign and send over,”

Belcher said the draft report didn’t mention a lot of Winthrop-specific issues because the scope of the project is entirely within Boston boundaries.

“But it undoubtedly impacts our waterways toward Snake Island and the Elks,” said Belcher. “The letter outlines that we understand the importance of this (runway project) and that it’s a safety issue and an FAA mandate, however it asks for a few things, like air quality monitors and studies, and we ask them to speed up the sound insulation project, and we are asking for funding for trees.”

Councilor-At-Large Tracey Honan thanked Belcher for working on the letter to Massport.

“It is very pragmatic and

well written,” said Honan. “We know this project has to happen because it is an FAA requirement, however, I was pleased to see she asked for remediation, specifically regarding the tree funding.”

In other business, Town Clerk Denise Quist updated the council on the

changes in precinct lines as a result of the 2020 federal census. Overall, Quist said 348 households had to change precincts.

“Every 10 years, when the federal census is calculated, the state makes the decision on the town’s precincts, causing some to be reprecincted,” said

Quist. “Each precinct cannot have more than 4,000 voters in it, therefore, some residents are changing precincts to fit this.”

The 2020 census saw the population of Winthrop grow from 15,893 residents in 2010 to 19,316 in 2020, Quist said.

There were 41 people

who changed from Precinct 1 to Precinct 5, 53 from Precinct 4 to Precinct 6, 93 from Precinct 6 to Precinct 1, 52 from Precinct 4 to Precinct 6, and 109 from Precinct 1 to Precinct 2.

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There’s a difference between food that takes time to prepare and food that is time-consuming. Plenty of delicious recipes call for hours of preparation. However, they don’t need your attention throughout the process. Sometimes adding a pinch of time means less work for the cook.

Autumn and the holiday season bring busier schedules and may need food that you want to make in larger batches. Traditional recipes and warming comfort food can fit nicely into meal planning for a busy cook. The bonus is that many of these oldies-but-goodies need few ingredients and use common pantry items.

Recipe Guidance

We love it when a recipe points out the time you’ll need to make it and breaks it down into understandable segments. For

example, Marc Bittman’s recipe for gravlax lets you know that it will take “at least 24 hours, largely unattended.” A recipe for Butternut Squash with Orange Oil and Caramelized Honey in the book “Otto-lenghi Test Kitchen Shelf Love” notes: “Prep time: 15 minutes, Cook time: 40 minutes, Infusion time: 20 minutes to 1 hour.”

In addition, recipe developers often include suggestions for what you can prepare ahead. Even if they don’t, as you hone your cooking skills, you’ll learn that you can sauté aromatics and rewarm them as needed.

Make Your Own Timeline

You can also create a do-it-yourself assessment of how much of your attentive time a recipe will take. Let’s take Mina Stone’s recipe for Revithia sto Fournο (Oven Chickpeas) from “Lemon, Love & Olive Oil.” It begins

by soaking dried chickpeas overnight. Soaking means planning ahead, but it won’t take much of your time.

Next day you put the chickpeas in an ovenproof dish with a lid, add fresh water, quartered onions, unpeeled garlic cloves, bay leaves, salt and olive oil. That step only takes moments and pantry ingredients. You don’t have to add shopping time to your day. Cover and bake for four hours.

Finally, add lemon juice, more olive oil, black pepper and correct the seasoning. With the addition of some cheese, bread, and olives you have a traditional Greek meal. You also have a pot of lovely chickpeas to use in other ways.

Again, this is a quick process for the cook. While this recipe in its printed form seems long and daunting and takes more than 16 hours to pre-



A traditional beef stew requires some chopping of ingredients. However, once braising in the oven or simmering on a low burner, the cook is free to do other things.

pare, those are not contiguous hours and your engaged time between each step is brief.

Other Slow Cook Methods

Braise, roast, poach, smoke, soak, marinate, slow cooker, dutch oven, simmer, and even sous vide are cooking words that might alert you to a cookbook or recipe where a pinch of time will result in a potful of flavor. Many of these cooking steps

are for food that is easy to make in large or small batches and can be made ahead.

Plan Ahead to Slow Down Your Food

The second paragraph of The Slow Food international manifesto reads, “We are enslaved by speed and have all succumbed to the same insidious virus: Fast Life, which disrupts our habits, pervades the privacy of our homes and forces us to eat Fast

Foods.”

As you plan meals, remember that you might be able to prepare a healthier, more delicious, and less expensive meal in line with the Slow Food philosophy by adopting recipes that take a long time to create but very little time away from other activities.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 3 Suffolk Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Segunda Lopez and Adolfo A. Lopez to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for New FED Mortgage Corp., said mortgage dated May 27, 2021, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, in Book 65568 at Page 30 and now held by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for New Fed Mortgage Corp., its successors to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing dated March 23, 2022 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, in Book 67363 at Page 80, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on September 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon numbered 3 Suffolk Street in said Chelsea, being shown on said Plan of Land in the City of Chelsea dated August 26, 1967, by A. Crucialo (R.L.S.) recorded in Book 8144, Page 136.
NORTHEASTERLY: by Suffolk Street, as shown on said plan, twenty-two and 7/10 (22.7) feet; NORTHWESTERLY: by a partition wall as shown on said plan, forty-nine (49) feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY: by land now or formerly of Eva Jamilolkowski as shown on said plan, twenty-two and 7/10 (22.7) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY: by a land now or formerly of Hazel Escott as shown on said plan forty-nine (49) feet.
Containing according to said plan, 1112 square feet more or less.
For Grantors’ title reference, see Deed recorded herewith in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors’ Title see deed dated May 27, 2021, and recorded in Book 65568 at Page 27 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.
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270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868
8/18/22, 8/25/22, 9/1/22

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, September 27, 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.
8/25/22, 9/1/22

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-22
In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway
Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:00 PM
for Major Site Plan Review seeking approval to construct a facility with the proposed use of Light Manufacturing and Wholesale business and storage in connection with Wholesale business

at the premises known as:
295 Eastern Avenue
All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
8/25/22, 9/1/22

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
Docket No. SU22P1742PM
In the matter of: Alexis Torres Of:Chelsea, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by East-pointe Rehabilitation & Skilled Ca of Chelsea, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Alexis Torres is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jonathan J. Davey of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/09/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or

completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 12, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
9/01/22

LEGAL NOTICE

Chelsea Planning Board Public Hearing
In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 6:00 PM, Chelsea City Council Chambers, Third Floor, 500 Broadway, to discuss a proposed amendment to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance Section 34-241 Definitions, by adding, in alphabetical order, a definition of Electric vehicle collision repair, to read as follows:
Electric vehicle collision repair means structures or lots used for the service of electric powered vehicles, including tire changing, wheel alignment, hardware replacement, windshield wiper fluid replacement, software updates, painting or major body repairs, with all work on the vehicles occurring within the structure, vehicles awaiting repair stored within a screened area, and no outside storage of materials, parts, and/or vehicles undergoing repair.
and a proposed amendment to Section 34-215(a), by adding a new subsection (5) to read as follows:
(5) Construction or expansion of an electric vehicle repair facility will require major site plan review, and a proposed amendment to Section 34-300, Table of principal use regulations, by adding in Section C. Commercial uses, Electric vehicle collision repair allowed subject to the issuance of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Shopping Center (SC) District and the Industrial (I) District and not permitted in any of the other districts, to read as follows:
Electric vehicle repair: R1-N, R2-N, R3-N, BR-N, BR2-N, BH-N, B-N, SC-SP, P-N, WU-N, W-N, I-SP, LI-N, LI2-N, NHR-N, NHC-N.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for inspection in the City Clerk’s office, Chelsea City Hall, Chelsea, MA; during City Hall business hours.
Tuck Willis Chair
8/25/22, 9/1/22

LEGAL NOTICE

Chelsea City Council Public Hearing
In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea City Council will be holding a public hearing on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., Chelsea City Council Chambers, Third Floor, 500 Broadway, to discuss a proposed amendment to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance Section 34-241 Definitions, by adding, in alphabetical order, a definition of Electric vehicle collision repair, to read as follows:
Electric vehicle collision repair means structures or lots used for the service of electric powered vehicles, including tire changing, wheel alignment, hardware replacement windshield wiper fluid replacement, software updates, painting or major body repairs, with all work on the vehicles occurring within the structure, vehicles awaiting repair stored within a screened area, and no outside storage of materials, parts, and/or vehicles undergoing repair.
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Electric vehicles repair: R1-N, R2-N, R3-N, BR-N, BR2-N, BH-N, B-N, SC-SP, P-N, WU-N, W-N, I-9, LI-N, LI2-N, NHR-N, NHC-N.
A copy of the proposed amendment is available for inspection in the City Clerk’s office, Chelsea City hall, Chelsea, MA during City hall business hours.
Roy Avellaneda President Chelsea City Council
8/25/22, 9/01/22

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Mental and Behavioral Health Services
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for “Mental and Behavioral Health Services”.
Request for Proposals will be available on or after September 1, 2022 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “Mental and Behavioral Health Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, September 15, 2022.
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.
The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer
9/1/22

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 22 SM 002211 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:
Maryse Baptiste and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. ss3901 et seq.:
METRO CREDIT UNION f/k/a METROPOLITAN CREDIT UNION claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 418 Washington Avenue, given by Maryse Baptiste to Metropolitan Credit Union, dated March 21, 2005, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry District of Deeds at Book 36718, Page 167 and now held by plaintiff, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’

Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02128 on or before September 26, 2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non compliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on August 15, 2002.
Attest:
Deborah. J. Patterson Recorder
9/1/22

LEGAL NOTICE

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
Eliminación de árboles públicos de sombra
Agosto 17, 2022
Ciudad de Chelsea, c/o Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario
Municipalidad City Hall
500 Broadway, Room 101
Chelsea, MA 02150
617-466-4193
De conformidad con el Capítulo 87 de las Leyes Generales de Massachusetts, Secciones 3 y 4, se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el martes 6 de septiembre de 2022 a las 6 p. m. en el Ayuntamiento de Chelsea, Sala 102, para considerar la eliminación de los siguientes 11 árboles públicos: 7 Ash (Fraxinus spp) en Central Ave entre 160 & 236 Central Ave 1 Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) en frente de 216 Central Ave 1 Gallery Pear (Pyrus calleryana), 1 Littleleaf Linden (Tilia cordata) y 1 Honeylocust (Gleditsia triacanthos) ubicado en Willow St, entre Central Ave y Watts St.
Los árboles identificados anteriormente han sido publicados para inspección pública. De acuerdo con M.G.L. Capítulo 87, cualquier objeción a la remoción de cualquiera de estos árboles debe presentarse por escrito a la Guardiana del Árbol, Hilary Dimino, antes o durante esta audiencia pública. Envíe todas las objeciones por escrito a 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea MA o por correo electrónico a hdimino@chelseama.gov.
8/25/22, 9/1/22

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Docket No. SU22P1741PM
In the matter of: Thomas Oneil Of:Chelsea, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by East-pointe Rehabilitation & Skilled Nu of Chelsea, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Thomas Oneil is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jonathan J. Davey of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond.
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 12, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
9/01/22

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing: Tobacco Sale Violations
The Chelsea Board of Health will hold an in-person hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at The Williams School Building located at 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea, MA to consider fines and permit suspensions for the following tobacco permittees for allegedly selling tobacco products to an underage patron: Family Food Mart; Johnny Market III; Heller’s Liquors; Market del Sol; One Stop Liquor.
To share comments please email famaya@chelseama.gov
9/1/22, 9/8/22

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Removal of Public Shade Trees
August 17th, 2022
City of Chelsea, c/o Department of Housing & Community Development
City Hall
500 Broadway, Room 101
Chelsea, MA 02150
617-466-4193
Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday September 6th, 2022 at 6 pm at Chelsea City Hall, Room 102 to consider the removal of the following 11 public trees:
7 Ash (Fraxinus spp) on Central Ave between 160 & 236 Central Ave 1 Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) in front of 216 Central Ave 1 Gallery Pear (Pyrus calleryana), 1 Littleleaf Linden (Tilia cordata) and 1 Honeylocust (Gleditsia triacanthos) located on Willow St, between Central Ave and Watts St.
The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 87, any objections to the removal of any of these trees must be submitted in writing to the Tree Warden, Hilary Dimino, prior to or at this public hearing. Please submit all objections in writing to 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea MA or via email to hdimino@chelseama.gov.
8/25/22, 9/1/22

Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for July

The state’s July total unemployment rate dropped by two-tenths of a percentage point at 3.5 percent over-the-month, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 13,500 jobs in July. This follows last month’s revised gain of 5,800 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Professional and Business Services, Education and Health Services, and Other Services. Employment now stands at 3,680,100. Since the employment trough in April 2020, Massachusetts gained 629,100 jobs.

From July 2021 to July 2022, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 134,500 jobs. The largest over the year gains occurred in

Professional, Scientific, and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, and Education and Health Services.

The July unemployment rate of 3.5 percent was the same as the national rate reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by an estimated 7,500 from 3,773,100 in June, as 800 more residents were employed, and 8,300 fewer residents were unemployed over-the-month.

Over-the-year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 2.2 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was down two-tenths of a percentage point at 65.8 per-

cent. Compared to July 2021, the labor force participation rate was up 0.2 percentage points.

July 2022 Employment Overview

Government gained 12,800 jobs over the month. Over the year, 4,500 jobs were lost.

Professional and Business Services gained 5,500 jobs over the month. Over the year, 34,300 jobs were added.

Education and Health Services gained 5,200 jobs over the month. Over the year, 30,200 jobs were added.

Other Services gained 1,400 jobs over the month.

Over the year, 6,900 jobs were added.

Information gained 1,300 jobs over the month. Over the year, 5,200 jobs were added.

Manufacturing gained 900 over the month. Over the year, 8,400 jobs were added.

Financial Activities gained 500 jobs over the month. Over the year, 2,600 were lost.

Construction lost 600 jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,500 jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation, And Utilities lost 1,200 jobs over the month. Over the year, 16,400 jobs

were added.

Leisure And Hospitality lost 12,300 jobs over the month. Over the year, 30,700 jobs were added.

Labor Force Overview

The July estimates show 3,634,600 Massachusetts residents were employed and 130,900 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,765,600. The unemployment rate was down 0.2 percentage points at 3.5 percent from the June rate of 3.7 percent. Over-the-month, the July labor force was down by 7,500 from 3,773,100 in June, with 800 more residents employed and 8,300 fewer residents

unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, dropped at 65.8 percent. The labor force was up 8,300 from the July 2021 estimate of 3,757,200, as 90,000 more residents were employed, and 81,700 fewer residents were unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

FEMA awards grant for COVID-19 child care costs

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$60 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the Department of Early Childhood Education and Care for steps taken to keep child care centers open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$60,066,850 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the department for purchasing and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies to clean and sanitize facilities to all childcare providers at no cost.

By providing masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, disin-

fecting wipes and bleach to child care centers, emergency childcare programs were able to remain open to provide priority access for families of emergency personnel, medical staff, and other essential workers between January and December 2021.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation.”

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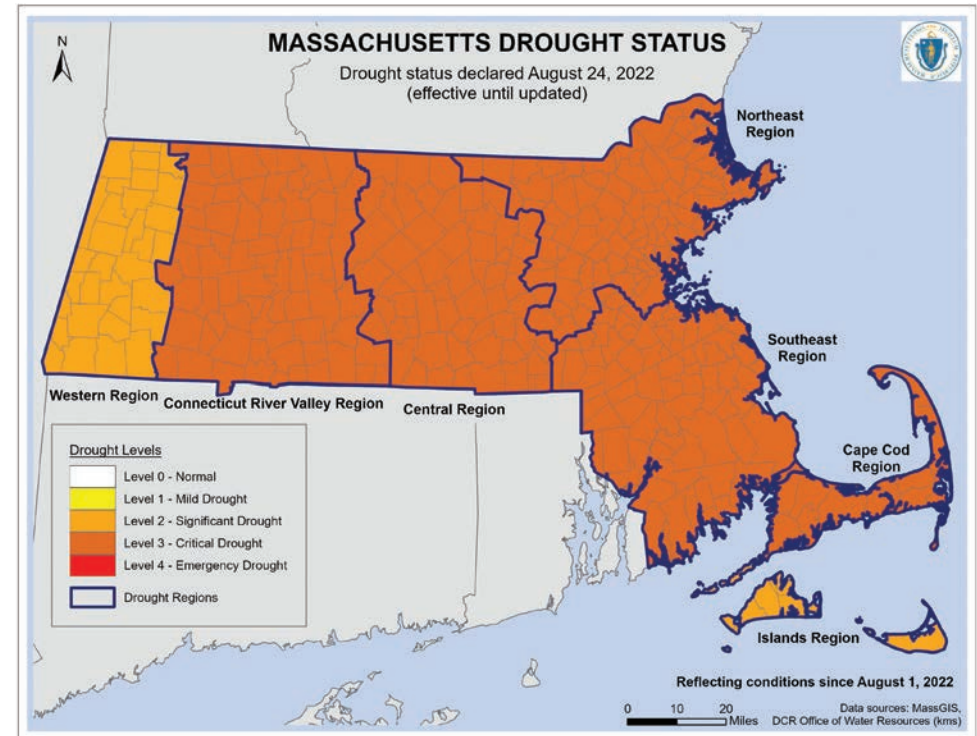
Risk of wildland fires increases as drought persists

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With the risk of wildland fires increasing due to below average precipitation across the state, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card today declared that the Cape Cod Region will join the Connecticut River Valley, Southeast, Northeast, and Central Regions as a Level 3-Critical Drought. Additionally, the Islands and Western Regions will also elevate to a Level 2-Significant Drought. As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level-3 Critical Drought and a Level 2-Significant Drought calls for the convening of an inter-agency Mission Group, which has already began to meet, to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts, and response within the government. These efforts are in addition to Level 1-Mild Drought actions, which recommends detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to the affected municipalities.

“Massachusetts continues to experience drought conditions in all regions of the state, which is not only depleting public water supplies, but is also elevating the risk of wildland fires,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. “It is critical that we all practice water conservation methods and adhere to local requirements to decrease the stress on our water systems and ensure essential needs, such as drinking water, habitats and fire suppression, are being met.”

“The impact of the current drought conditions are being felt throughout the commonwealth, from damaging wildfires to dry riverbeds and wells,” said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. “The recent rains help but won’t end the drought so it is



more important than ever to prevent wildfires and for residents to conserve water in our day-to-day activities.”

From August 1, 2022, to August 22, 2022, rainfall ranged mostly between 0.5 inch to 1 inch across the state, with a few localized higher and lower totals. Precipitation numbers are trending below average for the month of August. The Cape Cod, Islands, and Western Regions of the state were most impacted by the lack of precipitation. Additionally, since the onset of the drought, regions are experiencing between a four and ten inch deficit in precipitation. Streamflow has also been the most affected index with extreme low flows all across the state, where dry streambeds, increased ponding, higher temperatures in rivers, and increased nutrients and algal blooms are occurring. Furthermore, groundwater levels are declining in each region of the state.

Caution is also advised as fire activity has increased across the state as drought conditions have set in, and wildfires in remote areas with delayed response are now burning deep into the organic soil layers. Drought induced fire behavior can result in suppression challenges for fire resources and result

in extended incidents. As a result of fire conditions, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has implemented a temporary ban on all open flame and charcoal fires within state park properties. During the temporary ban, which is in effect until further notice, small portable propane grills are still allowed at campgrounds and recreation areas where grilling is permitted.

Currently, there are over 12 wildfire incidents across the state that are active and require daily mop up and monitoring. This year’s fire season has been extended due to dry conditions. Since the start of the fire season, there have been over 840 wildfires, burning approximately 1,432 acres of land. It is critical that everyone remains aware of how the drought has increased the risk of wildland fires in the state, and the public is asked to exercise extreme caution when using grills and open flames to ensure fires are properly and completely extinguished.

The agricultural sector also continues to experience impacts resulting from the ongoing drought, which includes some depletion of water sources and production acreage, irrigating crops on a more consistent basis due to current precipitation deficits,

high temperatures, low soil moisture, and significant increase in operating costs due to increased labor, maintenance of equipment, and increased irrigation. Consumers are encouraged to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products at local farm stands and retail stores throughout the Commonwealth.

On August 15, 2022, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Vilsack announced the designation of nine Massachusetts counties as primary natural disaster areas and three counties as contiguous disaster areas due to the 2022 drought. A USDA Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), such as FSA emergency loans, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. The nine primary counties are: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester. The three contiguous counties are: Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire. For more information, please visit the USDA’s Disaster Assistance Programs’ webpage.

It is important to note that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. Private wells, local streams, wetlands, vernal pools, and other water-dependent habitats located within MWRA-serviced areas are being impacted by drought conditions while water quality in ponds can deteriorate due to lowering of levels and stagnation.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 3 – Critical Drought, Level 2 – Significant Drought and Level 1 – Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

For Regions in Level 3 – Critical Drought Residents and Businesses:

- Stop all non-essential outdoor watering.
- Minimize overall water use.

Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement the state’s nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 3 restriction calls for a ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.
- Provide timely information on the drought and on water conservation tips

to local residents and businesses.

- Enforce water use restrictions with increasingly stringent penalties.
- Strongly discourage or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.
- Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.
- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.
- Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply.
- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use.
- Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.
- Follow local water use restrictions, if more stringent.

Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement the state’s nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 2 restriction calls for limiting outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. If local restrictions are more stringent, continue to keep them in place during the course of the drought.
- Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.
- Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.
- Provide timely information to local residents and businesses.
- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.
- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.
- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

For Regions in Level 1 – Mild Drought Residents and Businesses:

- Toilets, faucets and showers are more than 60% of indoor use. Make sure yours are WaterSense efficient.
- Limit outdoor watering to one day a week (only from 5:00 pm – 9:00 am), or less frequently if required by your water supplier

Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement

Breakheart Reservation in Saugus

Due to active wildland fires, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will continue to close Breakheart Reservation, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. DCR staff will remain on site to instruct visitors about the closure. An announcement will be made prior to the re-opening of the park. For updates, please visit the agency’s Twitter page: @Mass-DCR.

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Practicing water conservation now will greatly help reduce water use to ensure essential needs, such as drinking water and fire protection, are being met, habitats have enough water to support their natural functions, and to sustain the Commonwealth’s water supplies in the long-term. State agencies will continue to monitor and assess current conditions and any associated environmental and agricultural impacts, coordinate any needed dissemination of information to the public, and help state, federal and local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. Furthermore, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including emergency connections and water supplies assistance.

“The need for conservation of water has never been greater,” said Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “Citizens are again encouraged to conserve water and follow the conservation measures established by their local water suppliers.”

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 1:00PM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, please visit EEA’s drought page and water conservation page. To get the most up-to-date information on the drought indices, go to the state’s drought dashboard page.

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