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## Taste of Chelsea Sept. 19

**Staff Report**

The annual Taste of Chelsea will be on Monday, Sept. 19 from 5 to 8 pm at 99 Marginal Street, Chelsea. The event is co-hosted by HarborCOV and the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

The highly visible and popular Taste of Chelsea has traditionally brought together corporate and local sponsors, area food and beverage vendors, volunteers, survivors and more than 500 ticket holders each year.

The pandemic's impact was severe on our communities, especially on survivors' isolation, stress, financial instability and even fewer options for safety. Over the last year, HarborCOV has provided financial assistance for a range of pandemic-related costs like hotels, housing, food, medication and technology for hundreds of families to keep them as safe, healthy and connected as possible. Our local restaurants, which have so generously donated their food, staff time and operational costs to the Taste of Chelsea over the last 19 years, are also still working hard for their own survival and recovery from the pandemic.

Purchase tickets on line, visit <https://harborcov.org/tasteofchelsea/about> or call 617-884-9799.



PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN  
Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino (3rd from left) with Greenroots employees Priyanka Rangadass, Sara Arman, Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, and John Walkey, and Chelsea Community Connections Director Cara Cogliano.



EvoYouth members, working for Greenroots: Arianna Perdomo, Troy Arnold, Servela Maja-no, Greandoll Oliva, and Johanna Flores. See more photos on Page 13.

## Greenroots opens office on Everett Avenue

Special to the Record

This summer, GreenRoots was displaced from their beautiful waterfront offices. Like many other private developers, GreenRoots' landlord gave no real reason to not extend the organization's lease besides wanting to sell, possibly redevelop, downsize and even to demolition the building. GreenRoots operated out of that location since its inception as an independent non-profit. Roseann Bongiovanni, GreenRoots Executive Director, stated "this is incredibly maddening es-

pecially given the fact that we never missed a rent payment, even throughout the pandemic, and have a great working relationship with the landlord who is a fair and decent person. This just re-enforces our commitment to find a permanent home along the Chelsea Creek so that the residents of Chelsea and East Boston are never displaced from their waterfront, our waterfront."

The organization checked out sixteen different office locations before settling on their present location at 90 Everett Avenue on the third floor.

This location was the final potential office seen and it wasn't until the end of the May. Half of the office required a build out and the other half of the office was outdated, dirty and not welcoming. In an effort to ensure the space would be fully welcoming for everyone in the community, it needed major renovations in a short amount of time. GreenRoots Associate Executive Director Maria Belen Power said, "we reached out to our fellow community members and partners in the

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## Residents mostly support bus lane on Broadway

By Adam Swift

The One-Way Broadway, which includes one lane of vehicular traffic and a shared bus and bike lane on Broadway between Fifth Street and Everett Avenue, will continue for now.

Prior to the City Council's summer recess, Council President Roy Avellaneda introduced two competing orders – one to end One-Way Broadway and one to make the changes permanent – as a way to further discussion and have the council make a decision on the program.

Monday night, the council held a subcommittee meeting to discuss the program with City Manager Thomas Ambrosino and Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train.

During the regular council meeting, the council put both motions on the table. According to Avellaneda, if the council wants to make One-Way Broadway permanent at

a future date, a councilor can ask to have it taken off the table for a vote.

During the public speaking portion of Monday's meeting, the majority of residents who addressed the council spoke in favor of continuing the bus/bike lane and one lane of vehicular traffic along the stretch of Broadway.

"Living in this community, I have seen a lot of change over the last 10 years, and I had a lot of doubts when the bike lane was put in ... as someone who does not use a bicycle or ride the buses," said Marnie MacAlpine. "But I can tell you that it has actually eased the congestion downtown. I drive through downtown now without a problem, and before, it was constant gridlock from all of the double parked cars."

With the bus lane, drivers can now more easily maneuver around double parked cars and drivers can pull onto Broadway

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## Council makes second offer for administrative assistant

By Adam Swift

The City Council unanimously approved offering the position of administrative assistant to the council to Chelsea resident Nancy Lopez at Monday night's meeting.

The council initially offered the position to Marilyn Ingles Guzman at a special meeting in August,

but Guzman decided not to take the position.

During Monday night's meeting, the council also approved a conflict of interest exemption allowing former administrative assistant Fatima Malera to assist the council during its September meeting, and to help bring Lopez

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## Jarmak perfectly captures Chelsea

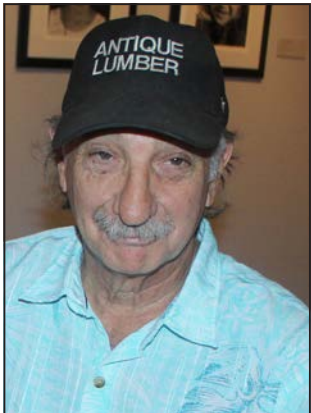
Award-winning photographer showcases his work in exhibit at BC's McMullen Museum of Art

By Cary Shuman

David Weiss, who grew up in Chelsea, walked through the McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College and viewed the new exhibit: "Photographing Chelsea In Transition 1977-89" by award-winning photographer Arnie Jarmak.

"I love these photos. They bring back a lot of memories," said Weiss.

Weiss was particularly enthralled by Jarmak's depiction of the historic



Arnie Jarmak, former Chelsea Record photojournalist, is pictured at his photography exhibit on display at the McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College.

Walnut Street Synagogue. "That's amazing," remarked Weiss.

Gail Weisman was also captivated by Jarmak's photographs of Chelsea's buildings, schools, and synagogues, among other landmarks.

"This exhibit is lovely – I'm so glad that he cap-

tured these photographs," said Weisman, a 1963 graduate of Chelsea High School. "Seeing Broadway, Bellingham Square, a photo of Sam Pressman [of Pressman's Deli] – he's done a great job of bringing back some of my own wonderful memories of Chelsea."

Arnie Jarmak was the Chelsea Record staff photographer from 1977 to 1989. He was an institution in Chelsea, known for his unique personality and congenial nature. As a photographer, he was highly acclaimed for his brilliant photos that appeared daily in the Record. Despite his greatness behind the camera, Jarmak remained humble and accessible to the community he loved.

Jarmak does pay tribute

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## CHELSEA GOES ELECTRONIC WITH PARTY UNDERNEATH TOBIN BRIDGE



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA  
Friends gathering around the dance floor beneath the Tobin Bridge for Electronic Chelsea, on September 10. See more photos on Page 6.

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# Chelsea Cultural Council upcoming grant information session

Staff Report

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.

An In-person Information Session will be held on Tuesday, September 20 from 3-7pm at Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea.

Organizations, schools, individuals are encouraged to apply for grant funds up to \$5000 that can be used to support a variety of artistic and cul-

tural projects that benefit residents 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.

The Chelsea Cultural Council is part of 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](http://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/cc](http://www.chelseama.gov/cc). For additional information call 617-466-4070. Those who cannot attend the training, can walk through the process by visiting LCC Grant Application Walk-Through (2021) - YouTube.



MBTA spokesperson holds a press conference on progress on Orange Line repairs and new train cars.

## Orange Line repair work is 82-percent complete

Special to the Record

With a planned re-opening of the Orange Line on Monday, MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak announced that 82% of the work taking place along the Orange Line is complete and track work taking place between Dana Bridge and North Station will allow for the removal of three more slow zones, which will bring the total number of slow zones removed to five.

Work taking place in this area includes track and tie replacement, rail installation, track alignment, and tamping. Crews have worked tirelessly to finish tie replacement work between the Dana Bridge and Community College station with current tie replacement work taking place at the North Station portal, which began on September 9. Tie replacement work involves crews operating hi-rail heavy equipment to remove old ties and install new ties. This critical tie replacement will remove three of the six slow zones that the T aims to address during the shutdown. Crews have already completed work to remove slow zones at Jackson Square

and between Downtown Crossing and State. Finishing this important work and removing these slow zones allows for faster, more reliable service for Orange Line riders.

Orange Line riders should note that, when Orange Line trains begin running again on Monday, September 19, slow zones will continue to be in place temporarily for about one week where the work was performed. In the rail industry, after new track and ballast installation, and due to the amount of track area disturbed during work, it is a given that slow zones need to temporarily remain in place. This is because it takes time for the new track and ballast to “settle” as trains repeatedly run over these areas.

Additionally, 64 new Orange Line cars are now available when service resumes, supporting riders during peak commuting periods. This is up from 30 cars when the Orange Line shutdown first started. This is also over a full complement of new Orange Line cars ready to serve riders.

As of today’s reporting, 82% of the planned work has been completed.

Overall, teams have completed approximately 65% of rail replacement and 90% of track replacement. The full depth track replacement includes the ballast, ties, and rail.

About 99% of the special track work is complete. The special track renewal work includes replacing things like cross-over areas.

About 99% of Cologne eggs and rail fastener work is finished near Tufts Medical Center station. Cologne eggs are the fasteners that allow crews to directly affix rail to the concrete pads, which are also utilized on certain parts of the Orange Line. The MBTA is in the process of installing the final five new eggs with 395 fully complete.

There has also been excellent progress on the ongoing signal testing at Oak Grove and Malden Center stations with about 84% of these signal upgrades complete.

For more information, visit [mbta.com/BBT2022](http://mbta.com/BBT2022) or Orange Line Track and Signal Upgrades, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram@theMBTA.

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more safely, said MacAlpine.

“Anyone who says that bus lane causes congestion, I can tell you they do not regularly drive down Broadway,” she added.

Jacqueline Fuentes said she takes the 111 bus to work, and since the bus lane was put in, she gets to work on time every day. Fuentes said she took the 117 bus to City Hall Monday night, and she asked the driver what he thought of the bus lane on Broadway.

“He said, ‘I think it is very important, a lot of the community, they don’t have time, they have to get somewhere,’” Fuentes said. “They take that bus just to get to Boston, and then take another bus, and then take a train, and maybe take a taxi, just to get to where they need to be.”

Sara Arman has a Master’s in urban planning, and she said over the past few years she has studied transportation and urban housing and community development.

“I know some people are talking about their personal experiences with the buses and why it is important, and I value that, but there are also two main reasons why a bus lane is important in a community like Chelsea,” said Arman. “The first one is that it helps standardize your commute time, so you know what time you will be able to get to work, you can coordinate your class schedule, childcare for your kids, it helps to standardize that even if it’s not reducing the time.”

The second reason why a bus lane is important is because it helps with business development.

“Broadway is a really important business corridor in Chelsea,” Arman said. “Having a bus lane allows people to get on and off the bus a lot more easily, and they are walking up and down Broadway more easily and spending money at the local businesses.”

School Committee member Roberto

Jimenez-Rivera also said he supported extending the bus lane on Broadway.

“Over the past five months, I have spoken to so many people in our city, and public transit is one of those issues that regularly came up, especially after the fire on the Orange Line and the subsequent shutdown of that line,” he said. “Many of the people in our city don’t have the luxury of owning a car, and many others may have a car, but are unable to afford parking in Boston so they rely on our buses to get to work, to doctor’s appointments, and to anywhere else they might need. In a world that is so car-centric, it has been a breath of fresh air to see the city commit to put our bus riders at the same level of priority as our drivers.”

Not everyone spoke in favor of the bus lane. One Congress Street resident said he has to go in and out of Boston several times a day for business and that the bus lane slows down vehicle traffic.

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up to speed on her new position. Malera currently works for the school department.

“We need some assistance for the new administrative assistant that is coming in and we know that is a difficult job to be able to master,” said Councilor-At-Large Leo Robinson. “So we asked Fatima to give us a hand and help us out.”

Councilor-At-Large Damali Vidot thanked Malera for the work she did for the council as its administrative assistant,

as well as for being willing to come back to help train the person the council is going to hire.

“She really is a star and I don’t know if we ever gave her the kudos that she deserves,” said Vidot.

During the previous subcommittee meetings to select an administrative assistant, the subcommittee met in executive session and did not invite councilors who were not on the committee to attend. At the most recent subcommittee meeting, all councilors were invited to

attend.

In other business, the council held a swearing-in ceremony for firefighters Danny Soto-Heyer, Rony Gomez, Adam Giancola, Edwin Sola, Alexander Monterrey, and Nicholas Bridge.

During the public announcements portion of the meeting, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero said he would like to see the school department or School Committee address parking issues during student drop off and pick up at the Mary C. Burke

Elementary Complex.

“I go to pick up my grandchild at the Burke complex, and there seems to be a big issue with the parking,” said Recupero. “I know the City Council cannot tell the school what to do, but we also represent the public. I go to pick him up and they have the parking lot closed, there is no parking.”

Recupero said the parents and caregivers have to go down to Clinton Street and then back to pick up their children. He said the School Committee should

consider a plan where there is parking available for parents to pick up their children at the complex.

The councilor said when he asked why the parking lot was closed to parents, he was told it

was because parents were fighting over spaces in the lot.

“Instead of resolving the situation, (they) ran away from it and closed the parking lot,” said Recupero.

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building trades, local businesses and community volunteers, and these folks all came through to help GreenRoots make our new home what it is today!”


Leadership at the organization wishes to offer its gratitude to the following individuals, organizations and businesses: Painters Union Local 35: Tony Hernandez Representative / Organizer, Mauro Ramos, Adriano Knupp and Alana Vacca; Carpenters Union Local 328: Rich Pedi, Business Manager, Jason Hightower, Rob Hightower, Deb Cronin, Jackie Valladarez, Seidy Rios, Michael Grant and Barry Rogers; Laborers Union Local 22: Mike Cimmino, Recording Secretary,

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# ZBA holds initial hearing on Eastern Avenue warehouse facility

By Adam Swift

The years-long plan to develop a nearly 19-acre industrial parcel at 295 Eastern Ave. are now coming before city boards for approvals.

The Zoning Board of Appeals held its initial public hearing Tuesday night on 295 Eastern Chelsea, LLC’s plans to build a 114,000 light manufacturing and warehouse facility on the property. In addition to the single-story building with 17 loading docks, the developers also plan to provide public access to Chelsea Creek and to wildlife areas on the property. The project will be before the Planning Board later this month for

its recommendations, and then back before the ZBA on Oct. 11 for a potential vote on a special permit.

“The two existing buildings were built in 1960, and there is one from 1996 for automotive use,” said Jay Eigerman, an attorney representing the developers. “Historically, this was a petroleum storage area, but all the tanks were removed some time ago.”

In addition to the local permits, Eigerman said the project also needs various state environmental and water quality permits to proceed. He said the project was issued a state environmental policy act certificate after an environmental impact report was completed in August.

“Right now, this is a use area that is wholly industrial that is not open to the public, even though it is on Chelsea Creek,” said Eigerman. “We have designed public access that goes around the entire perimeter of the site, not just on the shoreline, but through a pathway so people can get on the site at Eastern Avenue.”

The building itself will contain three warehouse or light manufacturing spaces with office space of about 38,000 square feet each. Eigerman emphasized that it will not be a freight forwarding facility like some of the larger Amazon facilities.

“I know 114,000 square feet sounds large, but

these big Amazon freight forwarding facilities are hundreds and hundreds of thousands of square feet,” said Eigerman, who added that the development is speculative in nature and that no tenants have signed onto the project at this point. “It’s actually warehouse space that gets priced out by the big boys like Amazon that we are trying to capture.”

There are 133 parking spaces proposed for the facility, including public parking for the access to the waterfront. Of those spaces, over 30 will be electric vehicle charging stations.

The project will bring a number of financial benefits to Chelsea, the

attorney said, including an estimated increase of \$105,000 in property taxes annually and a one-time linkage fee to the city of over \$1 million.

In addition to the development of the public access area along the Chelsea Creek, landscape architect Dan Adams said there will be outdoor classrooms and nature areas on the property for use by the public and students.

According to the project’s traffic consultant, the project will generate about 480 daily trips into and out of the Eastern Avenue site.

ZBA Chair Janice Tartarka said the next time developers are before the ZBA, she would like to see a more detailed plan

for how traffic, especially large trucks, will maneuver on the site.

The owners of the neighboring property at 305 Eastern Ave. have also raised concerns about the drainage system, noting that they have an easement on the property that allows them to tie into the drainage lines that go through 295 Eastern Ave.

Eigerman said 305 Eastern Ave. has no property rights to drain on 295 Eastern Ave., but that the developers have been working with the owners of that property about the possibility of a drainage tie-in.

# State launches new website aimed to be a resource for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of a new comprehensive, user-friendly website designed to provide survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and their families with information on resources available to them in a variety of critical issue areas, as well as an interactive map tool for locating services throughout the Commonwealth.

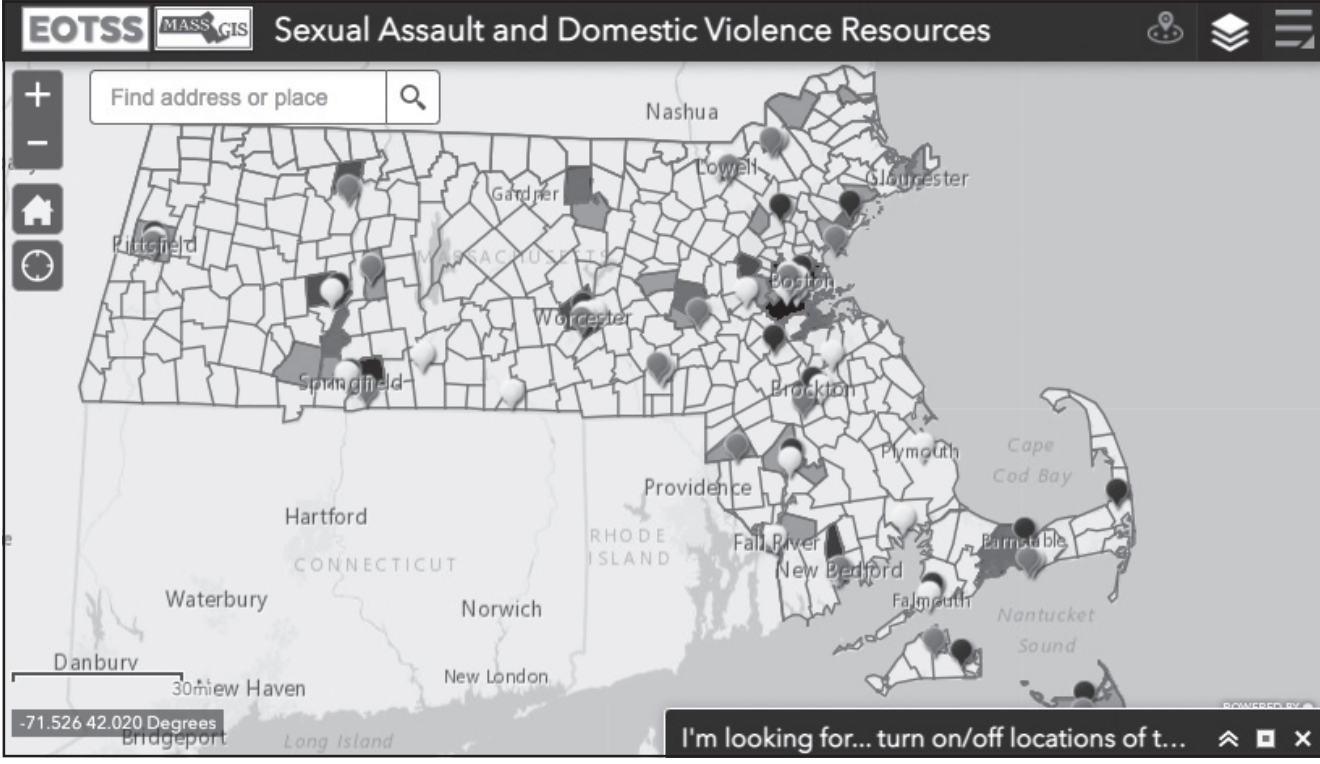
Building on the Baker-Polito Administration’s efforts since taking office in 2015 to bolster supports for survivors across Massachusetts, this new tool ensures that aggregated, important information is readily available and easily accessible on mass.gov. The website provides information on major service categories, including housing, legal resources and employment assistance, as well as more immediate support such as the SafeLink Hotline and area Rape Crisis Centers. In order to further protect survivors seeking resources, the page also has an escape link located at the top of the page so that survivors may quickly exit the page and be redirected to the mass.gov homepage. Additionally, the website and interactive map tool are both accessible on mobile devices.

“This new tool is another

way to support survivors in Massachusetts and let them know that they are not alone, and that there are resources available to them,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Our administration is committed to partnering with survivors and advocates to facilitate the delivery of these critical services, and I am grateful to the Lt. Governor, who Chairs the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, for her continued leadership and advocacy for survivors.”

“Too often for survivors, navigating available resources proves to be challenging, with lifesaving information difficult to find. This new website aims to deliver critically important services in a streamlined, easy-to-use way for survivors and their families to support them in leading safe and successful lives, free of abuse,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “These brave men, women and children have endured so much, and we remain committed to providing them with every possible tool in our toolbox.”

“Navigating life after sexual assault or domestic violence can be frightening and overwhelming for survivors,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders “This centralized



A view of the new map tool on the website showing resources for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence throughout the Commonwealth.

directory of resources will help survivors across the Commonwealth to find and access a network of critical supports with a single click. The Commonwealth is committed to protecting and supporting survivors and ensuring that they have access to the resources and support they need.”

“This website demonstrates the powerful role that digital tools can play in improving the lives of the residents of the Commonwealth,” said Secretary of Technology Services and Security Curt Wood. “I am grateful for the opportunity to collaborate on this important ini-

tiative that will empower survivors with easy access to vital resources while maintaining their privacy.”

“We must continue to find innovative ways to ensure survivors have access to information and resources,” said Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) Executive Director Liam Lowney. “This tool provides access to resources that will empower victims and survivors in their decision making and ensures they have access to quality support in the wake of trauma.”

This website is the result of collaboration be-

tween the Governor’s Office, the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security, and the Department of Public Health.

The Council is chaired by the Lt. Governor and membership consists of up to 40 individuals appointed by the Governor and Lt. Governor, plus more than 80 subcommittee members. Council members represent advocacy organizations, direct service providers, criminal justice agencies, and re-

flect the state’s geographic and cultural diversity. The Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Housing and Economic Development, Public Safety and Security, Education, Labor and Workforce Development, Transportation, and Veterans’ Services each appoint staff members to the Council. The Governor and Lt. Governor appointed an Executive Director, who is responsible for the administrative functions of the Council, organizing subcommittees and executing the Council’s responsibilities.

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ALCOHOL ABUSE IS STILL

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Two years ago the voters of Oregon approved a measure that decriminalized the possession of small amounts of even the most dangerous drugs, while also mandating that tax revenue from the sale of marijuana (which Oregon legalized in 2014) be used for addiction recovery programs.

Oregon voters recognized that the 50 year War on Drugs has been a total failure that has done nothing to reduce drug abuse and arguably has made the problem even worse, both in their state and nationwide.

However, the shortcoming of the Oregon law is that it ignored the most-abused and harmful drug of them all -- alcohol. And even more ironically, the state legislature in 2021 legalized to-go drinks for restaurant take-out and increased the amount of wine that can be shipped directly to consumers -- and this is a state that is second only to California for its number of wineries and has as many distilleries as Kentucky.

So it should not be surprising that Oregon ranks among the states with the highest prevalence of problem drinking in the country. Last year, 2153 residents died of causes attributed to alcohol, according to the Oregon Health Authority — more than twice the number of people who died from methamphetamines, heroin, and fentanyl combined. In addition, an Oregon business group estimates that the annual cost in lost productivity because of excessive drinking by state residents is \$5 billion per year.

However, alcohol abuse is a nationwide problem. There were more deaths attributed to alcohol (about 108,000) than to drugs (about 106,000) in 2021 in the United States. Here in Massachusetts, we have one of the highest rates of deaths from alcohol poisoning.

Indeed, alcohol abuse is a world-wide problem. Just this past week, a report published by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) that followed two years of research and a review of more than 5000 peer-reviewed studies concluded that alcohol in even small quantities can be harmful to our health. The CCSA report recommends that a safe amount of alcohol consumption for adults is no more than two drinks per week. (That’s not a typo -- two drinks per week.) The CCSA report is confirmation of the World Health Organization’s designation of alcohol as a Class A carcinogen a few years ago.

It has been well-known for many years that those who start drinking as teenagers are five times more likely to become victims of alcohol abuse disorder (what formerly was referred to as alcoholism) than those who don’t start drinking until they are 21. In addition, it goes without saying that alcohol far exceeds any drug for the damage and tragedy it wreaks upon families, regardless of socioeconomic status.

The time has come for our public officials and our citizenry to recognize alcohol abuse as an immediate public health emergency and to take action to address this growing -- and largely-ignored -- problem.

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GUEST OP-ED

Will you own an electric car?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Will you own an electric car? If you live long enough and that’s all that is being made, you probably will. Many of us we’ll hold out for as long as possible.

I’m all for electric cars especially if someone else is buying them. If 20 percent of America’s driving population goes to the electric vehicle, EV, then surely gasoline will become cheaper. Less people buying gasoline will reduce the demand and it should reduce the price. We hope.

California will not allow the sale of gasoline cars by 2035.

This same state told EV drivers not to charge their electric cars during the past Labor Day weekend when the temperatures were expected to hit triple digits for millions of residents putting a drain on the power grid.

This brings us to the same crisis every community will face. America’s power grids aren’t ready to accommodate millions of EVs plugging in a for a recharge. The prospects of city and regional blackouts are alarming. You can forget charging your car. You won’t be able to charge your cell phone or have air conditioning or heat during a blackout.

I’m not opposed to electric cars. I am opposed to them being crammed down our throats. The manufacturers are being pushed to eventually eliminate all gasoline vehicles. We will see how this goes over the next ten years.

Plan to spend some money. A local salesman talked to me about an electric Mustang. Stickered at \$48,000 but they were asking \$58,000 because as he said, “We can get it.” I didn’t want the car to begin with but was curious about the car.

It sounds time consuming to recharge an EV, although some EVs are promising up to 150-mile charge in a short amount of time.

EVs could mean fewer people on America’s Interstates. Currently in most American communities its much easier to go home to recharge at your own power station. Cross country driving will be out of the question or very difficult in an EV for the next two or three years. Currently an EV will go about 250 to 350 miles on a charge. This means you will always be searching for the next power station. This will be a major lifestyle change.

There are reports that Pilot and Flying J will have charging stations installed by 2025 and are spending a billion dollars to upgrade their facilities. They will also want to recoup their costs.

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You may be wanting something different in your life and an EV may be just what you want. There is a lot to consider and on some level they will impact all our lives, eventually.

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WHAT’S WITH ALL THE

COVERAGE OF THE BRITISH

MONARCHY?

The passing last week of Queen Elizabeth II saddened all of us. She was a great woman who epitomized what used to be called noblesse oblige, the idea that nobility extends beyond mere entitlement, requiring people who hold such status to fulfill social responsibilities.

Queen Elizabeth understood this sense of duty from the very outset of her ascension to the throne at the age of 25 when she said, “I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.”

On another occasion, she said, “Our modern world places such heavy demands on our time and attention that the need to remember our responsibilities to others is greater than ever.”

But as much as the world will miss Queen Elizabeth, the reality is that the British monarchy is an anachronism that only serves as a reminder of the terrible oppression perpetrated by the British Empire through the ages.

And while a majority of Britons may be content to spend hundreds of millions of their tax dollars to support the royal family (and some say that the tourist dollars generated by Buckingham Palace actually are a net positive), it is undeniable that the majority of members of the royal family are unworthy heirs of Queen Elizabeth’s legacy, especially most of her children.

But while Britain may still be enthralled with the vestiges of a long-gone era, what makes the major American media think that we are? The non-stop coverage of her death, funeral proceedings, and accession by Charles has been ridiculous. This is 2022, not 1772.

It’s time to relegate (the term used in the English Premier Soccer League when the bottom three teams are dropped down to the minor league at the end of the season) the monarchy to what it really is -- an historical footnote that is irrelevant in the world today.

Chelsea Day Set for Saturday, Sept. 17 on Broadway

Special to the Record

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 the Chelsea community.

Support Chelsea’s local businesses by participating in Shop Chelsea, an exciting event that will culminate in a raffle for residents on Chelsea Day!

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!

More information is available online at [chelsea-ma.gov/chelsea-day-2022](http://chelsea-ma.gov/chelsea-day-2022).

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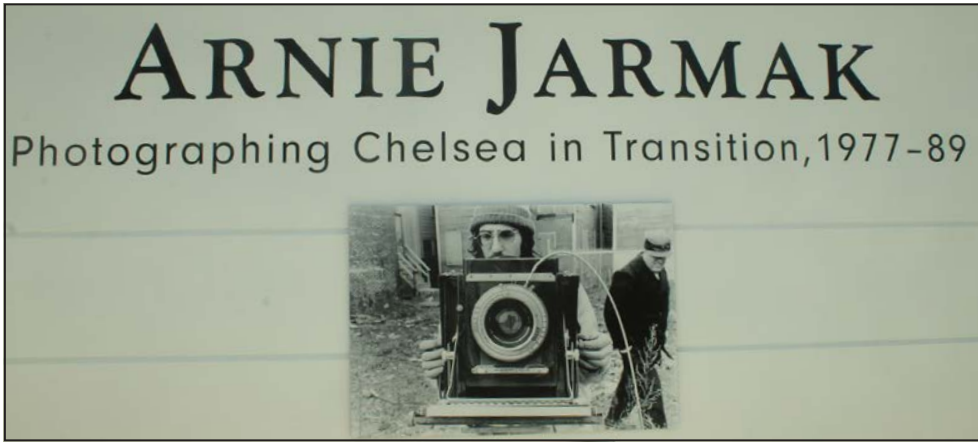
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The impeccably designed entrance welcoming visitors to Arnie Jarmak’s photography exhibit at Boston College’s McMullen Museum of Art.

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to his former photojournalistic home with a portion of the expansive exhibit photos dedicated to The Chelsea Record and legendary newspaper publisher, Andrew P. Quigley, who served as Chelsea mayor, state senator, and school committeeman.



Acclaimed photojournalist Arnie Jarmak (center) greets former Chelsea residents Gail Weisman and David Weiss at the McMullen Museum of Art where Jarmak’s exhibit, Photographing Chelsea In Transition 1977-89, is drawing excellent reviews.

we have come up with is great.”

Larsen was asked to assess Jarmak’s immense abilities as a photographer.

“One of our docent volunteers who is going to be giving tours of the exhibit asked if Arnie was recognized in the canon of American photography,” said Larsen. “I replied that he will certainly be.”

Jarmak credited Larsen

for granting him the honor of displaying his work at the prestigious college’s museum. She first became familiar with Jarmak’s incredible works during a visit to Chelsea.

“Diana is the reason that my work is in the McMullen Museum – without a doubt,” said Jarmak. “A ray of light shone down upon me in Chelsea Square. The gods opened up the stars and the skies, and a ray of light came down, and this fabulously gifted woman looked at my work and she understood what I was trying to say immediately. And it was a really great moment for me, for Chelsea, and for the Chelsea Record.”

(The McMullen Museum of Art will host a special reception for Arnie Jarmak on Sunday, Oct. 2.)



McMullen Museum of Art Assistant Director Diana Larsen (left) designed the space that beautifully showcases the powerful photographic talent of Chelsea resident Arnie Jarmak (right).

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# ELECTRONIC CHELSEA UNDER THE TOBIN HSOTED BY CHELSEA PROSPERS, JUKEBOX EVENTS

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

The lot below the Tobin Bridge viaduct was ablaze in dramatic lights on September 10, during Electronic Chelsea, presented by Chelsea Prospers and Jukebox Events. Friends waved rainbow glow sticks on the dance floor to the funk and house music

of DJs Basi B, Rosé, and Joe Tagessian. Guests enjoyed Peruvian beers and snacks at the Tambo 22 beer garden, and explored art installations, such as a neon living room. A stilt walker wearing LED Isis Wings strode amongst visitors, and a visual poi performer dazzled as she twirled LED light sticks.



Gregory Dor, Alison Miller, Jenna, and Jonah enjoying beers from Tambo 22 during the September 10 Electronic Chelsea.



Visual Poi performer, Ember Flynnne, twirling her LD light sticks during the September 10 Electronic Chelsea event beneath the Tobin Bridge.



Sofia, Taylor, and Nick, of Tambo 22, serving drinks, Peruvian corn, and plantain chips.



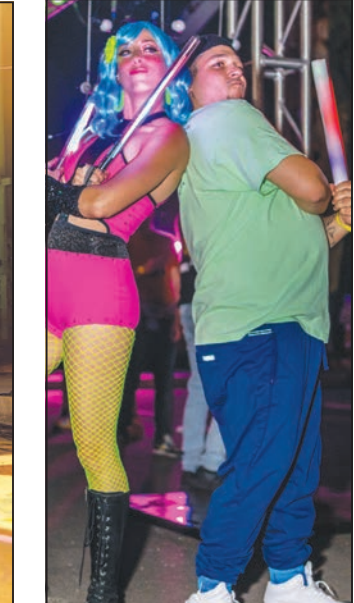
Ruth Henry painting on a street sign, and Lina Diosa painting on a wooden board



Antonio Rosa, School Committee member, Jeanette and Jay Valez.



Chelsea resident, Odette, and Escobar enjoying the music on the dance floor.



Boston Circus Guild performer, Ember Flynnne, and Ax Corona, posing with glow sticks.



Chelsea resident, Jomari, standing in amazement with stilt walker, Sheri, of the Boston Circus Guild.



Artist, Kyle Browne (kneeling), with Erin Roth, Carolyn L, and Michael Gareth.



Evan Henderson, Ed Bedoya, and Javier Lopez, of Quincy, glowing in LED sunglasses.



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Vanessa Orozco (second from left), "Neon Living Room" creator, with her friends, Juan Rico, Jessica Familia, Alberto, and Andres.



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# Sports

## CHELSEA RE DEVILS FOOTBALL FALL TO SALEM WITCHES



**GOT IT COVERED:** Chelsea's Komi Ballo, (33) Jose Cruz Jr. (6), Rafael Dubon (76), Theodore Joseph-Seale (77 in background) and Miguel Tizon (54) make sure no one else gets near the ball as they cover a punt.



**RIGHT CALL:** Justin Reyes (1) protests that he was interfered with as he attempted to catch a pass, and the officials agreed, setting up a Chelsea first down.



**TEAMING UP:** Jose Cruz Jr. (6) and Komi Ballo (33) converge on a Salem runner.



**OPPOSING VIEWS:** Chelsea's Jadiel Arias (21) falls forward as he is brought down by Salem's Nahsyar Blackwell (31) and Oscar Fernandez. (11)



**UH-OH:** Chelsea's Herman Mendez (26) slips as Salem's Patrick Conaster (25) cuts and breaks free for a touchdown



**LOOKED LIKE A FUMBLE:** Chelsea's defense thought they recovered a fumble, but Salem quarterback Corey Grimes (6) was ruled down before the ball came loose.



**LINE PLAY:** Kevin Romero (61) fights off a blocker.



**IN SIGHT:** Jaiven Diaz (81) lines up a tackle of Salem's Devin Tolbert.

## CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

### BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS OPEN WITH WINS OVER REVERE

The Chelsea High girls and boys cross country teams started their 2022 season on the right foot (no pun intended) with victories over Greater Boston League rival Revere last Wednesday on their home course at Admiral's Hill.

The twin wins provided new CHS head coach Reegan von Wildenradt with a

perfect start for her head coaching debut.

Gizelle Rodriguez was the top performer for the Lady Red Devils, finishing far ahead of the field to win the race in a time of 22:36 over the 5K course.

Gizelle was followed by teammates Darily Sanchez Vargas in second place in 24:58, Giselle Olivar Arevelo in third place in 25:18, Rosalinda Rojas in sixth in 27:5, Holly Hatleberg in seventh in 28:33, and Reina Moreira in eighth in 29:49.

The final tally showed the Lady Red Devils winning by a score of 15-50.

The boys also triumphed by a score of 15-50. Alejandro Zepeda won the race in a clocking of 20 minutes flat. Teammate Kevin Flores Chavarria was right on his heels with a time of 20:03.

Nate Nadow took third in 21:29, followed by Kyle Leong in sixth in 23:59, Jose Amaya Raudales in eighth in 24:52, and Austin Freeman in 11th in

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25:24.

“We (assistant coaches Allison Aupperle and Sam Fogel and myself) were really happy with the season opener,” said von Wildrenradt. “Everyone raced hard and did what they were supposed to do, which is all we can really ask for. We loved how Alejandro (Zepeda) and Kevin (Flores) worked together at the front to comfortably grab 1-2.

“Nate (Nadow) also had a solid showing,” the coach added. “He worked hard to hold the third spot, and is looking stronger in practice every day.

“For the girls, Gizelle (Rodriguez) held a commanding lead for the girls the entire race, and we're excited for where she's heading this season. Darily (Sanchez) ran a lifetime best in her first meet,” von Wildenradt continued. “She put a ton of work in over the summer and it's showing. Gigi (Olivar) was just shy of the 25 minute mark, and similar to Nate on the boy's side, is looking stronger and stronger every single day. She raced well and did a great job grabbing that third spot.

“Overall, we couldn't ask for much more from the team for the opener,” von Wildenradt concluded.

Both the boys and girls squads were set to host Somerville yesterday (Wednesday) and are scheduled to make the short trip to face Everett next Wednesday.

**CHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM TOPS LYNN CLASSICAL**

The Chelsea High girls volleyball team won its home opener last Thursday with an impressive

3-1 victory over Lynn Classical.

The Lady Red Devils were led by captain Jasmine Varela, who served an impressive six aces and delivered five kills. Teammate Yareliz Gonzalez Falcon added five aces. Libero Guidaysis Castro Santiago served four aces and made an impressive 13 digs.

Coach Gabriel Morales and his crew have a busy week ahead: They took on Somerville this past Monday and made the short trip to Everett yesterday (Wednesday). They will entertain Malden tomorrow (Friday) and Revere on Monday before hitting the road to Medford next Wednesday.

**BOYS SOCCER FALLS 3-0 TO SOMERVILLE**

The Chelsea High boys soccer team came up on the short end of a 3-0 decision to Greater Boston League rival Somerville this past Tuesday afternoon.

“We started off well with some early chances that went straight to the Somerville keeper's hands,” said CHS assistant coach William Esteada. “Those missed chances came back to haunt us later when Somerville scored, allowing them to end the first half up 1-0.

“We went into the second half in search of a comeback like we did last week,” Estrada continued, “but little mistakes in the second half allowed Somerville to score twice more, ending the game 3-0 in their favor. Second half injuries to two of our starting squad members didn't help us either.”

Head coach Mick Milutinovic and his crew will host archrival Everett today (Thursday), trek to

Lynn English next Tuesday, and travel to Revere next Thursday.

**CHS GIRLS SOCCER READYING FOR SEASON**

As the regular season was fast approaching, the CHS girls soccer team was busy working hard to get ready for the season ahead.

“The pre-season went smoothly and we had a big turnout this year,” said CHS head coach Randy Grajal. “This year we will have a varsity and a junior varsity squad, which is exciting because all the players will get plenty of playing time in games to develop their skills in a real game scenario.”

The varsity team includes nine returning seniors from last year: Katie Arias, Dariana Lopez-Lobo, Rusby Santizo, Naomi Centeno Yax, Erica Mendoza. Maybelin Ramirez Cea, Dania Pacas, Ashley Navarro Castro, and Joselyn Moreira.

The captains, who were chosen by the players, are: Katie Arias (Senior - Goalkeeper),

Rusby Santizo (Senior - Defender), Dariana Lopez-Lobo (Senior - Defender), and Lauren Naedo - (Sophomore - Defender).

“I am really excited for this team to start competing,” said Grajal ahead of the season opening week. “The captains are providing the leadership needed to all the new members of the team. The group of athletes is excited to continue working and improving as the season progresses.”

Grajal and his crew are scheduled to play at Everett today (Thursday) and then will entertain Lynn English next Tuesday and Revere next Thursday.

# CHELSEA POETRY WALK DAZZLES AGAIN UNDER RECUPERO'S LEADERSHIP

The Chelsea Poetry Walk, under the direction of Lorenzo Recupero, was a huge success with several local poets and writers participating in the well-orchestrated event held Aug. 27 at The Chelsea Walk.

Recupero, a former sportswriter for the Boston Globe, released the following statement thanking the community who helped make the second Chelsea Poetry Walk possible:

On behalf of the entire Chelsea Poetry Walk team, I'd like to extend a hearty thank you to all the community members who made the 2022 Chelsea Poetry Walk possible. I'd like to especially thank all of the writers, the Chelsea Cultural Council for funding the event, Kayem for providing the best hot dogs around, Market Basket for their donation, and all the local businesses



Phoenix Charter Academy was well-represented at the Chelsea Poetry Walk kick-off event Saturday. (From left) Vianca Rodriguez, Audrey Jones, Queila Ramos and Tanya Silverstein.

that kindly opened their windows for us to display poetry including Rainbow, Boba Tea, Broadway House of Pizza, Allen's Cut Rate, Colchas Primor y Mas, Castillo's Electronics Inc., Family Market, Metro Credit Union, Wellness Center, Calaveras Tattoo Studio, Zeng Wireless, BD's Discount, La Guanaquita Inc., El

Dorado, Broadway Studios, Broadway Jewelers, Aloe Natural Acai & Coffee Shop, and Community Latin Grocery. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Henry Ferrini of the Gloucester Writers Center for participating and infusing this year's event with an extra layer of creative energy.

Thank you all!



Shown above-left, Marcos Jadiel Reyes (8) reads his poem titled "Growth in Chelsea", located at Family Market, 369 Broadway. He was also the event's raffle winner and recipient of a brand new electric guitar.



Shown above-right, Marianne Ramos of the Chelsea Senior Center recites her poem titled "Message From the Thing Green Edge", located at Zeng Wireless, 317 Broadway.



Shown to the right, Aida Ascencio (8), a student at the Kelly School, helps maintain the Chelsea Poetry Walk merchandise table while enjoying some mango served at the event.



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Elizabeth Smith

Former Williams School Lunch Mother

Elizabeth (Norkus) Smith of Medford, formerly of Chelsea, died on September 2.

Born and educated in Weymouth and Rockland, Elizabeth was a resident of Chelsea for over 50 years before moving to Medford four years ago. In her early years, she worked as a receptionist for a law firm in Boston, for Schrafft’s Candy in Charlestown but was mostly known for being a lunch mother at the Williams School in Chelsea. Devoted to her family, especially her grandchildren, she enjoyed cooking, solitaire and crossword puzzles in her spare time.

The wife of Paul R. Smith of Chelsea, she was the beloved mother of Marcy Smith-Harrison of Chelsea, Steven Paul Smith of Revere, Lynn M. Smith of Medford and Dana Charles Smith of Las Vegas, NV; sister of Michael Norkus of Haver and Joseph Norkus of Rockland; daughter of the late Walter M. and Margaret (Gambrazzio) Norkus and cherished grandmother of Louis, Elizabeth, Steven, Jr., Santana and Dana, Jr. She is also lovingly survived



by her great grandchildren, Brianna, Lilyanna, Adrien and Carter, her sister-in-law, Marlene Tyler as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are kindly invited to attend Memorial Visiting Hours in the Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Avenue, Chelsea on Saturday, September 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. Committal Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or to the MSPCA-Angell.



Federal grants announced to improve road safety

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$10.9 million in federal grant funding to improve road safety across the Commonwealth including \$65,000 going to Chelsea Police Department for Municipal Road Safety Program. More than 180 municipal and state agencies completed a competitive grant process by submitting plans for improved traffic safety training, equipment, and enforcement. Together, these efforts align with Massachusetts’ Annual Highway Safety Plan that describes the state’s safety trends and guides improvements for the year ahead.

“From the time we took office, our administration has prioritized the safety of all residents and visitors who share the use of the Commonwealth’s roads,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Through investments like the ones we are announcing today, we are continuing to work with local partners to strengthen safety for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and communities.”

“We remain committed to delivering support to local officials who understand the positive effect of sustainable roadway safety,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “Every tool made possible by today’s grants empowers police to educate the public about our Commonwealth’s laws, reduce speeding, renew our commitment to wear seat belts, and properly address all forms of distracted and impaired driving.”

Since taking office in 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has distributed approximately \$70 million in highway safety grants. The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security serves

as the state administering agency for federal funding sources, including: the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, and the source today’s grant awards, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

“Safe roadways are achieved through strong federal, state, and local partnerships. These grants support our shared goal of reinforcing good driving behavior, deterring impaired and distracted driving, enhancing law enforcement training, and identifying data-driven solutions,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. “I commend the Office of Grants and Research for their excellence and ongoing work to deliver vital resources that improve public safety across the Commonwealth.”

“The Office of Grants and Research is committed to working closely with our partners across the state to ensure safety on our roads and in our communities. This funding will support data-driven efforts to address threats to roadway safety in communities across the Commonwealth,” said Kevin Stanton, Executive Director of the Office of Grants and Research.

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Clinton Dunn

US Postal Service Retiree

Clinton H. Dunn, 66, of Chelsea, passed away peacefully on September 8 after a long illness.

Clinton worked at the Chelsea United States Postal Service for many years before his retirement. An avid sports fan, Clinton could always be found cheering on his beloved Patriots and Bruins.

Clinton was predeceased by his parents, Lorraine and George Dunn of Chelsea and is survived by his loving wife, Debra Ann (Murdock) of Revere, his son, James and his wife, Amanda of Peabody and his two grandchildren, Elaina and Ellie. He is also survived by his brother, Raymond Sr. and his wife, Maria of Salem, NH, George and his wife, Debra of Revere, his sister, Mary of Revere, and Wendy and her husband, Paul of Winchester. He is also survived by many



loving nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Services will be held on Friday, September 16, at 11a.m. at the First Congregational Church, 230 Beach Street, Revere.

A Celebration of Life will follow at the Melrose VFW, 428 Main Street, Melrose, MA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Northeast Animal Shelter, Salem, MA or Caring Hearts Ministry c/o First Congregational Church.

Maria Escobar

April 9, 1946 – September 3, 2022

At 76 years of age, Maria C. Escobar passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, Sept 3.

Born and raised in Nahuatan, Guatemala, she was one of eleven children born to the late Andres Escobar and Maria Luisa Barrios. Raising nine children of her own, she settled in the United States many years ago.

Maria loved gardening and farming. She was a seasonal employee at a family farm in Dresden, Maine for many years where she worked as a farm hand supervisor. She spent the rest of the year between residing in Chelsea and Saugus and would also visit her native Guatemala.

In her lifetime, Maria enjoyed quiet time at the beach and seashore. She is fondly remembered as a devoted church member and for her home gardening, and cooking. Tamales were her specialty and family and friends would always enjoy partaking in this traditional treat.

She is survived by her loving children: Jendry Morales and his wife, Amy Pai of Chelsea/Saugus, Carlota Morales of Tijuana, Mexico, Minor



Morales of Dallas, TX, Edgar Morales and his wife, Anna of Waltham, Corina, Morales, Marvin Morales, Jilberto Morales, Judith Morales, and Pablo Morales, all of Guatemala. She is also lovingly survived by 10 grandchildren, one great-grandson and many dear siblings.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Saturday, September 10. Maria will be placed to rest in Cementerio Municipal, Aldea, Al Amparo, San Marcos, Guatemala.

To send expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.WelshFH.com](http://www.WelshFH.com).



John Randall Phillips, III

December 2, 1976 – September 11, 2022

John Randall Phillips, III, beloved husband, son, cherished family member and friend, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, September 11. He was 45 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he was the beloved son of John R. Phillips Jr., and Carol Ann (Arsenault) Phillips of Chelsea.

John began his education attending Our Lady of Grace Parochial School. He played Little League Baseball and High School Football, coached by his older brother Billy. He graduated from Pope John High School with the class of 1994 and continued his education at Bunker Hill Community College, graduating with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice.

He married his beloved Dina M. (Gardin) Phillips 17 years ago on September 4, 2005. Together they have shared the past 26 years with great love and devotion for each other. John and Dina first met as childhood classmates, which followed throughout high school. Little did they know that’s when their love story would begin.

John worked for 15 years as a broadband technician with Comcast and has been working for the past several years as an alarm technician for ADT Security Systems.

In his all too short lifetime, some of John’s passions were riding his motorcycle, drawing, painting, sketching and writing poetry. He enjoyed music and karaoke and would serve as a DJ at many gatherings and celebrations. He also enjoyed camping and canoeing on the Sacco River. John was a lifelong resident of Chelsea and longtime active member of the Sagamore Club of Chelsea. John’s truest joy came from spending time with his family and friends and dancing with his love, Dina.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 17 years Dina M. (Gardin) Phillips of Chelsea. He was a loving son of John R. Phillips Jr., and Carol A. (Arsenault) Phillips of Chelsea, son-in-law of Carl and Mary Gardin of Peabody, dear brother to Patti Phillips of Chelsea, Kelley and



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He is lovingly survived by his dear cousins, Cindy and Robert Donarumo and their daughters, Sara and Haylee Donarumo. Ron and Glenda Mabrey and John Mabrey. He is also survived by many additional cousins, numerous extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, September 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. Funeral from the Welsh Funeral Home on Saturday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea, at 12 noon. Funeral services will conclude with committal services at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers, friends are requested to make donations in John’s name to a charity of their choice.

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CHELSEA GIRLS SOCCER VS. MALDEN



Ashley Navarro Castro (18) keeps the ball in play between a pair of Malden defenders.



Yosselin Acosta Amaya (17) gets a shot off in front of a defender.



Ashley Navarro Castro (18) gets her head on a bouncing ball.



Kimberly Estrada Mazariegos (34) defends against a Malden forward.



Julissa Davila Gonzaga (28) and Yosselin Acosta Amaya (17) join a smiling Dania Pacas (15) after Pacas scored a Chelsea goal.

Photos by Bob Marra  
Chelsea dropped the season opener, 6-1, in girls soccer action Tuesday at Chelsea Stadium.



Lauren Nadow (27) breaks up a Malden offensive advance.



Yosselin Acosta Amaya (17) makes a play on a loose ball.



Maybelin Ramirez Cea (10) breaks up play near midfield.

‘Play My Way’ launches at Encore Boston Harbor

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) in partnership with Encore Boston Harbor (EBH) and GameSense launched “PlayMyWay,” a voluntary budgeting tool available on electronic games at EBH. PlayMyWay is designed to allow Wynn Rewards players the abil-

ity to monitor the amount of money they spend, and to support their decision to continue or stop play. PlayMyWay is an innovative budgeting tool currently available to patrons at Plainridge Park Casino, MGM Springfield and now accessible at EBH. PlayMyWay is an optional benefit for Wynn Rewards players, which allows them the opportu-

nity to personalize their play by setting a budget before they begin gambling. “Encore Boston Harbor has collaborated with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health and GameSense, to develop responsible gaming strategies since day one,” said Jenny Holaday, president

of Encore Boston Harbor. “PlayMyWay is a natural extension of those efforts,

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playing decisions.” PlayMyWay is intended- See PLAY MY WAY Page 14

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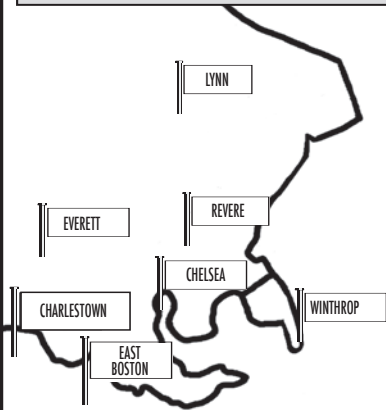
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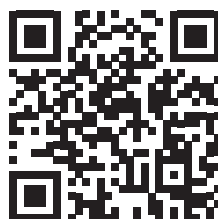
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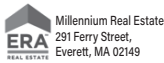
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GREENROOTS CELEBRATES OPENING CHELSEA OFFICE ON EVERETT AVENUE

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The environmental protection organization Greenroots celebrated the opening of their new office location on Everett Ave. Their lease at their longtime location on Marginal Street wasn't renewed, however they're determined to return to Chelsea Creek where their efforts to hold polluters accountable and advocating environmental justice to all urban residents have done much good.



Rob Caro and Chelsea Community Connections Director Cara Cogliano.



Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino with Carpenters Union Local#328 Business Manager Richard Pedi.



Massachusetts State Rep Adrian Madaro with Greenroots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni.



Ben Perkins, Allison Picott, and David Brown



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Tony Hernandez of the International Painters Union and Chelsea institution Judie Dyer, Judie Dyer Park is named after her.



Layne Benton Lead Environmental Justice Organizer reviewed objectives he looks to accomplish after the move to the new office space.



Mike Cimmio with Amanda Dilando from Turner Construction.



Greenroots Associate Executive Director Maria Belen Power recounts the process of renovating the office space from its unfinished state to something suitable for their team.



Greenroots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni thanked everyone for attending and supporting Greenroots.



Sarah Neville (right) holds a plate of food while her son, Robi Hernandez, enjoys the feast.



Some of the Union Carpenters that worked on renovating the dilapidated office space into a suitable home for Greenroots' operations were Michael Grant, Jason (3rd from left) and Rob Hightower (far right) with Jaqueline Valladares and Jaylise and Jayvian Hightower.



The new Greenroots office space was filled with friends of the organization happy to celebrate its continued mission for the community.



Massachusetts State Rep Adrian Madaro, Carpenters Union Local#328 Business Manager Richard Pedi, Greenroots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, Local 22 Business Agents John and Mike (2nd from right) Cimino, Tony Hernandez of the International Painters Union, and Local 22 Labors and Executive Board Member Richard Curran.



Elizabeth and Keny Alfaro.



Sarah Neville gets a smooch from her son Robi Hernandez.



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## CHELSEA CELEBRATIONS

### CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966 REUNION



Classmates Leon Weinstein and Richard Voke are pictured at the Chelsea High School Class of 1966 Fifty-Fifth Reunion Monday at Glen Magna Farms in Danvers. More photos of the reunion will appear in next week's edition of the Chelsea Record.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEB!



Well-known Chelsea resident Deb Cronin (right) arrives for her 55th surprise birthday party Saturday night at the Chelsea Yacht Club aboard a motorcycle driven by Alex Christmas. Photos of the party will appear in next week's edition of the Chelsea Record.

## Play My Way/ Continued from page 10

ed to help players make decisions about gambling, allow them to monitor and understand their playing behavior in real time, and support their decisions. The PlayMyWay program is the latest tool added to MGC's wide-ranging and unique responsible gaming framework known as GameSense.

"Providing players with all the necessary information and resources available will help them make well informed decisions about their gambling, including when to stop and how much to spend," said Mark Vander Linden, MGC's Director of Research and Responsible Gaming. "PlayMyWay supports informed player choice by giving people the opportunity to set a budget before they begin, and then reinforcing that decision through the gambling session. We're thrilled that this tool is now available at each Massachusetts casino."

Patrons at EBH can sign up for PlayMyWay by inserting their Wynn Rewards card into any slot machine, electronic game, or at the PlayMyWay Kiosk at the GameSense Info Center. Card holders will be prompted to choose a voluntarily daily, weekly and/or monthly budget to track their spending at EBH. Once enrolled, patrons will receive automatic notifications as they approach and reach the budget they set. If a player continues to play, notifications will be received at 25% intervals.

This program is voluntary, and a player can un-enroll or adjust the budget at any time.

"Responsible gaming is always front of mind in all the work we do at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, and PlayMyWay is another tool to help patrons keep their gambling safe and fun," said MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein. "Encore Boston Harbor has embraced this program as a tool that can help their customers. The launch of PlayMyWay at Encore Boston Harbor marks a completion of the MGC's goal of offering a uniform platform for slot machine players to set a budget and track their play at any Massachusetts casino."

PlayMyWay was originally rolled out as a pilot program at Plainridge Park Casino in 2016 and recently at MGM Springfield in April 2022. Now a fixture at both properties, PlayMyWay currently has nearly 32,000 patrons enrolled between the two properties. PlayMyWay at EBH is a custom-designed application developed by IGT. The integrated play management software utilizes a simple, easy to understand interface that includes graphics to aid players.

Patrons who are interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to visit the GameSense Info Center inside EBH to talk with a GameSense Advisor about the program.

"For many, gambling

can be a fun form of entertainment, but much like other fun activities, it's easy to spend more time playing than originally intended – and as a result, exceed your entertainment budget," said Marlene Warner, Executive Director for the Massa-

chusetts Council on Gambling and Health. "PlayMyWay allows players to voluntarily pre-commit to a spending budget and then adds helpful transparency to their spending in real-time, empowering them to make informed and healthy choices."

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