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CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce held an open house with new Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton on Thursday, Nov. 11.



Above, Chelsea Officer David Delaney and the department's comfort dog, BRUTT, spent some time with Gustavo at the Chamber of Commerce's open house with new Police Chief Keith Houghton last week.

Shown right, are (left to right) North Suffolk Mental Health Association President and CEO Damien Cabezas, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Jason Owens of North Suffolk Mental Health's Navigator Program, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.



Shown (left to right) are North Suffolk Mental Health Association President and CEO Damien Cabezas, Ricky Stearns, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Jason Owens of North Suffolk Mental Health's Navigator Program, and Steven Benoit.



School Committee Chairperson Garcia gives district update

By Adam Swift

As the school district continues to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, School Committee Chairperson Kelly Garcia said there are many reasons to be optimistic about the future for Chelsea students and their families.

“Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work is continuing and we are excited to expand that work,” said Garcia.

Of special significance in the diversity work has been the increase in teachers and administrators of color in the Chelsea schools, said Garcia.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta and her leadership team have worked hard to increase diversity in hiring, and Garcia said that work continues to be a success.

Several years ago, there were no administrators of color in the Chelsea public schools, Garcia said. Now, that number is up to 30 percent.

“It’s important for the students and the community to have that kind of positive representation,” said Garcia.

One program Garcia



Chelsea School Committee Chairperson Kelly Garcia, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and Vice Chair Ana Hernandez.

said is close to her heart are the Pathway programs that help Chelsea residents in particular become teachers and administrators in the schools. There are programs that help parents become paraprofessionals, paraprofessionals move on to become teachers, and teachers to move into administration. In addition, there is a pathway program for high school students who are interested in becoming paraprofessionals or teachers.

The programs provide a pipeline for parents and others who want to pursue a career in education, and Garcia said the feedback has been generally positive, with those taking part

reporting that they feel listened to and supported.

“My favorite is the paraprofessional to teacher pathway, where people who have been paraprofessionals for years see a way to become a special education or other teacher,” said Garcia. By advancing in their careers and becoming a teacher, Garcia said many of those former paraprofessionals can double their pay and stay in Chelsea.

Another fairly recent initiative, the parent liaisons, continue to be a phenomenal asset in the schools by reaching out to the community and increasing opportunities for communication with par-

ents and families, Garcia said.

One of the district’s most recent hires is a new college and career coordinator, a position Garcia said she has been advocating for during her eight years on the committee.

That position, as well as some special education and other administrative positions, will be housed at the school district’s newly renovated space at 77 Webster St.

Garcia said she looks forward to a continued successful school year on the committee, working alongside Abeyta and the administration, Vice Chair Ana Hernandez, and the entire committee.

City Council sets FY23 tax rate

By Adam Swift

The owners of single-family homes will likely see a slight increase in their residential property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2023, while owner-occupants of condominiums and owners of two- and three-family homes should see a slight decrease in their tax bills.

The City Council held a public hearing Monday night to discuss the proposed 2023 tax rates, the minimum residential factor, and a 35 percent residential exemption for homeowners.

Following the short public hearing, the City Council voted to approve the minimum residential factor and the residential exemption for homeowners.

“I did a pretty detailed presentation to the council two weeks ago about the tax rate and its implications for the residents of Chelsea,” said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. “It’s generally good news for residential taxpayers in this particular tax year.”

With the council approval and pending department of revenue certification, the residential tax rate will be \$12.41 per

\$1,000 of valuation and the commercial rate will be \$24.92.

“This will result in a reduction of the average tax bill for owner-occupants of condominiums, two family homes and three family homes, and a very small increase for owner-occupants of single family homes,” said Ambrosino.

The 35 percent exemption on residential property taxes is the maximum amount allowed by statute, and will provide the fullest possible tax relief to owner-occupants in the city, stated Ambrosino. The residential exemption reduces the tax bill by excluding a portion of the residential property value from taxation.

The residential tax shift is also the maximum allowed by law, and puts a greater burden on commercial and industrial properties.

“The city has historically always voted, by virtue of adopting a minimum residential factor that results in a 175 percent shift, to transfer to commercial and industrial properties the maximum amount of the tax levy allowed by

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Small business administrator a familiar face at City Hall

By Adam Swift

Omar Miranda is no stranger to City Hall, having worked in the recreation department for nearly five years.

But on Halloween, Miranda took on a new role in the city, as its Small Business Development Specialist. The position is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and is a one-stop shop for Chelsea’s small business community to work through the paperwork, permitting, and grant opportunities available through the city, the state, and beyond.

“The city was trying to address one of its main concerns, which is that there was not a point person for small businesses to go to, they had to go to each individual department,” said Miranda.

Miranda said he serves as someone business people can talk to and he can advocate for the businesses.

Some of the areas where Miranda can support businesses is through helping them with technical assistance, storefront improvements, and grant assistant.

Miranda said one of the biggest parts of his new job is to go out in the community and see what needs there are.

“We have a lot of plans to give assistance to child-



Chelsea Small Business Administrator Omar Miranda.

care providers,” said Miranda. “A lot are home based, so we do site visits and see what their needs are so that when we do develop programs, we know what they really need.”

Another big initiative by the city for the business community is creating incubator programs and spaces where small businesses can get off the ground and begin to thrive.

Miranda pointed to the partnership Chelsea has with private developers to build affordable housing and retail space at the former Salvation Army building at 444 Broadway. “We are excited about that project,” said Miranda. “It seems like in the future, small businesses might not need a full space and can share locations.”

Miranda is from Puerto Rico and has a background

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‘Together We RIZE’ Grants Awarded

Special to the Record

RIZE Massachusetts, an independent nonprofit foundation solely dedicated to funding and creating solutions to end the overdose crisis, has awarded nearly \$600,000 in grants to six promising community-driven projects including the North Suffolk Mental Health Association, Chelsea.

Together We RIZE, created to mark the organization’s fifth anniversary, supports initiatives that will bolster the behavioral health workforce, build up harm reduction services and boost access and equity. Each recipient has received a one-year grant ranging from \$98,000 to

\$100,000.

“The Together We RIZE grant program was informed by a collaborative approach with partners during our five-year fight to end the overdose crisis,” said RIZE President & CEO Julie Burns. “Working boldly together, we can meet the urgency of the moment and develop solutions to end the stigma associated with addiction, keep people safe from overdose and ensure access to quality care for anyone who wants it.”

North Suffolk Mental Health Association, Chelsea.

North Suffolk Mental Health Association provides community-based

mental health services to individuals and families in Greater Boston, including Hispanic/Latino populations with higher poverty rates and often lacking health insurance. The nonprofit will serve English- and Spanish-speaking parents in recovery by implementing It Takes a Village/Se Necesita un Pueblo, an evidence-based group therapy model co-facilitated by a clinician and a recovery coach. This model has been informed by a diverse Recovery Support Services team to address the impact of substance use disorder, mental illness and trauma on parent-child relationships.

MURILLO MORALES JOINS LASELL UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Kevin Murillo Morales of Chelsea joined the Lasell University community this fall.

Murillo Morales is majoring in Cybersecurity. The fall semester at Lasell has been a busy one for

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new and returning students alike; the community celebrated the new academic year at its annual UBelong festival and will showcase original student research and scholarship at the upcoming Connected Learning Symposium.

Founded in 1851, Lasell University is located in Newton, Massachusetts. The University is known

for its Connected Learning curricular approach, which takes students beyond the classroom and into their field of study. Every major includes practical, hands-on activities in the form of internships, service learning, study abroad, and collaborative research opportunities.

Baker-Polito administration awards \$485K to combat human trafficking

The Baker-Polito Administration last week awarded grant funding to five Massachusetts prosecutor’s offices including Suffolk County to increase their capacity to investigate and prosecute human trafficking while improving services for victims of exploitation. The Suffolk DA office will receive \$97,000.

The 2023 Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program was announced in September of this year. The program supports efforts by district attorneys and their law enforcement partners to investigate and prosecute human trafficking, strengthen community relationships and expand the use of victim-centered and multi-disciplinary approaches to serving trafficking victims.

“For the past eight years, our administration has focused on supporting a comprehensive approach to combatting human trafficking, and we are proud to sustain that effort with these latest grants. This grant funding aims to further ensure that law enforcement and service providers are equipped to provide victims with

the help they need while holding accountable those who would commit these traumatic crimes,” said Governor Charlie Baker.

“Providing trauma-informed, victim-centered services to survivors of exploitation is vital not only to rebuilding lives, but to building the relationships necessary to hold accountable those who commit these crimes. These funds help ensure that prosecutors have the resources necessary to combat human trafficking in our communities,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito.

Funding is being awarded to the Berkshire County District Attorney, Hampden County District Attorney, Middlesex County District Attorney, Plymouth County District Attorney and Suffolk County District Attorney. The funded programs will build upon the success of pilot programs launched in the Hampden County District Attorney and Worcester County District Attorney offices through the FFY 2019 Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking Grant. These federal funds were awarded by the Office of Victims

of Crime (OVC), which is part of the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs.

The Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program is administered by the Office of Grants and Research (OGR), a state agency that is a part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

“These funds will ensure that prosecutors and their law enforcement partners have the capacity to protect the most vulnerable members of our community from exploitation. They also allow law enforcement to expand services and strengthen relationships with the communities they serve,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy.

“I commend each of the district attorney’s offices receiving these grants for the excellent work they are doing to combat human trafficking and serve victims of these terrible offenses. My office is committed to helping build on the success of these efforts and expand services to survivors,” said OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton

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law,” said Ambrosino. “I recommend the same this year.”

In a fairly brisk meeting on a holiday week, the only other business before the council was two letters from Ambrosino requisition residency requirement waivers for two new

senior project manager hires in the Department of Housing and Community Development, Ana Sofia Amieva-Wang and Anna Bury.

Councilor-At-Large Damali Vidot congratulated District 5 Councilor for her state representa-

tive victory earlier in the month as the first city-wide state representative for Chelsea.

Garcia thanked her supporters and volunteers and said she looked forward to working hard for the residents of Chelsea and Everett.

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in music and entertainment tour management.

As a Spanish speaker, Miranda said he feels like he can make more people comfortable navigating the paperwork and bureaucracy at City Hall. His background in music and in the recreation department also makes him comfortable getting out to

the community and meeting with people where they live and work, from the Broadway business corridor to all parts of Chelsea.

One of the biggest concerns Miranda said he’s heard during his time on the job is the rising cost of energy and utilities, and Miranda said he has tried to steer businesses towards programs and grants that could help with those energy costs.

Miranda said many business owners have expressed gratitude that the city has been able to provide assistance over the past several years.

“There are also a lot of business opportunities for facade or storefront improvements,” he said. “A

lot of people took over businesses that were shut down, and want to improve the businesses.”

Another big issue in the small business community is opening up the potential for restaurants to provide outdoor dining post-Covid, while making sure there is not a significant loss of parking spaces.

“I think the city is rethinking how to make (outdoor dining) a regular thing without taking away parking spaces and keeping it safe,” said Miranda.

Miranda encouraged anyone who needs help from the city for their small business to call him at (617) 466-4198 or email him at omrinda@chelseama.gov.

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CLARIFICATION

In a letter to the editor that appeared in the Nov. 10 issue on the Chelsea Record on the new Northeast Regional School being built, the quote that was attributed to Michael Mallet of Gilbane Building Company was incorrect. We regret any inconvenience that this might have caused.

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CHS FOOTBALL TEAM TO HOIST CATHEDRAL ON THANKSGIVING EVE

The Chelsea High football team will host Cathedral High this evening (Wednesday) in what has become an annual Thanksgiving holiday rivalry between the schools. The opening kick-off is set for 6:00 under the lights at Chelsea Stadium. The Red Devils enter the fray with a 3-7 record, having defeated East Boston, Keefe Tech, and Excel Academy (formerly known as South Boston High). The Red Devils also dropped a close encounter with Boston English, 22-18, two weeks

ago. Cathedral sports a 6-3 mark and qualified for the MIAA Division 8 football playoffs as the eighth seed in the division. The Panthers easily defeated number 9 Nashoba Tech in the first round, 43-7, but then were blasted by top-ranked Hull, the defending D-8 state champ, 40-0, in the quarterfinals. Chelsea and Cathedral have played a common foe this season, Excel (So. Boston) Academy and based on the relative margins of victory, the Red Devils, a winner by a score of 48-8, would seem to have the advantage over the Panthers, who edged Excel by a much-closer score of 13-6.

Chelsea fans will have their last opportunity to watch Chelsea's one-man wrecking crew, senior Herman Esquivel, who has been a powerhouse on both sides of the ball throughout the 2022 campaign. Herman has averaged more than 100 yards per game rushing and has racked up double-digit tackles in every contest. Other members of coach Michael Jackson's squad who figure to play prominent roles include Javien Diaz, who has been a major force for the Red Devils as both a wide receiver and defensive back, freshman quarterback Angel Lino, and linebackers Tommy Santana and Kenneth Bonilla.

BRUINS *Beat* by Bob Morello

Bruins' Bergeron hots 1,000 mark

Since Patrice Bergeron arrived on the Boston hockey scene in 2003-04, the Bruins' captain has continued to amaze fans and the opposition with his solid two-way play. Ironically, Bruins #37, at the age of 37, still continues to play at such an elite level, as was evident in Monday night's 5-3 victory over Tampa Bay. He became the fourth Bruin to reach 1,000 points, joining Hall of Famers, Ray Bourque (1,507), Johnny Bucyk (1,339), and Phil Esposito (1,012). Boston's impressive 17-2-0 start has been the major focus on the local sports scene, but headlines quickly changed to reflect Bergeron having reached 1,000 points. With Thanksgiving on the horizon, Bruins fans will certainly have plenty to be thankful for at this point of the season. Here at the age of 37, he has played well over 1,000 games, and notched 1,000 points. To think than much of this may not have happened, realizing that Bergeron's return this season was in doubt following his decision to consider retirement. Bergeron admitted that one of his thoughts about returning did include his knowing about the possibility for him to reach the 1,000-point plateau. Bergeron explained: "You know it's there and obviously a possibility, something that was within my



reach, at the same time, with the type of team that we have, I knew I had more to give. I knew we had a deep team and having those conversations with (David Krejci), knowing that he was leaning towards coming back, that's what influenced me to really want to sign that one-year contract." His decision to return and his knowing he had more to give, has been confirmed, as this season's numbers will attest: 19 games – 18 points, including 9 goals (2 game winners + 4 on the power-play, to go with his Selke-trade-mark performance of only four total penalty minutes in those 19 games. Looking at the overall picture of Bergeron's career stats – as of press time (Tuesday): 1,235 games; 409 goals; 591 assists; 76 game-winning-goals; 20 shorthanded goals; and finally 126 scored on the power play. Add to that the fact that during his career he basically lost the 2007-08 season, only appearing in 10 games, due to the severe concussion he received, following a vicious check from

the Philadelphia Flyers' Randy Jones – missing 72 games and the possibility of adding more to his career totals. Bergeron's #37 will definitely be hoisted to the Garden rafters, to be followed by his induction to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Patrice Bergeron... the ultimate professional, for 19 years and counting! The Bruins will be facing some tougher competition in the upcoming games. Tonight (Wednesday), the Bs will face the Florida Panthers, as they end their brief, two-game road trip. A return to Garden ice will have the locals beginning a four-game home stand, facing the Carolina Hurricanes on Friday (11/25 at 1:00pm), where the Bs will attempt to extend their home record to 12-0-0 for an NHL record. Tampa Bay will return on Tuesday (11/29 at 7:00pm) in an attempt to avenge their Monday 5-3 loss to Boston. December will feature the streaking Colorado Avalanche visiting TD Garden on Saturday, (12/3 at 7:00pm), riding a three-game win streak, followed by Bruce Cassidy's Vegas Golden Knights on Monday, December 5th at 7:00pm, then back on the road for visits to Colorado and Arizona. Tough competition, yes, but this will be a good test to see the durability and strength of this current 17-2-0 Bruins team. Happy Thanksgiving!

Chelsea unveils new municipal website

By Adam Swift

Getting business done online should be a lot easier for residents using the City of Chelsea's revamped website. Last week, the city unveiled the new municipal website at chelseama.gov, a move that has been in the works for some time, according to Chelsea Communication and Community Outreach Manager Lourdes Alvarez. The new site is brighter, more visually appealing, and easier to navigate. "The project has been in the works for quite awhile, we were thinking of redoing the website before the pandemic," said Alvarez. "We are finally happy that we can announce the new website." One of the main goals of the website redesign was to make it more organized for the needs of residents who use it. The drop-down menus at the top of the site link to city departments, govern-

ment boards, and community organizations. There is also a drop-down menu that gives residents easy access to apply for permits, pay city bills, and access the city's 311 system. "There's also a new, color-coded calendar that can be sorted by board or committee, or you can see all events," said Alvarez. The website also just plain looks better than the older site, which went with a basic blue and white color scheme familiar to anyone who has scrolled through more than two or three city or town websites. The updated chelseama.gov pops with a dark blue, red, and yellow color scheme, and the news and announcements section now has photos that relate to the articles and updates. "The last website did not have a lot of color, we wanted to have this one more aligned with the graphic identity of the city," said Alvarez. Alvarez said residents

should look for frequent updates to the news and announcements section, and also noted that links at the bottom of the homepage give quick access to some of the biggest initiatives in the city, including American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, small business initiatives in the city, city finance data, and the Discover Chelsea tourism initiative. The new site was designed by Revize, a company that specializes in the design or redesign of municipal websites across the country. Funding for the website redesign was approved by the City Council in the city's capital improvement budget. "We are trying to improve ways for residents to interact effectively with the city," said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. "We've needed an upgrade to the website, and the City Council was behind it and helpful in approving funding in the capital budget."

PepsiCo Foundation presents BHCC with \$400,000 Uplift Scholarship Program donation

PepsiCo Foundation presented Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) with a \$400,000 donation to the College's PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholarship Program last week, supporting more than 85 student scholarships at the school. "We are so grateful for PepsiCo Foundation's support of our students," said BHCC President Pam Eddinger. "These scholarship funds make a real difference in students' lives and help to give them the financial freedom they need to be successful." The PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholarship Program currently supports 84 students at BHCC, and in addition to financial assistance to pursue their degrees, provides access to success coaching, emergency grants, and financial literacy resources. "This money has meant

the world to me," said BHCC business student and Uplift Scholarship recipient Marc Ramirez. "It has allowed me to concentrate on my studies and to make better decisions for my future and my family's." The PepsiCo Foundation's Community College program and Uplift scholarships are part of the PepsiCo's Racial Equality Journey, a \$570 million commitment to helping dismantle systemic barriers that prevent Black and Hispanic American communities from achieving economic mobility. As part of this commitment, the scholarship program aims to provide access to professional training and higher education for 4,000 Black and Hispanic students to help address historical barriers that make it challenging for minority students to enroll, persist,

and graduate from college. To date, the program has disbursed funding for nearly 1,800 scholarships across 20 cities to help its scholars pursue jobs in high-growth industries and build lasting economic opportunity. "Two years ago, when we began this journey, we knew we wanted the Uplift Scholarship Program to make a difference in the lives of students—to break down those barriers to success," said PepsiCo General Manager and Senior Director Bill Larabee. "We are proud to be a company that is experiencing enormous growth here in Boston and beyond in management, leadership, and many other positions. As students here evaluate all their career options, we hope they will consider PepsiCo."

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Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back 400 years to the Pilgrims and Indigenous People, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II thanks to Russia’s aggression in Ukraine.

Even amidst this time of turbulence in our own country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of how much we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be in a country such as ours.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and, inevitably (at least for some of us) a post-dinner nap while watching a football game or an early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

THANK YOU, NANCY PELOSI

The announcement last week by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that she will be stepping down from her leadership role in the Democratic caucus (although she will remain as a member of the House) marks an end to one of the most remarkable political careers in American history.

Nancy Pelosi first was elected to the House in 1987 in a special election after raising five children as a stay-at-home mom (which in itself is a remarkable feat!).

She soon rose to a leadership role among her Democratic colleagues for a simple reason: Nancy Pelosi was a lot smarter -- and more politically-savvy -- than any of them.

Her tenure as the first woman Speaker of the House in 2007 was groundbreaking and has paved the way for women to be accepted in the very upper-echelons of our government.

More than any other person, she was responsible for ensuring that the Affordable Care Act -- also known as Obamacare -- passed the House in 2010, a measure that has provided affordable health insurance for millions of Americans.

Despite being the object of what can only be described as hatred by her political opponents, Nancy Pelosi persevered with a determination that far outshone her political rivals and that made her the most successful and consequential Speaker of the House since the departure of Tip O’Neil in 1987.

Compared to both her Republican and Democratic counterparts of the recent past (think of lummoxes like Dennis Hastert, John Boehner, Jim Wright, and soon-to-be Speaker Kevin McCarthy), Nancy Pelosi has been a giant in American politics.

The vitriol engendered by her political opponents finally struck Pelosi personally when her husband of almost 60 years, Paul Pelosi, was attacked by a hammer-wielding assailant who broke into their home three weeks ago.

However, as she has throughout her entire life, Nancy Pelosi continues to move forward.

Despite all of her remarkable political accomplishments, the one moment that always will stand out for us is when she was caught on film in a bunker while the Trump-inspired rioters were rampaging through the Capitol on January 6

“I hope he (Trump) comes,” the 80 year-old grandmother told her staff. “I want to punch him out.... I’ve been waiting for this...I’m gonna punch him out, and I’m gonna go to jail, and I’m gonna be happy.”

That epitomizes Nancy Pelosi -- a tough and dedicated public servant who has devoted almost half of her 82 years in exemplary service to our country.

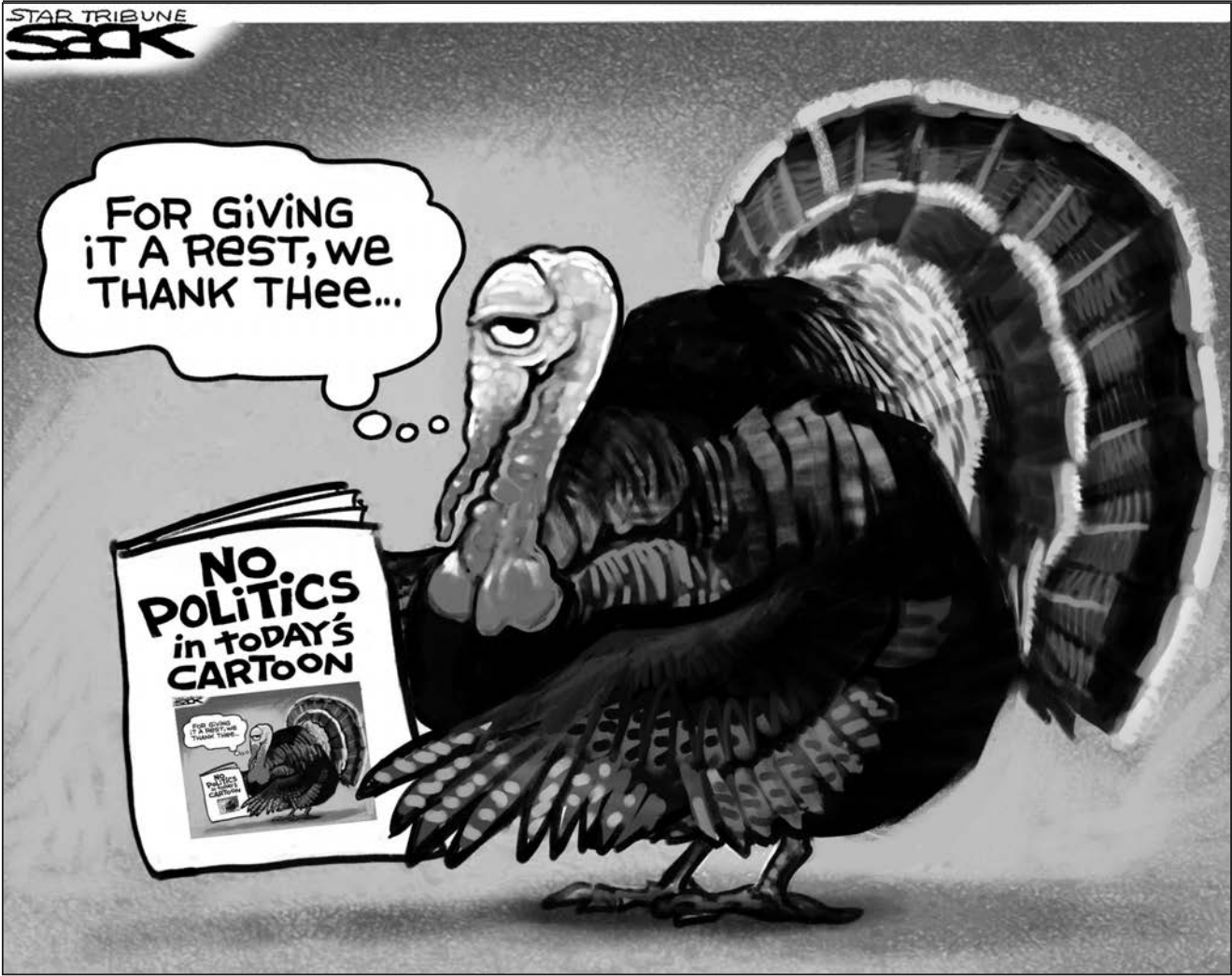
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Have Thanksgiving every day

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Thanksgiving always comes and goes too fast. We often think, “We need more time to focus on the Thanksgiving holiday.” For many, it seems that Thanksgiving gets sandwiched between Halloween and Christmas.

By late September, many of the stores and television commercials are focusing on Christmas.

The only way we can fix the “fast Thanksgiving” holiday is to make Thanksgiving celebration every day. We shouldn’t wait until Thanksgiving to give thanks but give thanks every day.

A thankful heart is a healthier heart. Living in an attitude of Thanksgiving celebrates the gift of life and every opportunity to live life.

Many of us have dreaded the shorter days. Dark by 6 o’clock and soon by 5 or even 4:30 in some ar-

eas. I used to always dread that but my attitude has changed. I’m just happy to be alive to experience the changing seasons. Take advantage of these cooler, shorter days to get some rest. Longer days will be back soon and you can mow grass, work or walk until 9:00 or later every evening. Go with the flow and enjoy the differences.

I miss the Thanksgivings when my mom and dad were alive and mother cooked. If everyone got together, we could have 20 people in the house. This was a tiring time for my mother. Be sure to always praise the person carrying the cooking load.

Time passes quickly. Every day we should embrace the day. When you see someone, talk to someone, share a meal with someone then by all means embrace and savor the moment. Give thanks for all occasions that you have to spend time with others whether family or

friends.

Thanksgiving is not the same for many of us because there are empty seats at the table. We miss moms and dads who have left us for a better place. We miss wives, husbands, children, and siblings who have left this life too early. This makes us sad and dampens our spirits. Yet, look around and see the people who may not be here next year. There are no guarantees. Be kind, be loving. Say good words to them. Lift them up. It will make you feel better to give thanks for people and to anoint them.

Jesus was anointed by Mary the sister of Martha before his arrest and crucifixion. Some criticized her for doing it but Jesus said she has prepared me for the burial. Let her alone he said she has done a good work. After Mary finished anointing Jesus’ feet the house was filled with the smell of the ointment. When you love and are

kind to people it always brings a better fragrance and atmosphere into the house. A part of this is showing Thanksgiving for them and toward them. Mary ended up with that ointment on her hands and in her hair. When you do good stuff for people to honor them a lot of that good stuff comes back to you.

Have Thanksgiving every day. Give thanks, express thanks and live in a spirit of being thankful. Your attitude will make your day better and encourage others around you.

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ABCC kicks off “Operation Safe Holidays”

Special to the Record

To ensure safety for the citizens of Massachusetts, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) will be conducting alcohol enforcement operations at bars in major Massachusetts cities from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year’s Eve.

The primary objective will be to prevent impaired driving and other alcohol-related harm during the holiday season, which is known for heavy alcohol consumption. The ABCC will focus enforcement efforts at bars identified as the last to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk driver.

“We want to make sure that everyone gets to enjoy the holidays with family and friends while at the same time avoiding tragedy and staying safe,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. “Vigilant enforcement and deterring bar owners from over-serving prevents problems before they happen and helps keep people safe.”

The program is run

in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) Impaired Driving Crackdown, from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year’s Eve, and is funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security - Highway Safety Division.

“The RMV supports this enforcement work as safety on the roads is critical. Impairment impacts your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. With December being National Drunk and Drugged Impaired Driving month, we encourage everyone attending holiday parties and social gatherings to have a plan for a designated driver or a rideshare service to bring them home. Be responsible and make the right decision to keep family, friends and other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists safe this holiday season,” said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie.”

The ABCC will also be working with local police departments that have identified high-risk locations in their communi-

ties.

Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of traffic crash fatalities resulting in 17,013 fatalities and injur-

ing an estimated 275,000 people annually. Data indicates that well over 50% of impaired driving arrests originate at bars.

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NSPO plays 'Sounds of Christmas' Concert Sunday, December 4

Staff Report

Music Director Robert Lehmann and the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra (NSPO) a return to St. Anthony's Church in Revere Sunday, December 4 for the annual Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert. The concert gets underway at 4 p.m.

As has been the tradition since 1990, admission to the concert is free, but everyone attending the concert is asked to bring a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry. The concert is jointly sponsored by Bocchino Insurance Agency, • Massport, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Comcast, Astound Broadband, and Action Emergency Services.

North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra president and concert co-chair Robert Marra Jr. emphasized the food drive that is associated with the concert, which is named in memory of his father, Robert A. Marra Sr., late concertmaster of the Orchestra. "Of course, we love the music and the concert's holiday feeling, but the food drive makes it special. It exemplifies the true meaning of the holidays, the sense of sharing and helping others," he said. "When the people who come to the concert fill up the donation bins with food, it magnifies the generosity of the businesses that sponsor the concert."

The concert tradition began in 1976 when North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra first came to play a holiday concert at Revere

High School as part of the city's celebration of the nation's bicentennial. The concert moved to St. Anthony's sanctuary the following year. "The concert was a tremendous success right from the start. Every year someone tells me how this concert has been part of their family tradition for so many years," Marra said.

Revere High School senior Madison Lucchesi will write and narrate an original essay as part of the concert program. "We started this several years ago in cooperation with the Revere High School Writing Director Allison Casper," Marra noted. "It's a chance for a student to deliver a meaningful message, and it ties Revere High to the concert, something my father would appreciate."

The concert is named in memory of violinist Robert A. Marra, a lifelong Revere resident and teacher at Revere High School who was concertmaster of the Orchestra for over 50 years before his death in 2002. "He played his last Sounds of Christmas in 2001. Remember, that was the year of 9/11. The concert was part of the healing process for everyone, the beginning of the holidays at the end of a very difficult year."

Soprano Malinda Haslett will sing at the Revere concert for the first time. She is the Director of Vocal Studies at the University of Southern Maine and has performed recently in Boston, Paris, and London. "We are thrilled to welcome Malinda's extraordinary talent to the concert this year," Marra

said. She will sing several solos during the concert and lead the audience in the traditional "Sing-along!"

The Revere audience that packs St. Anthony's is as much a joy for the Orchestra as the concert is for the patrons. "At this time of year, musicians can be pretty busy, and it is demanding work, but they all love coming to Revere where the audience is so attentive and enthusiastic," Marra said.

Marra expressed his deep appreciation to the concert sponsors Bocchino Insurance, the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Massport, Comcast, Astound Broadband, and Action Emergency Services. "No words can adequately convey our appreciation for the sponsors," he said.

"Dom Bocchino joined up with the concert in 2005 as a principal sponsor and has served as an invaluable concert co-chair. The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and Massport joined us this year as part of their growing interaction with the Revere community. Comcast has been part of the concert literally forever-Revere's local Cable TV provider has always played a role in the concert, now with Astound Broadband also. Action became part of the tradition more recently and also helps out with transferring the food. Every one of the sponsors recognize the meaning of this concert and how the public enjoys it."

Suffolk Downs to host Holiday Happenings event

December 3 Holiday event will feature free photos with Santa, sweet treats, holiday crafts and more

Special to the Journal

Looking for a family-friendly way to kick off the holiday season? On Saturday, December 3rd from 10am to 1pm The HYM Investment Group LLC, "HYM", will host its 2nd annual "Holiday Happenings" event at Suffolk Downs. "Holiday Happenings" will feature all kinds of holiday fun including free photos with Santa, holiday crafts with Essem Art Studio, and cookies, cannoli and hot cocoa from Uncle Joey's Cannoli.

The event is free to all and open to the public. Attendees who are able to are encouraged to bring unwrapped toys to the event, which will be donated to the Eastie Elves and the Revere Police Department toy drive. Due to the generosity of last year's attendees, over 250 toys were collected in 2021 and distributed to local families in need.

"We look forward to being joined by many lo-

cal families again at this year's 'Holiday Happenings,'" said Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of HYM. "The holidays are a time to spend with family and community, and we are proud that Suffolk Downs can play a part in that time."

Those interested in attending are encouraged to register online. More information about Holiday Happenings and all upcoming events can be found on the Suffolk Downs website and social channels. Suffolk Downs is located adjacent to the MBTA Beachmont and Suffolk Downs Blue Line stations. Free parking is available on site in Lot #3 at 525 McClellan Highway in East Boston.

The HYM Investment Group is a premier development company that is leading the development of more than 20 million square feet of real estate throughout Greater Boston. The company creates mixed-use communities

that strive to push the needle on sustainability, creativity, and technology for a more productive and resilient future.

The team has an unparalleled knowledge of the development process that allows the company to bring complex projects to market through community input and support. Through experience, relationship building, and transparency with all stakeholders, HYM is able to deliver projects on-time and on budget in order to bring a material return for its investors.

With a team made up of 50% women and 30% people of color, HYM is committed to building projects that prioritize inclusion and embrace Greater Boston's rich diversity. From projects like Suffolk Downs to Bulfinch Crossing, the team is leading the industry on creating some of the most thriving neighborhoods in the region. www.hyminvestments.com



The image is a vertical collage of three Thanksgiving-themed advertisements. The top section features a background of pumpkins and autumn leaves. On the left is a photo of State Senator Sal DiDomenico and his family, framed by a decorative border of orange and yellow leaves. To their right, large white cursive text reads "Happy Thanksgiving". Below this, in bold orange-outlined black font, it says "From Your Friends at the Chelsea Record". The middle section has a solid black background. On the left is a cartoon turkey wearing a pilgrim hat. To its right, the words "TRANSDEL CORP." are written in large, bold, white sans-serif capital letters. Below this, in a white banner, is the phrase "Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving" in a black script font. The bottom section has a light gray background. On the left is a small graphic of three autumn leaves. To its right, the words "ENJOY YOUR THANKSGIVING" are written in a large, black, hand-drawn style font. At the very bottom, on a black background, the text "THE EASTERN SALT CO." appears in large white bold sans-serif capital letters, followed by the phone number "(617) 884-5201" and the address "37 Marginal St., Chelsea MA 02150" in a smaller white font.

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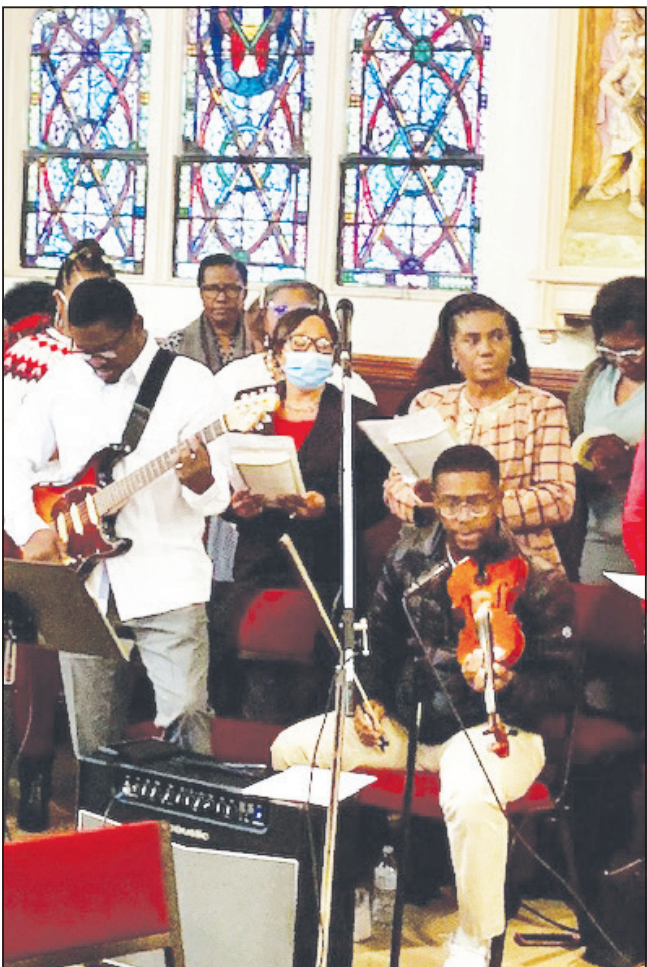
By Stephen W. Fielding

An emotional Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated in English and Kreol followed by a heart-tugging but uplifting collation for Fr. John Sheridan, pastor of Blessed Mother of the Morning Star parish, took place at Our Lady of Grace Church in Chelsea on Sunday, November 20, 2022.

Fr. John, in his four and a half years here, led the collaborative parishes of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Revere and Our Lady of Grace Church in Chelsea/Everett to form the Blessed Mother of the Morning Star parish. He is heading, as he said, “Over the bridge, seven minutes

away, to serve two parishes in Charlestown, St. Francis De Sales and St. Mary/St. Catherine of Siena.”

During the collation parish staff and parishioners shared many memories and joy for Fr. John, whose affable personality, down-to-earth manner, and deep-rooted spirituality impacted each individual church goer. His influence and “Look up, Look Ahead” motto will serve the parish well going forward. He will be replaced by a temporary administrator, Fr. Ron Coyne, a member of the Emergency Response Team for the Archdiocese of Boston. A permanent pastor will be named in the near future.



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DiDomenico delivers keynote speech at Life Sciences apprenticeship graduation

Special to the Record

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico delivered the keynote speech for the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation (MassBioEd)’s Life Sciences Apprenticeship Program graduation. MassBioEd, a nonprofit focused on education, training, and workforce development within the burgeoning Life Sciences sector, honored the inaugural graduating class of its Life Sciences Apprenticeship program at a ceremony held at the MassBioHub. State Senator Sal DiDomenico joined with Massachusetts employers participating in the program to recognize the 21 graduates, who hail from 14 different Massachusetts cities and towns and worked for 11 different life science companies around Massachusetts.

The Life Sciences Ap-



Senator Sal DiDomenico delivering the keynote speech for the MassBioEd’s Life Sciences Apprenticeship Program graduation.

prenticeship Program supports the growing demand for talent in the life sciences sector by providing a unique opportunity for accelerated education and training to Massachusetts residents who are new to the workforce or interested in transitioning into the life sciences field. The graduation event coincid-

ed with the start of National Apprenticeship Week, a federal observance celebrating apprenticeship programs that support racial and gender equity and help advance critical talent pipelines to address larger workforce challenges.

“I was honored to be invited as the keynote speaker at this inspiring

graduation ceremony,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “This program provides individuals from underrepresented backgrounds with skills to attain a high-paying career where they can work on cutting-edge medicine and research that will help improve the lives of patients all over the world. This is an incredible program that has and will continue to help countless people in our communities and close the skills gap in Massachusetts.”

Launched in 2021, MassBioEd’s Life Sciences Apprenticeship program aims to create a diverse pipeline of trained individuals for difficult-to-fill positions at local companies and provide a pathway to a career in life sciences and improved future career prospects for individuals in

the program. The program includes tracks in biomanufacturing and clinical operations, with a third career pathway to be introduced in 2023. Apprentices complete three to five months of classroom education followed by one year of paid on-the-job training at a partnering life sciences company. To date, 20 employers have participated in the program, and at least 17 apprentices already have been offered full-time positions. In 2022 MassBioEd enrolled 66 apprentices in the program, 65 percent of whom are people of color. These individuals were also recognized at the event for completing the educational portion of the program.

“Biotech has always interested me, and I was adamant about finding a career that I enjoy – this apprenticeship turned out to be a golden opportunity when I needed it the most.

I will always look back on this experience with appreciation,” said David Gazelian, a member of the graduating class and current Biomanufacturing Technician at Alnylam Pharmaceuticals. “One of the most valuable aspects of the apprenticeship was the people I met. They inspired me to take every day and learn something new. This apprenticeship has opened the door to a new career path for me, and words can’t describe how thankful I am to be part of this.”

Partnering employers include major life sciences companies such as Bristol Myers Squibb, Pfizer, Thermo Fisher Scientific, AbbVie, and Takeda.

To learn more about the Apprenticeship Program, please visit <https://www.massbioed.org/apprenticeship-program> or contact Apprenticeship@massbioed.org.

Kiwanis Club installs new officers and members

On November 3, the Chelsea Kiwanis Club and family members met at El Potro Mexican Bar & Grill in Chelsea to install its officers and directors for the new Kiwanis year, which runs from October 1, to September 30, 2023.

John Mattuchio of the Everett Kiwanis Club is the Lt. Governor for Division 12 of the New England & Bermuda District of Kiwanis and performed the installations. Rich Cuthie, Joe Carreiro, and Cassandra Thompson will reprise their roles as President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively. Elaine Monge is Vice-President with Carolyn Boumila-Ve-

ga and Veronica Dyer-Medina as Directors.

In addition to installing the officers and directors, Roy Avellaneda was installed as a new member with his sponsor, Elaine Monge, pinning his lapel. Other members were honored for their years of service as Kiwanis, with belated awards being given that the pandemic had postponed. Elaine Monge and Renee Caso received pins and certificates for 10 years of Kiwanis service, while Tom Speropolous was honored for his more than 35 years as a Kiwanian. Additionally, Joe Carreiro and Veronica Dyer-Medina received

Distinguished Service Commendations for going above and beyond in their support of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club over the past year.

The red blazers worn by Kiwanians represent each \$1,000 raised by the Chelsea club for the Kiwanis Foundation of New England which addresses pediatric trauma in New England and other worthwhile causes everywhere.

The Chelsea Kiwanis Club is one of thousands of Kiwanis clubs around the world.

Its members are just some of the hundreds of thousands of Kiwanians globally who are dedicat-



Shown (seated L-R) are Roy Avellaneda, John Chirichiello (past Lt. Governor), and Tom Speropolous. Standing (L-r) are Joe Carreiro (Treasurer), Alex Christmas, Elaine Monge (Vice-President), Lt. Governor John Mattuchio, Cassandra Thompson (Secretary), Renee Caso, Tricia Monkiewicz-Williams, Veronica Dyer-Medina, and Rich Cuthie.

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EBNHC GATHERED FOR AN IN-PERSON RECEPTION TO HONOR COMMUNITY AND STAFF

On, Wednesday, November 9, friends and staff of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) gathered for an in-person reception to celebrate and honor the resilience and commitment of their community and staff at the ICA Watershed in East Boston’s shipyard.

Each year through corporate and private sponsorships, ticket sales, a silent art auction, raffles and other donations, the event raises much-needed funds for the Health Center’s crucial and innovative programs that support

health and wellness and have a huge impact for the young and old in the community.

Program examples include: Let’s Get Moving, which helps kids and families stay active and fit; CATCH, which closely coordinates care and activities for medically complex children; PACE, a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, an at-home healthcare service for adults 55+ that enables participants to stay healthy, active, and independent through integrated healthcare and var-

ious wellness programs; and programs that coordinate care and provide education around HIV/AIDS, like Project Shine.

The event, which was emceed by El Mundo President & CEO Alberto Vasallo, and hosted around 400 guests and featured a vibrant mix of local artists, musicians, ethnic restaurants, as well as the presence of many community, healthcare and business leaders and elected officials, EBNHC’s Board members, staff and leadership.



EBNHC Chief Executive Officer Greg Wilmot (left) and El Mundo President & Chief Executive Officer Alberto Vasallo.



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Pictured (left to right) State Representative Adrian Madaro, Secretary of Health and Human Services of Massachusetts Mary Lou Sudders and EBNHC Chief Executive Officer Greg Wilmot.



Steven Snyder, Chief Human Resources Officer, EBNHC; Rino's Place chefs; Chef Anthony Pino, Cunard Tavern; Chef Mark Nadow, Chelsea Station; Greg Wilmot, President & CEO, EBNHC; Chef Yahya Noor, Tawakal Restaurant; Chef Jose Duarte, Tambo 22; Chef Julio Cesar Flores, El Santaneco; Chef Guillermo Guzman, Tip Tap Room.



EBNHC Chief Executive Officer Greg Wilmot, Secretary of Health and Human Services of Massachusetts Mary Lou Sudders, EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento, State Representative Adrian Madaro, and City Counselor Gigi Coletta.

Baker signs \$3.76 Billion economic development bill

Governor Charlie Baker signed a \$3.76 billion spending plan that promotes economic development, strengthens health and human services, advances clean energy and resiliency, expands affordable housing production and invests in Massachusetts communities, businesses and workers. The legislation includes funding for several proposals introduced by the Baker-Polito Administration in the FORWARD economic development bill filed in April and in multiple supplemental budget proposals, including the most recent proposal from August to close out Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22).

“This legislation will make strategic investments in economic development, increase affordable housing production and support our health care system,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We appreciate the Legislature’s efforts to pass this bill which is necessary to invest the Commonwealth’s significant state surplus and time-sensitive federal relief dollars. While I am disappointed that the bill does not include permanent tax relief that is affordable and was supported by our administration and the Legislature, I am pleased that the

Commonwealth’s strong financial position allows us to make these critical investments on behalf of our communities.”

“This bill addresses a wide range of needs across Massachusetts, from investing in long-term housing affordability to enabling transformational projects in hundreds of cities and towns,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “This funding will play a crucial role in the continued growth of local economies, businesses and families and we look forward to seeing it put to work.”

The bill is funded by a combination of state resources, including FY22 surplus revenue, and federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-FRF). Notably, the Governor vetoed an outside section that would cap the use of ARPA-FRF funding to \$510 million (of the \$2.3 billion that remains available in ARPA-FRF funds). Federal law requires that the entirety of these federal funds be committed by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. Vetoing this section will allow the Commonwealth to prioritize the use of the time-limited federal dollars.

“This legislation will build upon our efforts over the last several years to strategically deploy billions in federal and state funding to bolster the Commonwealth’s economy through the pandemic and accelerate recovery,” said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan. “We appreciate the collaboration of our colleagues in the Legislature on this important bill, which will further support key areas of need, make long-lasting improvements to Massachusetts infrastructure, and invest in local communities across the state.”

Highlights of the bill include:

- Health and human services**
 - \$850 million in near-term relief for fiscally strained hospitals, human service providers, nursing facilities, rest homes and community health centers
 - \$200 million to support the Commonwealth’s continued response to and management of COVID-19
 - \$25 million for low-threshold housing for individuals experiencing homelessness
 - \$20 million to address the varied needs of immigrants and refugees
 - \$20 million to combat

- gun violence
 - \$20 million for the Victim and Witness Assistance Board
 - \$17.5 million to support access to reproductive care and family planning services

- Education**
 - \$150 million to stabilize early education and care providers
 - An additional \$315 million transfer to the High-Quality Early Education & Care Affordability Fund via an outside section amending the FY23 budget
 - \$50 million to support scholarships for Massachusetts students enrolled in higher education nursing programs

- Housing production and affordability**
 - \$100 million for workforce housing production
 - \$100 million for homeownership expansion through the Commonwealth Builder program
 - \$100 million to support the creation of affordable housing through the Affordable Housing Trust
 - \$57 million for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
 - \$50 million for the Equitable Developers’ financing program

- Economic development**
 - \$153 million to sup-

- port a variety of businesses in need across the state, including \$75 million for hotels, \$45 million for businesses reaching underserved markets, and \$40 million for small businesses
 - \$75 million to support broadband infrastructure and internet access
 - Hundreds of local community and economic development projects

- Clean energy and environmental infrastructure**
 - \$175 million for investments in publicly-owned green space and environmental infrastructure, including \$75 million in environmental justice communities
 - \$150 million for clean energy initiatives, including transfers to the Clean Energy Investment Fund, Electric Vehicle Adoption Incentive Trust, and Charging Infrastructure Deployment Fund
 - \$115 million for water quality improvement projects through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust
 - \$100 million for improvements to port infrastructure
 - \$25 million to support food security infrastructure
- Transportation**
 - \$112 million to support key needs at the Massachu-

setts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), including for implementation of Federal Transit Authority (FTA) directives

The Governor signed the large majority of the 271 outside sections included in the bill, including sections that make corrections that will allow for the successful implementation of new tax credits related to offshore wind and the hiring of National Guard members. The Governor also approved policy sections that will improve the operation and effectiveness of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund and smart growth zoning through an improved Starter Home Zoning chapter of the General Laws. Additional sections will change the Department of Public Health’s (DPH) standing order authority related to COVID-19 testing and treatment and will establish effective and efficient administrative processes through which DPH will manage the licensure and oversight of Registered Sanitarians and Certified Health Officers.

Governor Baker returned two outside sections to the Legislature with proposed amendments and vetoed a total of 24 sections.

Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for the month of October

The state’s October total unemployment rate was 3.5 percent, up one-tenth of a percentage point over-the-month, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 9,800 jobs in October. This follows last month’s revised gain of 22,900 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Financial Activities, Professional and Business Services, and Government. Employment now stands at 3,710,600. Since the employment trough in April 2020, Massachusetts gained 659,600 jobs.

From October 2021 to October 2022, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 141,300 jobs. The largest over the year gains occurred in Professional and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, and Education and Health Services.

The October unemployment rate of 3.5 percent was two-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate of 3.7 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by an estimated 3,800 from 3,749,600 in September, as 6,200 fewer residents were employed, and 2,300 more residents were unemployed over-the-month.

Over-the-year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 1.5 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 – dropped by 0.1 percentage point at 65.5 percent over-the-month. Compared to October 2021, the labor force participation rate was down two-tenths of a percentage point.

October 2022 Employment Overview

- Financial Activities gained 4,500 jobs over the month. Over the year, 5,200 were added.
- Professional, Scien-

tific, and Business Services gained 4,100 jobs over the month. Over the year, 31,300 were added.

Government gained 2,300 jobs over the month. Over the year, 10,600 were added.

Information gained 300 jobs over the month. Over the year, 5,700 were added.

Other Services gained 100 jobs over the month. Over the year, 600 were added.

Trade, Transportation, and Utilities had no job change over the month. Over the year, 17,000 jobs were added.

Construction lost 200 jobs over the month. Over the year, 11,400 were added.

Education and Health

Services lost 300 jobs over the month. Over the year, 25,300 were added.

Leisure and Hospitality lost 400 jobs over the month. Over the year, 25,300 were added.

Manufacturing lost 600 jobs over the month. Over the year, 8,900 were added.

Labor Force Overview

The October estimates show 3,614,500 Massachusetts residents were employed and 131,300 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,745,800. The unemployment rate at 3.5 percent was up 0.1 percentage point from the revised September rate of 3.4 percent. Over-the-month, the October labor force declined by 3,800 from 3,749,600 in September,

with 6,200 fewer residents employed and 2,300 more residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, decreased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 65.5 percent over-the-month. The labor force was down 13,500 from the October 2021 estimate of 3,759,300, as 43,100 more residents were employed, and 56,600 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.

State Fire Marshal offers cooking safety tips for Thanksgiving

Special to the Record

Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is urging residents to make fire safety a priority in the kitchen as we approach Thanksgiving Day, the number one day for home fires in Massachusetts.

“Each year, we see about twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said.

Cooking Safety Tips

There were 678 Thanksgiving Day fires in Massachusetts from 2017 to 2021, and 87% of them started

with cooking activities at home. These Thanksgiving Day fires caused seven civilian injuries, seven fire service injuries, and more than \$3 million in estimated losses. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to stay fire-safe in the kitchen this year:

Be sure your oven is empty before turning it on.

Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.

Turn pot handles inward over the stove.

Remember to “stand by your pan” and stay in the

kitchen when boiling, frying, or broiling.

Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.

The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to “put a lid on it” and turn off the heat.

The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.

If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

Thanksgiving 2021

Residential cooking

fires on Thanksgiving Day dropped by more than 20% last year, falling from 127 in 2020 to 97 in 2021.

After a devastating fire in New Bedford on Thanksgiving 2020 that caused severe injuries and displaced almost 30 people, there were no fires attributed to turkey fryers last year. Fire safety experts strongly discourage the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as

UL or ETL, and the risk of hot oil spilling or igniting is high. The National Fire Protection Association states that home use of “turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer.” They recommend using new “oil-less” turkey fryers.

Home Heating: #1 Source of Carbon Monoxide, #2 Cause of Fires

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving and the primary source of carbon

monoxide in the home. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season, and place space heaters on flat, level surfaces where in locations where they won’t be bumped or tripped over. Keep a three-foot “circle of safety” free of anything that can burn around all heat sources.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services’ Thanksgiving web page.

LEGAL NOTICES



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-34
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: DMS Trinity, LLC
For Special Permit seeking approval to renovate an existing first floor tenant space, proposing a Retail Marijuana Facility, which per City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance requires a Special Permit from the City of Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals at the premises known as:
260-270 Second Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
11/17/22, 11/23/22



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-35
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Steven McDonough
For Special Permit seeking approval to relocate a personal training gym at the current location to another section of the property, which per City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance requires a Special Permit from the City of Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals as well as compliance with the off-street parking requirements of the zoning ordinance at the premises known as: 311 Eastern Avenue
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
11/17/22, 11/23/22



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-36
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Concrete Garden Inc.
For Special Permit seeking approval to renovate existing first floor and mezzanine tenant space proposing a retail marijuana facility at the premises known as: 307 Broadway
A copy of the application and petition is available



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-39
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Bhupendra Patel
For Special Permit seeking approval of a Smoke Shop at the premises known as: 793 Broadway
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on November 7, 2022, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation balance of the estimated total project cost of \$1,450,000 from the General Stabilization Fund #7020; designated Bossom Playground as open space parkland in perpetuity. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the balance of the total project cost of \$875,000 from the General Stabilization Fund #7020; designates 88 Clinton Street as open space parkland in perpetuity. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
11/23/22



LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6pm at City Hall 3rd Floor in the conference room
Proposed Work and

Purpose: Petition of Comcast for the following petition:
The NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy respectfully requests a Grant of Location- Sixth St On the southwest side, approximately 138 feet southeast of Arlington St, install new pole 53/2A approximately 50 Feet northwest of pole 53/1A. The public is invited to attend.
Cate Fox Lent
Commissioner
11/17/22, 11/23/22

LEGAL NOTICE
AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA
DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA
El Departamento de Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública el martes 29 de Noviembre de 2022 a las 6:00 p. m. en el tercer piso del Ayuntamiento en la sala de conferencias NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy respetuosamente solicita una concesión de ubicación: Sixth St En el lado suroeste, aproximadamente 138 pies al sureste de Arlington St, instale el nuevo poste 53/2A aproximadamente 50 pies al noroeste del poste 53/1A. El público está invitado a asistir.
Cate Fox Lent
Comisionada
11/17/22, 11/23/22

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
COMPUTER CODING CLASS FOR VIRTUAL ACADEMY
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking bids for the purchase of “Computer Coding Class for Virtual Academy”. Bids will be available on or after November 24, 2022 by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Computer Coding Class for Virtual Academy” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30AM on Thursday, December 8, 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 invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.
Dylan Cook
School Business Manager
11/23/22

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Municipal Lease Office Space for City Hall Operations
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for “Municipal Lease Office Space for City Hall Operations”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after November 3, 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 “Municipal Lease Office Space for City Hall Operations” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Monday, December 5, 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
11/23/22

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 2023-312 Emergency Homelessness Prevention and Shelter Services
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for “RFP 2023-312 Emergency Homelessness Prevention and Shelter Services”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after November 25, 2022 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “RFP 2023-312 Emergency Homelessness Prevention and Shelter Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, December 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
11/23/22

LEGAL NOTICE
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MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Valerie Sutherland to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated November 26, 2003 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 33392, Page 35 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2004-A, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-A is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2004-A, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-A dated May 7, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 49648, Page 85, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 250 Congress Avenue, Unit No. 38, of the Willow Park Condominiums, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on December 20, 2022, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The Unit described as #38 in the Willow Park Condominium, City of Chelsea, County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, created by Master Deed dated February 25, 1987, and recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 13436, Page 318, as the same may be amended from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 183A
This UNIT contains the AREA of 1,558 Square feet and is laid out as shown on the plans recorded with said Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided for in M.G.L. Chapter 183A. Section 9, and a plan recorded with the first deed to this UNIT.
The UNIT is conveyed together with the PERCENTAGE INTEREST of 2.128% (a) in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium, as described in the Master Deed, as amended, and (b) in the Willow Park Condominium Trust, recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 13437 Page 001. The UNIT is to be used only for residential purposes and uses accessory thereto permitted from

time to time as stated in the Master Deed and in the zoning code of the City of Chelsea, and the common areas and facilities shall not be used for any purpose inconsistent therewith and those premises shall be used for no other purpose, except as maybe expressly permitted by the trustees in accordance with the provisions of the Willow Park Condominium Trust. GRANTEE acquires the UNIT with the benefit of, and subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 183A, relating to condominiums, as that statute is written as of the date hereof, the Master Deed and Condominium Trust referred to above and any by-laws and rules and regulations from time to time adopted thereunder, and to all matters of record stated or referred to in the Master Deed as completely as if each were fully set forth herein, and subject to real estate taxes attributable to the UNIT which are not yet due and payable. The Unit is further subject to easements, conditions, restrictions and obligations of record insofar as the same are now in force and effect and subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in Unit Deed dated April 27, 1988 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 14648, Page 314. GRANTEE also acquires with said UNIT as easement for exclusive use of parking spaces number 31 shown on the site plan referred to in Section 4 of the Master Deeds. GRANTEE acquires said exclusive easement in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Master Deed. For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 33392, Page 33. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2004-A, Mortgage-Backed Certificates,

Series 2004-A Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500
Sutherland, Valerie, 13-010726
11/23/22, 12/02/22, 12/08/22

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P2736EA
Estate of: Urszula Genowefa Bosek
Date of Death: 01/28/2015
To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testory and/or Appointment has been filed by Roman Bosek of Chelsea, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Roman Bosek of Chelsea, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/12/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 14, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
11/23/22

CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS
VISUAL ARTS CLASS INSTRUCTION FOR VIRTUAL ACADEMY
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Dylan Cook
School Business Manager
11/23/22

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU21P2347EA
Estate of: Anthony Lanci, Sr.
Date of Death: September 18, 2020
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lindsey M. Schneider of Sharon, MA Lindsey M. Schneider of Sharon, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
11/23/22

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

BUSING RAISES CONCERNS

EAST BOSTON - Several residents of East Boston vented their frustrations regarding the activities of Boston Public School (BPS) buses to Jackie Hayes, the Assistant Director of Contract Operation and Fleet for BPS, at the November 7 Harbor View Neighborhood Association meeting.

The idling and use of residential parking by BPS buses have pushed many residents to their breaking points as they ask for some sort of solution. Although there seems to be new frustration with the buses, some say these issues have been apparent for years.

One resident explained that for at least six years, buses have been idling, waking people in the wee hours of the morning and taking up parking spaces by the Bennington Street Cemetery.

“I think that is a long enough time to try and mitigate. You know, I understand that on a daily basis you’ll take complaints, try to mitigate it – again, that has been going on for six years – we need a solution,” said the resident.

Elsewhere on Bennington Street, others see the same issues continuously happening with seemingly no end in sight. The ideal solution, at least for residents, is for there to be off-street satellite locations for buses to wait before they eventually head out on their routes.

Unfortunately, for those who would like to see those satellite locations as a solution – it is not going to happen anytime soon, according to Hayes.

While Hayes indicated that BPS is seeking additional space for its buses, she said, “The reality is that space is at a premium, and when the city uses space, they have to pay for it, and it is expensive.”

“We do not have a budget at this time for additional parking lots around the city,” she added.

Hayes did emphasize that although a satellite location might not be in the cards currently, BPS will still work with neighborhood associations for alternative fixes for the issues.

For now, the solution seems to rest upon the residents, as Hayes suggested that individual incidents be reported online via the BPS transportation support portal. Hayes advised against sending incidents by email, citing that reports to the portal are the most efficient way to get incidents to BPS.

This resolution was not up to snuff for at least one resident, as they said, “With all due respect, I have been doing it [reporting issues] for the last six, seven years on a daily basis ... nothing has been done – nothing.”

Even though it may seem like nothing has been done, Hayes assured residents that their work in contacting BPS with issues had led to the re-training of drivers as well as instances of speaking with drivers every time incidents occur.

She also defended the BPS bus drivers saying, “Frankly, our drivers work really hard, and they are under incredible stress every day... the vast majority of our drivers are lovely humans that decided to do work with kids.”

Overall, Hayes made it clear that the BPS will not

stop working to quell the issues with buses around East Boston.

“We continue to be committed to trying to figure out how to make it work. We continue to be committed to taking every complaint or concern that is raised and running it down so that we can figure out how to make this work effectively for everyone,” said Hayes.

CRIMSON TIDE LOSES IN PLAYOFFS

EVERETT - The Everett High School football team had its playoff run come to an end in a 21-0 loss to Central Catholic in the Division 1 quarterfinals at Lawrence Stadium.

The usually high-powered Everett offense, led by senior quarterback Karmarri Ellerbe, drove deep into Central territory twice, but the Tide fell short of scoring a touchdown due to fumbles, one that went through the end zone. Everett also had a field goal attempt blocked in the game.

Central Catholic scored a touchdown in the final minute of the first half to take a 7-0 lead. The hosts scored on a 72-yard run in the third quarter and a 52-yard run late in the fourth quarter.

Everett finishes its 2022 season with an 8-2 record. The Crimson Tide will not play a game on Thanksgiving.

Central Catholic coach praises Everett team

Central Catholic Chuck Adamopolous said he expected a tough, hard-nosed football game versus Everett – and it certainly was.

“That’s not an easy team to shut out,” said Adamopolous. “Their quarterback [Ellerbe] is an outstanding player, and they have good backs. We saw on the film that he [Ellerbe] breaks tackles and if he gets in the open field, he pulls away from guys. I thought overall our team did a good job of containing him. We survived tonight. My hat’s off to Everett because I thought their coach did a great job, and their kids played awesome. They’re a great program and Rob’s doing a great job of getting it back. I’m proud of our kids. It was a good tough, football game.”

Coach DiLoreto reflects on the game and the season

Everett head coach Rob DiLoreto felt his team had two excellent opportunities to take the lead in the first half.

“We had two touchdowns that we left on the board,” said DiLoreto. “We fumbled through the end zone on one, and had one called back on a penalty, and then had a field goal blocked on the subsequent play. It was really tough for us to overcome those mistakes against a really good team. Central finished on their big plays and we didn’t. They’re a very well-coached team. “They’re a very disciplined team, and the next step we have to take is improving on the little things – little things become big things in big games.”

DiLoreto commended the seniors on the 2022 team. “We had tremendous leadership from our seniors,” said DiLoreto. “We had a very young team with eight new starters on offense, and nine new starters on defense, and our seniors really set the tone this year by their outstanding leadership

and commitment to the program, and I’m very proud of this season. We played our best football as the year progressed, and we have a lot to be proud of.”

SERINO NOT TO SEEK THIRD TERM

REVERE - The City Council’s youngest member will not be running for reelection in 2023.

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino announced his plans not to seek a third term at the beginning of Monday night’s meeting. Serino said the one-year lead time to the 2023 municipal election will give potential candidates plenty of time to decide if they want to run for the open seat next year.

“Earlier this month, people of Revere went to the polls in a statewide election day,” said Serino. “That election having passed, though nearly still a year away, we are now officially on our municipal election cycle for the 2023 city election. As we begin to contemplate candidacies, I wanted to announce tonight to my constituents in West Revere and North Revere, that I will not be seeking reelection to the Revere City Council in 2023.”

Serino said it might seem unconventional for a councillor to announce reelection plans so far in advance of the election, but he said he was doing so because he had made up his mind. Like his Ward 6 predecessor, Charlie Patch, Serino said he wanted to give enough lead time for decent, good candidates in Ward 6 to consider a run.


“This decision to not seek a third term on the council was not made in haste, but after careful consideration and much discussion with my family and closest friends,” said Serino. “Having turned 30 this year, I have spent some time contemplating and reassessing my goals for myself in both my personal and professional life and where I see myself when my current term expires in 2024 and beyond. Having had the honor of being elected by the people of Ward 6 in 2019, I came onto the council in January, 2020 with a set of goals, including promoting economic development in the ward and the city, helping to alleviate flooding in West Revere, and working towards solutions to traffic flow in the ward.”

On the economic development front, Serino said he made a commitment during his campaign to promote economic development in the ward. He pointed to the closing of the Showcase Cinema in 2020 during the height of the pandemic, and its current transformation into an Amazon warehouse and shipping facility.

“I was disappointed, and ideally would have preferred to see a development built in its place that was entertainment driven and would draw families to the site,” he said. “However, in the end, I was glad that the redevelopment of the movie theater did not bring more residential units, but rather will bring job opportunities for Revere residents, revenue from increased property taxes, and new excise taxes paid to the city.”

The councillor also noted that he made a commitment to fight for commercial development and

CHELSEA BOYS SOCCER 2-1 OVER WOBURN IN MIAA DIVISION ACTION



VICTORY AND DEFEAT: Chelsea players Jefferson Ruiz (10), Bryan Medrano (12), Kevin Garcia Fortin (17), Henry Vazquez (41) and Juan Carlos Suarez Lopez celebrate as Woburn players absorb defeat after the Red Devils eliminated Woburn from the MIAA Division 2 soccer playoffs with a 2-1 overtime victory Saturday at Woburn High School.

oppose any residential development on Squire Road, which he said he views as the ward’s main business corridor.

Serino also thanked the mayor and the water and sewer department for fixing some of the flooding and drainage issues in the ward.

“When it comes to traffic patterns in the ward, I think I have been pretty bold, to say the least,” said Serino. “Although it was controversial, I listened to my residents of Sigourney Street and Derby Road, who for years have been plagued with speeding vehicles going to and from Squire Road. As the ward councillor, I advocated to the Traffic Commission to change the one ways on those streets.”

Serino said the change was met with a lot of criticism, and understandably so for the streets that were impacted as a result.

“But you know what, we tried something that had not been tried before by my predecessors, albeit for 60 days, and because we took that initial step, we have the attention of the traffic commission and the administration to take a serious look at the traffic flow on the streets off of Squire Road that they see every day,” said Serino.

He added that two of the initiatives he is most proud of during his time in office is the creation of the city’s veterans fund, and an ordinance calling for later meeting start times, giving residents a better opportunity to participate after typical work hours.

With more than a year to go as the ward councillor, Serino reiterated that his announcement was not a resignation or a goodbye speech. He added that it also did not necessarily mean he would not run for city-wide office in the future.

“I have determined that two full terms, or four years, will have been an adequate time for me to complete the work that I set out to achieve as the Ward 6 Councillor, and that after this term, it is not only appropriate, but it is right, for me to step aside and clear the way for someone else in West Revere, or perhaps North Revere, with new ideas and a fresh perspective,”

he said. “My remarks tonight should also not be taken as a farewell to Revere politics, as I would certainly consider and entertain the possibility of a run for councillor at large or higher office sometime beyond 2023 and a few years down the line if the time is right and I feel that my experience and voice can contribute to a future conversation in the city.”

MBTA PROPOSES CHANGES TO INITIAL REROUTING OF WINTHROP BUS ROUTES

WINTHROP - The MBTA has made adjustments in the latest draft of its massive Bus Network Redesign project to address some potential Winthrop route issues.

The MBTA held a virtual public meeting to go over the system-wide changes it made to its bus routes since the release of an initial draft of the plan in May.

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Nicholas M. Zenga of Saugus, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, November 21 at 69 years of age.

Nicholas was a long-time employee of the United States Postal Service.

He was the beloved the beloved husband of the late Cheryl (Plagenza) Zenga; devoted father of Steven Merrill and his wife, Laurie, Christina Galleuillos and her husband, Neil, Joyce Bouche and her husband, Mark, and Kim Zenga; dear brother of Barbara, Charlotte, Patty, Anthony, Judith, Rhonda, and the late Annette, Frank, Robert, Charlie and John and cherished grandfather of Marc “Bud” and Jordan “Squish” Bouche; Matthew, Tommy, Jessica and the late Cheryl Chesbrough; Cailyn, Caleigh, Cameron and Chris Merrill and Patrick



and Michael Bixby and treasured great-grandfather of Madison, Elisa and Aria. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Nicholas’s life by gathering for a memorial service at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Tuesday, November 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. May he rest in peace.

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MWRA study shows possible water demand could be met for expanded area

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority’s (MWRA) Board of Directors reviewed the results of two studies on the feasibility of adding additional communities to the north and south of the agency’s water system. Both studies conceptually identify that the MWRA could provide the full water demands to both study areas. Importantly, in order to fully supply both study areas, large diameter pipelines would have to be built extending from the MWRA’s existing metropolitan tunnel system. Partial supplies to supplement existing community sources could also be provided through the extension of MWRA’s existing distribution system. The northern study focused on communities that currently draw water from the long-stressed Ipswich River Basin, which includes Beverly, Danvers, Hamilton, Ipswich, Middleton, Lynn, Lynnfield Center Water District, Peabody, Salem, Topsfield, Wenham, and Wilmington. Additionally, the South Shore study focused on the communities of Abington, Avon, Brockton, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate, Rockland, Weymouth, and the former Naval Air Station.

“The MWRA’s water supply system is a tremendous asset to the Commonwealth, which provides safe, clean drinking water from the Quabbin

and Wachusett Watersheds for over 2.5 million people,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card, who chairs the MWRA’s Board of Directors. “Importantly, these north and south studies have identified that the agency has ample capacity to serve additional communities by supplying drinking water from its system without jeopardizing these important resources.”

“The MWRA has always been a vital asset in the Commonwealth’s effort to ensure access to clean, safe drinking water for all residents,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “These studies confirm the MWRA’s untapped potential to expand into additional communities, which will fuel economic development and offer an alternative source of water for communities impacted by PFAS chemical contamination.”

“Water sustainability and aquifer protection are critical issues for communities all across our state, and the MWRA has the potential to support those goals in many case,” said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester). “On the North Shore we are having unprecedented conversations about how to best move forward collaboratively to address the region’s needs, and the information contained in the report will be incredibly useful and

important for our efforts.”

With the MWRA’s vast reservoir system, the agency can safely provide up to 300 million gallons per day (MGD) of high-quality drinking water, and since its creation in 1985, MWRA and its customers have reduced usage from nearly 350 MGD to an average 200 MGD today, leaving room for expansion. In addition to the north and south study areas, the MWRA is also exploring the possibility of expanding the water system to a number of Metro West communities, including Acton, Bedford, Chelmsford, Concord, Groton, Holliston, Hopkinton, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Natick, Sudbury, Wayland, Wellesley, and Weston.

“This regional approach to addressing growing statewide water woes is the right solution at the right time,” said Joseph Favaloro, Executive Director of the MWRA Advisory Board. “In addition to the public health and environmental benefits, expansion of the MWRA’s water system can generate economic development and create rate relief for existing MWRA communities by spreading costs over a larger base. Truly a win on many levels and a public policy homerun.”

While the water demands for all three study areas would exceed MWRA’s available water, MWRA could supply water to a significant portion

of these communities if there is interest. Coupled with these studies, the MWRA and its Advisory Board recently voted to waive the entrance fee for new communities joining the system for a period of five years in order to encourage new communities to join, citing the challenges communities face, such as stressed river basins requiring water restrictions, rising concerns about per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and constrained economic development. The benefit to existing member communities would be a reduction in their assessments each time a new community joins the system.

“We are available to help communities looking for a solution to their drinking water supply needs,” said MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey. “We hope these studies help communities understand that MWRA is an option for them and we look forward to working with any community who would like to pursue a connection to our water system.”

Furthermore, several communities have joined the MWRA water system over the last 35 years, including Ashland, Bedford, Burlington, Dedham-Westwood, Reading, Stoughton, and Wilmington. Despite the additional customers, water usage has continued to decline across the service area.

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Since May, T officials said they have received and reviewed 20,000 comments about the bus route changes.

“The public feedback was key,” said MBTA bus route project manager Doug Johnson. “We reviewed all the comments from May to September and beyond and incorporated them into the revised bus network.”

While the MBTA could not incorporate every change that was requested, Johnson said the new bus network is just as was proposed in May in that it would still increase service by 25 percent across the network and double the number of high frequency corridors (defined as a bus leaving a stop at least every 15 minutes, seven days per week) across the system.

“We ended up making changes to 85 of the 133 proposed routes in the May, 2022 draft bus network,” said Johnson. “The changes include new routings, restoration of existing routes, the addition or subtraction of routes, and modifications to frequency of service.”

In Winthrop, the routes affected are the 119 and 120 buses, extensions of existing routes that will be replacing the 712 and 713 buses.

Concerns had been raised that the new routes previewed in May would cut service to a number of areas of the town.

The 119 and 120 routes were adjusted in the latest draft under the general heading of “rerouting to provide better connections to medical facilities, senior housing, and other destinations, or at the request of the municipalities,” according to Johnson.

The 119 bus would travel from Winthrop to Revere via Orient Heights Station. Changes from the May draft of the MBTA plan include extended service to Cottage Hill and the Winthrop Public Landing ferry parking lot. Bus frequency would be every 30 minutes or better from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days per week, and every 45 minutes or better from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

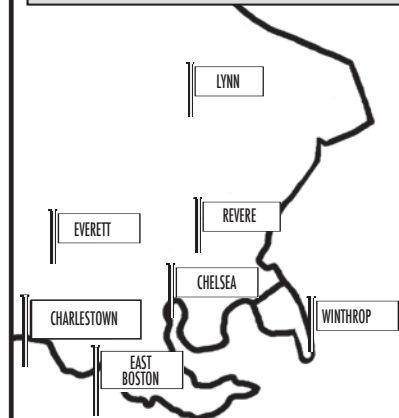
The 120 bus would travel from Winthrop to Maverick via Orient Heights. Changes from the May draft of the MBTA plan include extended service to Cottage Hill and the Winthrop Public Landing ferry parking lot and be rerouted through Orient Heights. Bus frequency would be every 30 minutes or better from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days per week, and every 45 minutes or better from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Still, it could be a few years before riders see changes to the majority of the bus routes.

“We anticipate implementation of the new network to take about five years, beginning in 2023,” said Johnson. “Over that five year period, we intend to make changes to routes incrementally every year until by the fifth year, the whole network is in place.”

The Bus Network Redesign is one portion of an overall Better Bus Project for the MBTA, he added. That project aims to transform, modernize, and decarbonize the entire bus fleet, create more dedicated bus lanes and signalization, update and modernize bus stops, and modernize how the MBTA collects fares for its bus trips.

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Northeast Metro Tech students replace wiring in a 121-year-old museum

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Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech students in the Electrical pathway are putting their skills to work as they replace wiring in a 121-year-old museum.

The Revere History Museum was built in 1901, and was previously used as a rectory by the Immaculate Conception Church before the City of Revere was given the property in a land swap in the 1980's. The City then leased it to the Revere Society for Cultural and Historic Preservation, which converted the building into a 14-room Revere History Museum.

While the building was successfully converted into a museum, and remains open today, insulating the walls and making the building more energy efficient has been impossible with outdated knob and tube electrical wiring in the walls.

As a result, Northeast Metro Tech students are replacing the wiring with a modern standard electrical system while also building upon their classroom learning by applying their skills.

Students will install new code-compliant wiring, new circuit panels in the

basement, new emergency lights and exit signs, new smoke detectors, new wiring for air conditioning and heating units, and replace the existing 200 amp service to the building with a new 400 amp service.

"This project gives our students a chance to use their skills in a controlled environment with instructors watching over them to ensure the work is done properly, and in accordance with what students have already learned in the classroom," said Assistant Principal Jack O'Brien. "This learning experience will reinforce what these students have learned, and will allow them to gain a perspective on their trade that will give them a distinct advantage over others in their field who have not participated in a hands-on vocational program."

Elle Baker, Open Space and Environmental Planner for the City of Revere, said the project is also a great opportunity for students to learn to do work in historical buildings, where extra care has to be taken so as not to damage the structure and to ensure historically appropriate work is done.

"Everyone at Northeast Metro Tech has been wonderful and the students are really learning a lot from the experience,"



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Junior Lucas Taffarrell, of Malden, replaces wiring in the Revere History Museum.



Carlos Escobar Cruz (left), of Woburn, and Johnny Alverado, of Chelsea, work together to cut a piece of piping as they work to replace wiring in the Revere History Museum recently.

Baker said. "It's not often you get to transform from knob and tube to modern

electrical in a building of this size. It's been an excellent experience for us



Shown (left to right) are Miranda Duff, of Winthrop; Annemarie Haney-Cooke, of Woburn; Carmine D'Amelio, of Saugus; and Miguel Castano Cadavid, of Revere, pause for a photo while working to replace electrical wiring in the Revere History Museum.



Shown (left to right) are juniors Aiden Jones, of Saugus; Thomas Hudd, of Wakefield; Dilan Lopes Gomez, of Revere; and Hamza Khan, of Winthrop, at the Revere History Museum, where students are replacing electrical wiring.

to work with students, and it's a great opportunity for the City to have this work

done so we can make this building more energy efficient."

FRESH AND LOCAL

The mushroom stretch

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Don't be surprised to see new products in the ground meat section of supermarkets. With rising meat prices and more people choosing to consume less meat, big producers are fabricating blends of ground meat with fillers.

Locally, you may find a blend of ground beef and mushrooms under the house brand Signature. In the UK, the supermarket chain Tesco has a blend of carrot, butternut squash and onion.

Yes, this is a good idea. For years we've added minced vegetables to im-

prove the nutrition in dishes like chili, tacos, and meat pies. We're convinced you can do a better job of stretching your meat in your kitchen than can be done in a factory.

Let's Talk Mushrooms

There are good reasons to stretch the ground meat you use with an umami-rich filler like mushrooms. The Baby Bella mushrooms we used to make a recent batch of chili were less than half the price per pound as the beef. The chili is lighter and easier to digest.

The factories are selling their blends by the pound, and the water in the mush-

rooms adds weight. We take steps to remove that water. Anyone who's seen Julia Child prepare mushroom duxelles for beef Wellington will wonder at our suggestion that you begin this way.

However, we don't want to create a mushroom paste. We want slightly browned and tasty mushroom mince. With a different cooking method, you can skip many of the steps she used to remove water.

Just as Julia did later in life, Penny might break out the food processor to prep a large batch of mushroom bits for freezing. However, for a single pot of chili, she'll hand-chop mushrooms.

In his book, the Food

Lab, Kenji Alt-Lopes recommends roasting mushrooms. "Unlike other vegetables, where the goal is to minimize the amount of time they spend in the oven, when roasting mushrooms, you want to leave them in until nearly all their moisture is driven out so that they can brown properly."

Jamie Oliver is a proponent of dry-sautéing mushrooms. You simply put sliced mushrooms in a dry pan and keep an eye on them as they release their water. Then you toss or turn them as they brown after the liquid evaporates. Both of these methods mean less butter or oil added to your final product.

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This chili was made with a fifty-fifty blend of ground beef and nicely browned, chopped mushrooms.

of Public Health provides information on mushroom nutrition. "All varieties of mushrooms are low in calories and fat and contain modest amounts of fiber and various nutrients. Perhaps the more interesting properties of mushrooms are their non-nutritive plant substances—polysaccharides, indoles, polyphenols, and carotenoids in which cell and animal studies have shown antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer effects." They are a source of: B vitamins, Phosphorus, Vitamin D, Selenium, Copper, and Potassium.

Using the Blend

We've found you don't notice the mushrooms in dishes like chili, tacos, meat pies, or pasta sauce. Of course, this depends on

the percentage of mushrooms in the blend. The industry group, The Mushroom Council suggests the following percentages for specific uses: for burgers, a 25% mushroom to 75% meat; for tacos, burritos, or sloppy joes, a 50-50% ratio; and for chilis and meat sauces 75% mushroom to 25% meat.

The bottom line for us is that a well-prepared mushroom blend is a winner. It is good for our health, our budget, and as a great source of umami, gives a boost to the savory essence of our meal.

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