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RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY



Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker (far left) was among a host of dignitaries who were on hand yesterday for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Community Living Center at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. Shown in the photo (l-r) are Gov. Baker; Thomas Lyons, the Chairman of the Soldiers Home Board of Trustees; Eric L. Johnson, the Superintendent of the Soldiers Home; Cheryl Lussier Poppe, the State Secretary of Veterans Affairs (who also served as the Soldiers Home Supt. for six years); Soldiers Home resident John Dalton, who assisted with the ribbon-cutting and led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the ceremony; and Chelsea City Council President Calvin Brown. Marylou Sudders, the state's Secretary of Health and Human Services, also is in the photo, behind Mr. Dalton. The Record will have more photos of the ceremony in next week's newspaper.

Latest round of murals add color and vibrancy to city streets

Staff Report

In the fall, the city commissioned a number of artists to create colorful murals across the city, and those artworks are now brightening the day for all residents of Chelsea.

At the Webster Street underpass of Rte. 1, East Boston artist Felipe Ortiz has embraced the way people will be viewing his work while passing it at different speeds. Ortiz's subject matter is mostly nature, and primarily migratory birds, with a signature style called "Explosive Nature," which dynamically elongates the design of his work.

"Explosive Nature is colorful, vibrant, has lots of movement, and It can be informative and playful as I depict an exchange of migratory local fauna in tropical settings," Ortiz explained. "The style lends itself for large areas with vehicles and pedestrians passing at various speeds."

His dynamic design has helped transform the underpass that provides a gateway into Chelsea from the Revere Beach



Felipe Ortiz mural.

Parkway. On Everett Avenue at the Rte. 1 on-ramp, Sasha Kuznetsova was tapped for a creative approach to beautify the jersey barriers and chainlink fence. She painted in blues and greens to create an ocean bottom along the jersey barriers. For the top, she crafted fish and seaweed in quilted fabric. To delight pedestrians, she also attached a variety of treasures like shells, seaglass and water-worn pebbles inside the voids in the fence.

After a career as a biologist, two years ago Kuznetsova became a

freelance artist and illustrator full time with her work gravitating towards nature.

"I love organic shapes and all the colors," she said.

On Second Street at the Rte. 1 viaduct, Lena McCarthy's designs celebrate the natural world.

"My vision in creating public art is to be a vehicle for pause, to create a space for people to feel their own softness and heart-beat, and ultimately inspire more connection and joy in the public space."

Her mural serves as a landmark on a key gateway into the downtown,



Lena McCarthy mural.

Council chooses Hatleberg to fill at-large council seat

By Adam Swift

Former City Councilor Brian Hatleberg is back in office.

At a special meeting Monday night, the council voted 7-3 to appoint Hatleberg to fill the remainder of the term of former Councilor-at-Large Roy Avellaneda, who stepped down from office earlier this year. Hatleberg was one of three finalists interviewed by the full council, joined by former councilor Stanley Troisi and community activist and ZBA member Joan Cromwell.

In the final round of voting, Hatleberg received seven votes, one more than was necessary to be appointed. Councilors Leo Robinson, Damali Vidot, and Enio Lopez voted for Cromwell. To close the evening, Robinson introduced a successful motion to make the election of Hatleberg unanimous.

"As I was thinking

about how to introduce myself here, it was really a little bit of a difficult challenge, because really, there are two audiences," Hatleberg said in his opening statement during the nearly two hour interview process with the three candidates Monday night. "There is the public, which in many ways is the most important audience for the at-large councilor, and there is the council, which in many ways is the most important audience because you have the vote."

Hatleberg said the public knows him for his ten years on the council, and through his wife, who is the principal at the Kelly Elementary School.

"You know me through my kids, who are always running around in the streets with the track team here," he said. "You know me through the Chelsea

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Licensing Commission okays later hours for New Year's Eve

By Adam Swift

Revelers in Chelsea will once again get another hour to ring in the new year.

Last week, the Licensing Commission approved allowing restaurants that serve alcohol to stay open until 2 a.m. on New Year's Eve, one hour later than usual. It looks to be a busy night, as New Year's Eve is on a Saturday this year.

The commission also reiterated the regulations for Christmas Day. Stores will not be able to sell alcoholic beverages on Dec. 25, and bars and restaurants will not be able to serve alcoholic beverages until noon on Christmas.

In other business, the Licensing Commission approved an entertainment and amusement license for

Tambo 22 at 22 Adams St. that will allow the restaurant to have a DJ if they wish.

Representatives from the restaurant said they would use a DJ for background ambience and not for dancing, and noted that the restaurant closes at 11 p.m. Tambo 22 has had one-day licenses for similar events in the past, and police and commission

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Peg Canning (front row, far right) brought her students from the Dental Assistant program at the Northeast Regional Vocational School to the Chelsea Soldiers Home prior to Veterans Day in order for the students to present their hand-made cards to the veterans who live at the home, thanking them for their service to our country. The students are standing on the steps of the Quigley Hospital building, which is soon to be torn down.



# Traffic commission approves removal of two Washington Avenue parking spaces

By Adam Swift

At its most recent meeting, the Traffic and Parking Commission approved removing two parking spaces from in front of the Shop and Go at 354 Washington Ave.

“Those two parking spaces, when they park there in the morning, cause quite a back up,” said commission member and police Sgt. John Nofle. “Not all day, but in the mornings.”

Nofle noted that the business does have a parking lot, and that the fire department supported removing the parking spaces.

In other business, the commission heard from District 6 City Councilor Giovanni Recupero, who requested the city place a stop sign at Essex and Pearl streets.

“What is happening is there are too many cars in that intersection, and they cannot go up Essex

Street,” said Recupero. “There is no stop sign to stop them from going over, so they block the way. If you do put a stop sign there, like you do on Park Street, it would eliminate people blocking the way for people to go up Essex.”

Nofle said he would like to hear from the city’s planning department before making a decision, since putting a stop sign at Essex and Pearl could cause traffic issues in other parts of the neighborhood.

The commission also heard from resident Peter Chien, who requested that the city allow for partial payments of parking tickets and the acceptance of e-checks from banks.

He noted that he had a payment returned because he did not realize there was an additional late fee on a parking ticket, and believes the city should accept partial payments towards tickets.

He also said it is not clear on the city’s website that e-checks are not allowed to pay for parking tickets online.

Nofle and other traffic commissions stated they were sympathetic to the issue, but that the issue fell under the jurisdiction of the city’s treasury department.

A request from Fire Chief Leonard Albanese requesting a reconsideration of a parking restriction along a construction site on Watts Street between Highland and Willow Street only was also approved by the commission.

Commissioners agreed that parking could be allowed on the one side of the street, as long as cars were as close to the curb as possible. Commissioners also recommended that the contractor look at moving the Jersey barriers on the site as close to the property lines as possible.

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male-identified and queer artists. In Chelsea they previously created a mural on Division Street for the rear entrance of North Suffolk Mental Health. Familiar local artists Jenna Feldman, Sury Chavez and Fernanda Lopez are joined by Sara Barrientos, Alison Miller, and Melissa Clarke. Their approach is centered on the interest in socially-engaged public art as expressive art therapists, educators, and activists.

“We believe in the power art holds to enliven spaces and connect people as well as amplify voices heard in community conversations,” they say. “Approaching our mural making from a mixed media and a site-specific perspective allows us to work in a call and response collaboration with the community.”

With one-on-one engagement with passersby and Mohammed Saleem, the owner of Market del Sol, the artists shared coloring sheets for others to bring color into their own corner of the world.

At Tu Casa Restaurant, at the rear of the building on Division Street at Hawthorne is the latest piece from muralist Liz LaManche. Her creative handprint can be seen throughout Division Street and in Chelsea Square. In 2019 as part of the launch of the Division Street Neighborhood, at the intersection with Hawthorne Street she painted the Electric Chicken on one façade.

LaManche also oversaw the designs executed paint-by-numbers style by the community in a series of art panels and on the rear facade of Tu

Casa Restaurant. In 2021, again with Neighborways Design, she provided the design concept and directed installation of roadway murals and creative crosswalks executed in both paint and thermoplastic across four blocks of Division Street.

In 2022, LaManche returned to extend the mural on Tu Casa to wrap around the building.

A series of videos about the latest murals is now available on Chelsea Prosper’s Youtube channel and website. In the videos the artists describe their creative process as photos illustrate the creation from blank canvas to completed artwork.

This project was executed by Chelsea Prosper, the City of Chelsea’s initiative for neighborhood vitality.



Sasha Kuznetsova mural.

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# PRINCE WILLIAM AND PRINCESS KATE VISIT ROCA IN CHELSEA

Roca CEO Molly Baldwin spoke about Prince William and Princess Kate’s memorable visit to Roca headquarters in Chelsea on Dec. 1: “What an honor for our young people, for Roca and for the City of Chelsea to have Prince William and

Princess Kate visit,” said Baldwin. “They do great work not just in the UK, but around the world. Our young people at Roca have the most incredible, heartbreaking stories, but there’s always hope. I think the Prince and Princess saw that and it con-

ducted to so much of their acts of charity and good will around the globe. We’re all so grateful to them for highlighting young people who too often aren’t seen, heard or celebrated in this way.”



Prince William and Princess Kate meet with a local family during their visit to Roca headquarters in Chelsea.



Prince William and Princess Kate speak with Roca CEO Molly Baldwin inside Roca headquarters during the royal family’s visit to Chelsea. Also pictured is Chelsea Police Capt. David Batchelor.



Prince William and Princess Kate interact with Chelsea children as they participate in an art activity at Roca headquarters.



Prince William converses with Roca CEO Molly Baldwin during his visit to Chelsea to highlight the outstanding work being done by the organization.



Princess Kate greets Becky Swope following her Dec. 1 visit to ROCA.



Beth Novak experienced the memory of a lifetime when she got the opportunity to meet and take a photo with Prince William during his visit to Chelsea. “My Gramma was a true lover of the royals, always calling me Princess, but I didn’t realize the ecstatic shivers that I would feel from having this experience,” said Beth. “My interaction with him seemed genuine and will always be remembered. And to meet him in Chelsea, where I’ve spent close to 15 years with my born-and-raised husband and his family... I couldn’t be more gratified. Once in a lifetime, as they say!”

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**BRUINS** *Beat* by Bob Morello

Bruins’ Mark Recchi honored

The Sports Museum’s 21st Edition of The Tradition held last week at the TD Garden was a fitting place to honor Hockey Hall of Famer (2017), and member of the 2011 Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruins, Mark Recchi. My chance to talk with Recchi at The Tradition was a “no brainer,” and a welcome opportunity. His illustrious 22-year NHL career included Recchi winning the Stanley Cup championship as a player with Pittsburgh in 1991, again in 2006 with the Carolina Hurricanes and his third and final Cup in 2011 with the Boston Bruins. In Game 2 of the 2011 Finals, at the age of 43, Recchi became the oldest player ever to score in a Stanley Cup Finals series.



Mark Recchi with Bob Morello.

His response to talk about one of his many highlights in his lengthy career led his talking mostly about his stay in Boston. “Getting traded here was one, when it was happening, I knew I was getting traded from Tampa Bay, I spoke with Lightning head coach Rick Tocchet, and said...I hoped it would be Boston – it worked out great, and so many memories here. Just the adversity we went through together, the ups and downs, and finally getting to the pinnacle together, having been through all those things for two years. You maybe expect it to be a good team and a contending team, and to finally get there and do it! The year before we were up three games to none against Philadelphia, we blew that lead, along

with a 3-0 lead in Game 7. We overcame that and just continued to grow, watching Bergy (Patrice Bergeron), Krech (David Krejci) and Looch (Milan Lucic), and the rest of the guys, Timmy Thomas and Tuukka (Rask), just watching the growth of those guys and see how they became team leaders.”

When asked what his employment status was at this time, he responded, “Not doing anything right now, just hanging out – just taking some time off, hopefully getting back into the game next year sometime. I’d probably like to get back into management and that side of hockey – player development, whatever you know. I really enjoyed that part, I loved coaching, but I really have a passion for being on that side. The nice thing about management is I could live in Pittsburgh and be with my family, and then I could travel in and out from there, that’s the nice thing, taking the combination of the two, but coaching, I’ve got to be there full time.”

During his two-year tenure in Boston (2009-10 + 2010-11), Recchi played 81 games each year, posting point totals of 43 and 48 points respectively, and scored three huge goals in 2011 Stanley Cup Final against the Vancouver Canucks. Recchi summed up his comments via, “I loved my time here, it was incredible, and we still all keep in touch with each other.” After being in the lineups for the Pittsburgh Penguins, Philadelphia Flyers, Montreal Canadiens, Carolina Hurricanes, Atlanta Thrashers, Tampa Bay Lightning and Boston Bruins, Recchi decided to hang them up after the 2011 Cup win, but he certainly proved at the end of his 22-year career, that he had what is called ‘lasting power.’ In the awards ceremony Tuukka Rask presented Recchi with the 2022 Hockey Legacy Award. Also honored by The Sports Museum were: Johnny Damon (Red Sox); M.L. Carr (Celtics); Jillian Dempsey (Pride) and Chanté Bonds (Boston Renegade); Lawyer Milloy (Patriots); and Bill Rodgers (Marathon).

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME VISIT



New CHS boys head basketball coach Cesar Castro and his squad took the opportunity to visit the Dr. James Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield when they trekked to that city to play Springfield Central in a pre-season scrimmage.

CHS ROUNDUP

of 1:32.24 in the 600 (11th place).

"In general, many athletes were able to set personal bests for themselves to start the season," noted Hernandez, whose squad was scheduled to open its dual-meet season yesterday (Wednesday) against Greater Boston League rival Lynn English. The Red Devils, who will take on their other six GBL opponents each Wednesday through the end of January, will face Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

YOUNG RED DEVILS SET TO OPEN SEASON; HOST CLASSICAL TONIGHT

New Chelsea High head coach Cesar Castro and a young Chelsea High boys basketball team, which opened their 2023 season this past Tuesday at Greater Boston League rival Lynn English, will entertain GBL foe Lynn Classical this evening (Thursday).

The opening tip is set for 7:00 in the CHS gym. "We have a very young team," said Castro, a former Red Devil star performer, whose squad engaged in three pre-season scrimmages with Revere High, Lewiston (Maine)

High, and Springfield Central.

"We have three freshmen on varsity in the starting line-up," Castro continued. "We are building that foundation. My players play hard and share the basketball. Our motto is, 'Everybody shines together'."

Castro took the squad to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield for some team bonding during their trip to Springfield Central.

"My plan is to do a lot of team bonding," said the new coach. "This program is bigger than basketball. We are a family."

Members of the 2023 varsity squad are: Islam Allouane (sophomore), Roify Otanez Del Rosario (freshman), Abdi Mohamed (junior), Brian Artica (senior), Justin Toro (junior), Mannix Resto Jr. (senior), Brauli Quezada Tineo (junior), Jonathan Williams JR (freshman), Mo Mohamed (freshman), Jayson Hightower (senior), David Wright (junior), J.D. Arias (junior), Herman Esquivel Mendez (senior), Theo Joseph-Seale (junior), and Anthony Bones (senior).

After tonight's encounter with Classical, Castro and his crew will trek to Somerville next Tuesday.

NEW COACH, NEW SEASON FOR CHS GIRLS

The Chelsea High girls basketball program will feature a new coach this season when former CHS star Leslie Santiago steps onto the hardwood at the helm of the Lady Red Devils.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," said an enthusiastic Santiago, whose squad opened their 2023 campaign this past Tuesday against Greater Boston League rival Lynn English.

The 2023 edition of the Lady Red Devils will be led by senior captains Edissa Ndaikeza and Jose-linne Moran.

Other members of the varsity roster are freshman Karla Arizora, Karla, junior Keara Chavez, junior Daniela Perez Lopez, freshman Melize Siliro, freshman Katerin Landaverde, junior Nicole Riscanevo, junior Lyssis Henderson, sophomore Nina Reyes, junior Isabella Chavez, and freshman Monica Cespedes Cruz.

Santiago and her crew were scheduled to play at Lynn Classical today (Thursday) and will host Somerville next Tuesday at 4:00.

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members said there have been no issues with those events.

"The place is run properly and I don't believe we've ever gotten a neighborhood complaint, so I would say to grant it based on their location and hours of operation," said Police Chief Keith Houghton.

The commission also approved issuing a medical marijuana license to Harbor House Collective at 80 Eastern Ave. The business already has a recreational marijuana sales license.

"We want to expand our reach in terms of the type of customer we can accept

at our facility, as well as be able to provide a medical and educational benefit on top of our advertising and how we market our products," said Richard Su, the chief compliance officer of the business.

While there have been no other medical marijuana licenses issued in Chelsea, Houghton said he did not necessarily have an issue with it, since medical marijuana licenses were approved in the state prior to recreational sales.

"We've had no issues with any of the locations, and I did not know that this would be the first dual-type

license," said Houghton.

Su noted that higher THC levels are allowed for medical marijuana edibles, adding that the medical and recreational sales would have different storage and purchase areas. He said the license also needs final approval from the state's cannabis control commission.

Harbor House Collective has had its recreational marijuana license for 14 months, and Su said the business has seen its sales volume increase, but that there have not been any issues with traffic at the location.

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Rotary, you know me through my service on the zoning board and the affordable housing trust fund committee. You know me through my general activities in the city and walking around in circles with my dog, and I think you know that I am accessible and will be available."

Hatleberg said he views himself as coming to the council in a pinch hitting role, and has no plans to run for a full term on the council next year.

"I believe that it is really my place to function as an efficient public steward, as someone who will work with the public and will listen to their voices," he said. "I believe in making things better, and I want to do that."

To the council directly, Hatleberg said he works directly with people and doesn't believe in defining himself by what he is against.

"What that means for each of you moving forward on the things that move the city forward is that I will put the time in and I'll find a way to get to yes on things," he said. "I'll find a way to be productive, to be positive, and to put the time in."

Hatleberg said he believes the city is moving in a good direction.

"I would like to be a part of helping that continue, and at the same time, I view this as frankly only about 20 meetings," he said. "It is important to do the work, to put the energy in, and to execute to make things happen, because it's not a long-term role."

Vidot said she threw her support behind Cromwell because of her long history of involvement in the community without having sought elected office, although she said the council would do well with any of the three finalists.

"I know we will be best suited with someone the likes of Joan Cromwell because she shows up when it matters, the way she is inclusive and talks to everybody, the way she votes when it's not about her needs are," said Vidot. "The way she speaks, she is using we statements, and that is lost in the community where everyone else is always me and I."

District 7 Councilor Tannairi Garcia said it was a tough decision and that all three finalists did a phenomenal job, but said she believed Hatleberg would bring more order and organization to the council.

"I feel that we need that order, and Joan, I know you will bring it to the table as well, but to have someone who has been here before, that is important to me as well and that's why I chose Brian Hatleberg," said Garcia.

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## HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Sunday evening, December 18, and will culminate on Monday, December 26.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees -- a group of fierce warriors who used guerilla tactics against an occupying army -- in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day’s worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional -- and delicious! -- foods such as latkes.

We want to take the opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season.

## LET’S GO MOROCCO!

Even those who have been casually following the World Cup for the past few weeks are aware of the amazing run by Morocco, a team that has ignited the imagination of sports fans around the world after knocking off two European powerhouses, Spain and Portugal, this past week en route to becoming the first team from Africa ever to reach the cup’s semi-final round.

The most-inspiring aspect of Morocco’s ascent to the Final Four of the World Cup is that unlike many of the other teams, who are led by superstars such as Messi, Mbappe, Ronaldo, or Harry Kane, the Moroccans do not rely on one man to win. Their unselfish play and team defense (the Atlas Lions have conceded only one goal in the tournament, and that was an own goal) epitomize the notion of what the “beautiful game” is all about -- 11 players working in sync and harmony to vanquish more highly-regarded opponents.

Morocco’s success is a life-lesson not just for aspiring athletes, but for all of us in whatever endeavor we undertake.

Morocco’s next contest is this Wednesday at 2:00 EST when they take on defending world champion France in what promises to be the Moroccans’ most challenging contest of the tourney.

We know we join with sports fans everywhere who love to root for the underdog in wishing the Moroccan team and their fans good luck -- h’ad saâid!

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# Forum



## GUEST OP-ED

## Celine Dion, Kirstie Alley, Christmas, good news and bad

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Award winning actress Kirstie Alley was diagnosed with cancer shortly before her untimely death at the young age of 71. Grammy award winning Celine Dion has recently been diagnosed with a neurological disease called Stiff Person Syndrome. The disease attacks about one in a million and is a very debilitating disease. She is 54 years old.

Disease, death and bad news can attack anyone at any age and none of us are immune.

Good news came to Britney Griner who spent 10 months in a Russian prison for allegedly having hashish oil in her suitcase at a Moscow airport. She was recently released and is now back in the United States. The Bad news is that arms dealer Victor Bout who smuggled millions of weapons to the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa was released from

prison in exchange for Griner’s release.

Paul Whelan a former United States marine received bad news in that he is still being held in a Russian prison accused of spying. Russia is apparently holding onto him for another deal with the United States. It’s tragic that he wasn’t released with Griner.

Please stay out of Russia, North Korea, Iran and China. There are other places to avoid as well but there are plenty of nice places to visit.

My deceased wife was 37 when she received the bad news that she had multiple sclerosis. The diagnosis was very bad news and Karen died one day at a time for 12 years. The last four years of her life she could do nothing. She required 24-hour care. She became a person trapped inside a body. She died at the age of 49. The toll that such a disease took on our family and my young sons

was severe. Such an illness changes the lives of the entire family. Everyone to some extent is involved in the caregiving and are changed by the emotional drain of sickness and death. However, no one suffers as much as the person struggling with the disease.

Such life struggles play havoc with holidays such as Christmas. Our family never had a normal Christmas for at least 12 years. However, it became our new normal.

Jesus is good news at Christmas. He was bad news to King Herod of Judea. Herod was a mental illness case who ordered the death of all male babies two years old and under in the vicinity of Bethlehem. He hoped to eliminate Jesus because wise men from the East had come to worship him.

We must pray for the families of Kirstie Alley, Celine Dion and Paul Whelan and many others. These families are suf-

fering. Fame and fortune never provide a way of escaping bad news and the results of bad news. We should also pray for one another and rejoice with any good news that comes each other’s way.

We are all sojourners in this life. The message of Christmas is a Savior is born, Christ the Lord, peace on earth and good will toward all.

May good news find its way to you this season of the year and may we all with God’s grace be there for each other when the news is not so good.

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## State Fire Marshal reminds residents to handle candles with care

Candle Safety Day is observed on the second Monday of December, and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding residents to follow safety guidelines as we enter the period when most candle fires start.

“There have been more than 1,000 candle fires in Massachusetts over the past 10 years,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Together, they caused nine deaths, 192 injuries, and over \$32 million in damages. More of these fires started in December than in any other month, and especially on the days leading up to Christmas. If candles are

part of your celebration or decoration, be sure to use them carefully.”

Candles are part of many holiday traditions this time of year, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered the following safety tips to reduce the risk of fire:

- No matter the season, have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside bedrooms, at the top of open stairs, and at the base of cellar stairs.
- Keep a one-foot “circle of safety” around candles, free of anything that can burn.
- Always extinguish candles when you leave the

room or go to sleep, and don’t leave them unattended.

- Use a non-combustible saucer or candleholder.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets, and store matches and lighters up high where kids can’t access them.
- Consider switching to battery-operated flameless candles.

There were 93 candle fires in Massachusetts last year and 75 took place in residential settings. The most common location was the bedroom, followed by the kitchen, bathroom, and living room. One such fire in Boston began when a candle ignited bedroom curtains and spread, caus-

ing half a million dollars in damages and displacing five people from their home.

“Candle fires peaked in Massachusetts in 1999, when we recorded 342 of them,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “The following year, we began observing Candle Safety Day on the second Monday of December to promote awareness of the problem. Since that time, we’ve observed a 73% decrease in candle fires. Let’s continue to practice safe candle use, especially around the holidays.”

For more candle safety resources, including Spanish-language information, visit the DFS website.

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TEMPLE EMMANUEL SISTERHOOD HOLDS DONOR LUNCHEON

Cary Shuman photos

Temple Emmanuel Sisterhood held its Donor Luncheon at the Continental in Saugus.

Cindy Millman served as chairperson of the luncheon that featured a full-course lunch, raffle

drawings, and a special appearance by well-known comedian and magician Johnny Pizzi. The luncheon was dedi-

cated in memory of former Temple Emmanuel Sisterhood Presidents Gloria Glazer and Gloria Gerrig, who were outstanding and

dedicated leaders of the Sisterhood. Temple President Sara Lee Callahan and Rabbi Oksana Chapman pre-

sented a special award to Cindy Millman “in recognition of your incredible accomplishments for this Sisterhood Luncheon.”



Front row, Linda Dall, Janice Doherty, Karina Morot, and Saundra Turyn. Back row, Molly Weisberg, Carol Levine, Rena George, and Francine Grosbart.



Guests are pictured at the Temple Emmanuel Donor Luncheon at the Continental in Saugus.



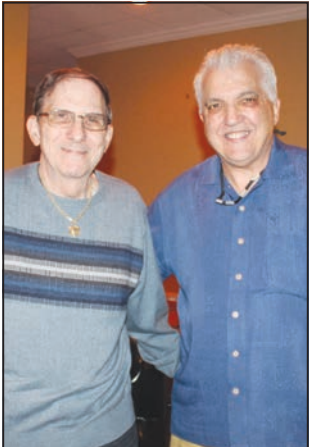
Seated are Morton Padulsky, Edythe Shuman, and Marilyn Winer. Standing are Sandra Levin, Sandra Padulsky, Sheldon Young, and Lynda Padulsky Diamond.



Seated are Brian Novak and Murray Novak. Standing are Dottie Novak, Cathy Novak, and Susan Novak.



Earl Vigoda and his mother, Phyllis Vigoda, are pictured at the Temple Emmanuel Sisterhood Donor Luncheon.



Stephen Vider, with comedian and magician Johnny Pizzi.



Temple Emmanuel and Donor Luncheon leaders, Sara Lee Callahan, Cindy Millman, and Phyllis Vigoda.



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THE CITY OF CHELSEA 5TH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY

Photos by Cary Shuman

The City of Chelsea's 5th Annual Employee Holiday Party was held Dec. 9 at the Hilton Garden Inn, East Boston. The guests enjoyed a delicious buffet and desserts, musical entertainment, and dancing. Chelsea Human Resources Manager Odelisa Macedo did an outstanding job as the chief organizer of the annual party. Macedo thanked Steve Haley and his staff at the Hilton Garden for their hospitality.



Ledia Koco (right), with her mother, Manjola Koco.



Hector Prieto and his mother, Aura Reyes.



Senior Center Director Tracy Nowicki and CHA Director of Operations Paul Nowicki.



Danny Rodriguez and Johanna Rodriguez.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson and Director of Housing and Community Development Alexander Train.



Front row, Diane Gulizia and Ingrid Colon. Back row, Mark Farnsworth, Dave Morency, and Lourdes Garcia.



Senior Director Tracy Nowicki, Michael DeJesus, Deb Connors, and Geraldine Portillo.



Police Chief Keith Houghton, Party Chairperson Odelisa Macedo, and Fire Chief Len Albanese.



Hector Prieto (right) takes a selfie with Jonathan Hecht, Edward Ells, and Odelisa Macedo at the City of Chelsea Employees Holiday Party.



City Councilors Leo Robinson, Tanairi Garcia, and Calvin Brown.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Laurie Giardella are pictured with screenwriter Julianne Homokay and movie director Matt Aaron Krinsky, who is shooting his independent film, "All Saints Day," in Chelsea.



Odelisa Macedo thanks Steve Haley, director of sales and marketing at the Hilton Garden Inn's for his staff's outstanding hospitality.



Jonathan Hecht, Edward Ells, Odelisa Macedo, and Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe.



Front row, from left, Deb Connors, Geraldine Portillo, Tracy Nowicki, and Adela Gonzalez. Back row, from left, Frank Murray, Paul Nowicki and Michael DeJesus.

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THE CITY OF CHELSEA 5TH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY



Representing the Chelsea public schools, first row, from left, Ingrid Colon, Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Rosemarie Carlisle, Carol Sanchez, and Monica Lamboy. Back row, from left, Danny Rodriguez, Johanna Rodriguez, Adam Deleidi, Diane Gulizia, Terry Young, and Veronica Dyer-Medina.



Wendy Tavico, Denia Romero, Odelisa Macedo, Manjola Koco, Hector Gonzalez, Edward Ells, Jonathan Hecht, and Ledia Koco.



Hector Prieto, Denia Romero, Richard Zullo, Odelisa Macedo, and Aura Reyes.



Steve Staffier, Director of Emergency Management and E911; Paula McHatton, Nurse; Lourdes Alvarez, Communication and Community Outreach Manager; Dr. Almi Abeyta, Superintendent of Schools; Keith Houghton, Police Chief; Odelisa Macedo, Human Resources Manager; Tom Ambrosino, City Manager; Ned Keefe, Deputy City Manager; and Lenny Albanese, Fire Chief.

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## CARY HOUSE HOSTS OPEN HOUSE & HOLIDAY GATHERING

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Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Friends of the Governor Bellingham-Cary House Association (GBCHA) joined one another in cheer and gratitude for the first time since before the pandemic on December 10. During the Open House & Holiday Gathering community members shared stories over wassail and desserts, and learned about the prodigious efforts to repair and preserve the historic home over the past three years. Antique furniture and paintings donated by



**Marilyn Glover, retired Chelsea High School Spanish and Latin teacher (1967-2003)**

Doctor Charles Leeds --  
a Chelsea physician and  
GBCHA founding mem-

ber -- were exhibited in several rooms; with more pieces from the collection to be displayed next year.



Friends gathering in the Cary House entrance to sing 12 Days of Christmas.



Cary House President Karen MacInnis speaking with The O'Brien Family.



Cary House President Karen MacInnis leading friends in her family tradition of singing the 12 Days of Christmas.



**Grace Muwina GBCHA Trustee, and Ledia Koco, GBCHA Corresponding Secretary.**



**Cary House President Karen MacInnis and Councilor Calvin Brown.**



Revere residents, Janelle, Mina, and Brendan O'Brien, visiting the Cary House.



**Bruce Mac Innis, Lisa Santagate, Lydia Koco, and Will Piper.**



**GBCHA Trustee Matt Frank, and Patricia Buckley-Rossetti.**



Grace Muwina, Joanne Salza, and Karen MacInnis.



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# Healey, Driscoll announce administration and finance secretary, top staff

Governor-elect Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor-elect Driscoll announced their first round of hires for their incoming administration. Matthew Gorzkowicz will be appointed as Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. Kate Cook will be Chief of Staff and Gabrielle Viator will serve as Senior Advisor.

Matthew Gorzkowicz has more than 25 years' experience in state finance and budgeting in the Commonwealth. He has served as the Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance at the University of Massachusetts President's Office for more than a decade, where he has had a direct role in setting the University's long-range administrative and financial goals and managed the development of an annual operating budget of \$3.8 billion. Prior to UMass, Matt worked in the Massachusetts Senate, the Department of Mental Health, the School Building Authority, and the Executive Office for Administration and Finance under Governor Deval Patrick, where he served as Assistant Secretary for Budget and then Undersecretary. He is a graduate of Northeastern University and lives in Winthrop, MA with his wife and two children.

"In this time of record state revenues and economic stress for so many of our residents, it's essential to have an Administration and Finance Secretary with a proven record of maintaining economic stability and implementing processes that ensure efficiency and effectiveness," said Healey. "Matt Gorzkowicz has done just that in his decades of service to Massachusetts, and I'm proud to have his leadership in our administration."

"I'm honored to be appointed as Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance by Governor-elect Healey and Lieutenant Governor-elect Driscoll," said Gorzkowicz. "This is going to be a dynamic and effective administration, and I'm proud to contribute my experience in state finance and budgeting to serve the Commonwealth. I'm looking forward to getting to work on a number of important priorities that center on equity and affordability and drive progress across the administration."

Kate Cook currently serves as the First Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey, where she assists AG Healey with oversight, operations and decision-making in all legal and policy matters across the office. For over two decades, Cook has served as a trusted legal advisor and litigator for public officials and state and local government agencies. Prior to her appointment as First Assistant, Kate was a partner at Sugarman Rogers, where she chaired the govern-

ment law and election law practice groups and had an active pro bono practice focused on civil rights and civil liberties matters. Kate formerly served as Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Deval L. Patrick, General Counsel to the Massachusetts Senate Ways & Means Committee and Assistant Corporation Counsel to the City of Boston. She holds degrees from Harvard University and Brown University and lives in Marblehead with her husband and daughter.

"Kate has been integral to the operations of the Attorney General's Office and a wonderful addition to our team over the past year," said Healey. "With her strong background serving both in state and city government as well as the private sector, I'm confident that she is the best person to lead our office and build a team that's going to deliver real results for people."

"I'm honored that Governor-elect Healey and Lieutenant Governor-elect Driscoll have placed their faith in me to lead the Governor's Office and for the opportunity to continue my service to the Commonwealth," said Cook. "We're committed to building a strong, experienced and diverse team that is ready to get to work delivering for people and moving Massachusetts forward."

Gabe Viator is the Chief Deputy Attorney General in the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey. She oversees litigation efforts across the office and coordinates policy, government affairs and strategic initiatives. Gabrielle previously served as Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor to AG Healey, and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division. Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Gabrielle practiced commercial litigation as an associate at Ropes & Gray. She also served as a Legislative Director in the State Senate and as a legislative aide in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. She is a graduate of Boston College and Suffolk University Law School, and lives in Beverly with her husband and two daughters.

"Gabe has been a close and trusted advisor to me for many years, and I'm thrilled to have her guidance with us in the Governor's Office," said Healey. "She has outstanding legal and policy experience, a strong commitment to public service and a passion for teamwork, all of which will be invaluable for our team."

"From working with Governor-elect Healey for more than a decade, I've seen firsthand her commitment to the people of Massachusetts and her ability to bring together the very best team to make real progress," said Viator. "I'm honored to continue this partnership in the Governor's Office and excited to get to work creating a stronger Massachusetts."

## Regina Daley

Thoughtful and giving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, December 10 for Regina M. (McCarthy) Daley, 81, of Revere, who died peacefully, surrounded by family at the Kaplan House in Danvers on Monday, December 5 after a brief battle with cancer. Interment was in in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she graduated from Chelsea High in 1959 and continued her education at Cambridge Junior College where she was Student Council president for two years. She continued on to Suffolk University to study architecture while working part time as a draftsman and worked many years for Delta Airlines and Massport, performing various roles.

Regina cherished her time with her family and especially enjoyed her role as "Nana."

She also enjoyed going to dinner, movies and the theater with her friends.

She was the most thoughtful and giving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend with a huge heart and will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of calling her family or friend.

She was the beloved mother of William M Daley and his wife, Lynne)



of Groveland, Christian S. Daley of Seminole, FL, Timothy A Daley and his wife, Tricia of Bedford; the loving sister of Elaine T. Sherriff and her husband, Steve of Peabody and Henry "Mac" McCarthy Jr. of Revere. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Kristen, Julia, Ryan and Michelle of Groveland and Liam and Emmett of Bedford. She was predeceased by her father, Henry McCarthy and mother, Mae (Hatch) McCarthy, both of Chelsea.

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Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.



## Henry John Tintoni, Jr.

GE Retiree

A retired quality control inspector and Vietnam Naval Veteran, Henry J. Tintoni, Jr. passed away on Wednesday, December 7 at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. He was 79 years of age.

Born in San Antonio, Texas and raised in the Boston area, he enlisted in the US Navy in 1962 and served during the Vietnam War. He attained the rank of Storekeeper 3rd class and was honorably discharged in 1966. He retired from General Electric in Everett where he worked as a jet engine inspector.

Henry was a resident at the Chelsea Soldiers Home for several years and previously resided in Medford and Roxbury. He is survived by his brother, Henry Joseph "Hank" Tintoni of Winchester.

Family and friends are most kindly invited to honor Henry while gathering at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, Chelsea Soldiers Home, 91 Crest Ave., today, Thursday, December 15 at 9 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Mass and military honors at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Henry being placed to rest at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home.

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## Marguerite Greco

She will be forever missed and loved by all who loved her



Marguerite S. "Margie" Greco entered eternal rest on Friday evening, December 9 at her son's home in New Hampshire surrounded by the comfort and love of her family. She was 78 years of age.

Born in Boston, the daughter of the late Pasquale and Josephine (Spinale) Farinella, Margie attended Girls' High School in Boston and graduated with the Class of 1962. After high school, Margie married the love of her life, Anthony J. "Tony" Greco and the couple moved to Chelsea, to begin their life as husband and wife.

Margie was a dedicated homemaker, caring for her home and her two sons. She also worked outside of the home as a clerical worker for the MA Department of Revenue. She began her career working in Boston but later moved to the Chelsea office. Upon leaving the MA Dept. of Revenue, Margie performed clerical work for the former law office of Minsk-Levin in Boston. She worked at Minsk-Levin for a number of years until her retirement in 2008.

Margie was an avid Boston sports fan for her entire life. She enjoyed vacationing, knitting, reading and baking. Many will remember Margie for her delicious treats she shared with all of us during the holiday season.

Margie resided in the City of Chelsea for 60 years. She was known for volunteering her time working at the voting polls in Prattville. She will be forever missed and loved by all who loved her, especially her husband Tony and their family.

Margie was the beloved wife of Anthony J. "Tony" Greco, Sr. of Chelsea, with whom she shared 59 years of marriage, the devoted mother Anthony J. Greco, Jr. of New Hampshire and Michael A. Greco and his wife, Stephanie of Ashland; dear sister of Pasquale Farinella and his wife, Catherine of Marsh-

field, Domenic Farinella and his wife, Elayne of Canton and Rosalyn Farinella of Duxbury. She is also lovingly survived by one grandson, Anthony J. Greco, III and three: granddaughters, Christina Greco of New Hampshire and Sarah J. Greco and Nina S. Greco, both of Ashland.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend her funeral in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea today, Thursday, December 15 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at the Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish, Our Lady of Grace, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Entombment in Sheffield Mausoleum at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Margie's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

We encourage family and friends to visit [carafafuneralhome.com](http://carafafuneralhome.com) to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

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Cohen earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont and master's degrees from Simmons University and Salem State University. She lives in Marblehead.

McCaskill worked in Springfield Public Schools for 22 years as a teacher and administrator, including six years as principal of Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy. After serving as director of secondary schools and operations for Hartford Public Schools from 2010-15, McCaskill moved to BPS as executive director of Madison Park Vocational High School. In 2021, he was named chief academic officer for high schools, a position recognized as an assistant superintendent.

McCaskill earned a bachelor's degree from Western New England University in Springfield, a master's from Westfield State University and an education specialist certificate from UMass Amherst. He lives in Boston.

There were 16 applicants for the superintendent position, nine of whom were selected for a 75-minute interview, with three advancing as finalists.

Debra Ruggiero has been serving as interim superintendent since August, after the resignation of Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. She was not an applicant for the permanent position.

In addition to Nicholson, search committee members include: LPS parent Amy Butterworth; School Committee member Donna Coppola; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer Faustina Cuevas; Lynn English High School teacher Lisa Escalera; Washington Elementary School Principal Anthony Frye; LVTI Principal Fred Gallo; North Shore Community College President Dr. William Heineman; LPS parent Quendia Martinez; LPS parent Tanisha Soo Miller; Lynn Teachers Union President Sheila O'Neil; School Committee member Lennin Pena; and Shoemaker Elementary School teacher Julie Potter.

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

WINTHROP- After months of discussion and debate, the Town Council approved new parking regulations for the Center Business District at its meeting Tuesday night.

There will now be two hour street parking allowed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown district

street spaces, with a handful of 15 minute spaces in front of several local businesses.

There are no meters going in, but there will be time limits on parking in the spots during the daytime hours. Winthrop residents with residential parking stickers will still be able to use those spaces to park overnight.

In addition, the council also approved new regulations for the town's municipal lots, allowing people who need to park longer to conduct business downtown to park for up to four hours or longer in some municipal lots.

"The rationale behind this is because parking down in the center is a resource and we need to manage that public resource like we do most other public resources," said Precinct 6 Councilor Stephen Ruggiero. "It's not the most exciting thing to talk about, I don't think we all feel great about it, but at the end of the day there are plenty of downtowns in the Commonwealth that have parking restrictions. What we are not talking about is meters, we are just talking about what our ordinance is going to say."

While the parking restrictions are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Councilor-At-Large Rob DeMarco noted that it does create some leeway for residents who use the downtown spots for overnight parking. Since there is a two-hour parking limit, DeMarco said residents would be able to park in the spots until 9 a.m., and could take a spot again at 5 p.m., and still be within the bounds of the time limit and the allowable resident overnight parking.

Ruggiero stated that there are also parking spots on Putnam Street that were not included in the new ordinance, allowing residents to park for an unlimited amount of time, provided they move their vehicles within 72 hours.

"I just want to commend the rules and ordinance committee," said Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher. "I went to most, if not all of the meetings on this, and think these ordinances do a really great job of striking a balance between protecting resident parking for people who live in the CBD and businesses. I think this is a really good way to meet in the middle."

Public Works Director Steven Calla stated that the town is already sitting on \$6,000 worth of parking signs that have the parking hours listed as 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Calla agreed that the town could possibly still use the same signs, but cover up the five with a seven.

The municipal parking lot ordinance sets a four hour time limit in the town's downtown municipal lots, giving residents who need a longer time to park downtown and other areas of Winthrop more time. Ruggiero noted that there would be some spots with unlimited parking, and that the parking lot near the town tennis courts would not have a time limit because it is near a school.

In other business Tuesday night, Town Manager Tony Marino gave an update on several projects and initiatives around Winthrop.

"The capital plan is en route, we are sending out forms this week to all the department heads," said Marino. "We've got a smaller capital plan that was formed by our facilities department, but we are going to do a more in-depth one this year."

Marino said the town is also working on finalizing a draft for a trash policy.

"I'll get that out to the council hopefully by the end of the week to take a look at and review, and we can bring that up at a future meeting," said Marino.

Marino added that the \$160 annual trash bills will also be going out in January.

The town received five bids on a request for proposals for town legal services, including one from the town's current legal counsel, according to Marino. He said those bids will be reviewed in the coming days.

Marino also said the town ferry is currently in Newburyport undergoing repairs.

"When all is said and done, we will have two new engines and two new transmissions and we will be ready to kick off," said Marino. He said the town had the \$100,000 needed for repairs, and that the ferry should be ready for service again in March.

COUNCIL APPROVES INITIAL DEPOSIT TO OPIOID RECOVERY TRUST FUND

By Adam Swift  
REVERE-More than \$250,000, the initial payment in a statewide opioid settlement, has been transferred to a special trust fund in Revere.

Monday night, the City Council approved transferring the \$254,470 for calendar year 2022, the first year of the settlement, to the new Opioid Recovery and Remediation Trust Fund. Revere is slated to receive over \$1.2 million as a result of the settlement through 2038.

The council had the option of reviewing the transfer in subcommittee, but unanimously voted to move ahead and approve the transfer to the trust fund.

"I have no problem whatsoever, we talked about creating the trust fund at our last meeting, and it just makes perfect sense to fund it," said Councilor-at-Large Dan Rizzo. "It just makes perfect sense to fund it, the funding is there, (city finance director Richard Viscay) shows where the money was allocated in the general fund and it's just a matter of sliding it over."

Last month, the council approved setting up the trust fund.

"The purpose of this trust fund, once established, will be to supplement prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs throughout the city," stated Viscay.

In July of 2021, state Attorney General Maura Healey announced a \$26 billion resolution with opioid distributors and Johnson & Johnson which will provide more than \$500 million to Massachusetts and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.

Per the state's revenue department, all the money collected from the settlement goes into a municipality's general fund unless a general law exists to spend it for a particular purpose.

The vote to create the special trust fund allows the city to use the funds in the manner set out in the opioid settlement.

Healey, the governor-elect, also has several other potential opioid settlements in the works, which could mean more money for cities and towns.

On Nov. 15, Healey announced a proposed \$3 billion nationwide resolution with Walmart, which could provide more than \$61 million to cities and towns in Massachusetts.

On Nov. 23, Healey announced a proposed \$6.6 billion nationwide resolution with drugmakers Teva and Allergan, which will provide more than \$130 million to the Commonwealth and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery across Massachusetts, once finalized.

The AG stated that the parties are optimistic that the proposed settlements will gain critical support from attorneys general

nationwide, so that local governments have an opportunity to join the resolutions during the first quarter of 2023.

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CITY PAWS

Dog training season

By Penny & Ed  
Cherubino

Winter is a great time to concentrate on dog training. When icy cold days have you seeking alternatives for long walks to burn off your dog’s energy, turn to training to engage the dog’s mind. Learning something new can be exhausting. Following a training session with a game of fetch is good exercise.

Neither your dog’s age nor how long you’ve had

the pup matters. Solid basic training and constant reinforcement are critical to a great canine/human relationship. Think about how you’d like to adjust how you and your dog interact and use the quieter months ahead to work on specific goals.

Positive Training,  
Not Pain

The Humane Society of the United States warns, “Some trainers use aversive collars to train ‘difficult’ dogs with correction

or punishment. These collars rely on physical discomfort or even pain to teach the dog what not to do. They suppress the unwanted behavior but don’t teach him what the proper one is. At best, they are unpleasant for your dog, and at worst, they may cause your dog to act aggressively and even bite you. Positive training methods should always be your first choice.”

First, Train Yourself

After years of having dogs, training dogs, and

writing about dogs, Penny recently took an online course in positive dog training. She learned new ways to approach specific issues we still have with our Westie Poppy, like barking inside our home. This approach proved worth the time it took to train the human.

There are excellent resources online, available through library cards, and in-person classes that train you and your dog together. You might need a veterinary behaviorist or qualified positive trainer if you have serious issues.

Motivation

Whatever positive method you choose, you must determine what motivates your dog. Since many treats are needed to keep up the training, they should be small. Tiny bits of cheese, sausage, or jerky might work. It should be something reserved for training and that your dog loves. Naturally, you can double up the reward with lots of praise and a pat here and there.

Have Fun!

You can invent your



Training your dog to sit quietly under a table without begging is something you can do over the winter.

helpful interactions. Penny taught Poppy to back up using the cue, “Beep Beep.” It’s useful when our little dog climbs like a goat on the arm of a sofa or tries to invade the kitchen.

You might teach your dog to dance with you, do funny tricks, or play fun games like finding a hidden treat. As long as your dog enjoys the activities and it makes both of you happy, it’s good training.

Favorite Tips

Whatever you decide to teach your dog, add a sound to indicate you want your dog to pay attention to you. A hand signal, in addition, to each verbal cue, is helpful when you’re on Zoom or engaged in conversation. Hand signals are valuable in later years if a dog’s

hearing fails.

For some training, you might need another dog or person to act as a distraction. When your dog is dependable inside, it’s time to add the challenge of doing the same outside around other dogs and people. Consider partnering with another dog family to refine some behaviors.

Dogs need to learn and remember how to behave in public, and it’s more critical with city dogs because they spend so much time out and about. Training should begin at the start of your relationship and continue for a lifetime.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

DiDomenico Joins Pearl Harbor Commemoration

On December 7, Senator DiDomenico joined veterans, the National Parks Service, and USS Constitution crew to remember the courageous servicemembers who were lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor 81 years ago. The commemoration took place on the USS Cassin Young, an historic WWII destroyer, and at the USS Constitution Museum where veterans and

service members spoke about this anniversary and its impact on our country.

“I was honored to join veterans in remembering and paying our respects to the many soldiers who tragically lost their lives on this day 81 years ago,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “Serving our country in the military is a courageous and dangerous job,

and I am proud to lead on legislative efforts that support and take care of our current service members, veterans and their families. Pearl Harbor Day is also a time to reflect on the many heroes serving our country and the many sacrifices they make to keep our nation and residents safe. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for all they do for our country.”



Pictured (left to right) are Anne Grimes Rand, President, USS Constitution Museum; Commander B.J. Farrell, USN, 77th in Command of USS Constitution; Kay Van Valkenburgh, great grandson of USS Arizona Captain Franklin Van Valkenburgh; Superintendent Michael Creasey, General Superintendent, National Parks of Boston; Robert Santiago, Commissioner, City of Boston Veterans Services; Cheryl Lussier Poppe, Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Veterans’ Services; USS Cassin Young Veteran.

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DIDOMENICO PRESENTS LATINO EDUCATION AWARDS TO CHELSEA EDUCATORS

Senator DiDomenico recently visited the Mary C. Burke School Complex to present several Chelsea educators with citations for their recognition at the State of Latino Education ceremony. Latinos for Education hosted a special event at the State House to highlight the importance of educator diversity and to recognize education leaders across Massachusetts who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic. “These educators were chosen for their contributions, leadership, and unwavering commitment to educational equity,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “I was proud to speak about their accomplishments in front of the first graders of the Mary C. Burke School Complex and highlight why they have received this distinction. Congratulations again to all the awardees!”

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