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The members of the newly formed HEART (High-Risk Emergency Action Relocation Team) are pictured at a meeting Tuesday at La Colaborativa. Front row, from left, are Police Detective Rosie Medina, and Officers Taisha Santiago, Nichole McLaughlin, and Jenny Builes of the Chelsea Police Department. Back row, from left, are Police Chief Keith Houghton, Jessica Armijo, Officer Mustafa Mirza, Donna Mejia, Officer Daniel Arteaga, Jazmine Hernandez, Loren Sokol, La Colaborativa Policy and Organizing Director Norielez DeJesus, La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega, Officer Fernando Camacho, Officer Jonathan Maldonado, and Elizabeth DeJesus.

## HEART makes its presence felt

### CPD, La Colaborativa team up to assist Chelsea residents in emergencies

By Cary Shuman

A new task force in Chelsea, HEART (High Risk Emergency Action Relocation Team) - a collaborative effort between the Chelsea Police Department, led by Chief Keith Houghton and La Colaborativa, led by Executive Director Gladys Vega - was tested immediately during this past weekend's below-zero temperatures.

Officially formed last week, HEART sprung into action on Saturday during a serious dip in temperatures.

"The day started off at negative-8 degrees, and we had smoke coming out of one of the furnaces [in a residence], and there was an evacuation," said Officer Jonathan Maldonado. "When we responded [with the Chelsea Fire Department] to the scene, there were 17 people stranded outside the building, from ages 3 to 80, and three cats."

"We were able to bring the residents to the station in our van, and ultimately we transported them to the La Colaborativa," continued Maldonado.

Vega ordered food for the residents and arranged for transportation to a local hotel where the displaced residents were able to stay until the situation at their apartments was resolved.

Vega stressed that the task force's reach will extend beyond relocation efforts. "This is about assisting our community in a partnership [with the

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## Traffic Commission approves making Broadway bus lane permanent

By Adam Swift

The city's Traffic and Parking Commission approved making the bus and bike lane on Broadway permanent.

The request was initially made by former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino in a letter dated Sept. 28, 2022.

"The goal is to make permanent the bus and bike lane that operates downtown currently between Fay Square and Third Street/Everett Avenue," said Alex Train, the city's Housing and Community Development Director. "Currently, the bus lane operates to serve the Route 111, Route 112, and other local bus routes. A study that the city commissioned did demonstrate that it had no adverse impact on traffic and it did improve safety in the downtown."

As a result of that study, Train said the city administration recommended that the bus and bike lane be made permanent, as well as be integrated into the redesign of the infrastructure downtown.

The City Council typically has the final sign off on recommendations approved by the Traffic and Parking Commission.

In other business, the commission approved a

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## Concerns raised about vocational school project

By Adam Swift

Last year, the School Committee, City Council, and Chelsea voters opposed plans to build a new \$317 million Northeast Metropolitan Technical Vocational High School in Wakefield.

The 12 member communities of the vocational school district voted on funding for the project. That vote was triggered by the Chelsea City Council's vote not to support the funding of the project, stating it would place an unfair financial burden on the city.

While Chelsea voters were against the price tag for the project, it wasn't enough to stop the project from moving forward with wide support from the other member communities.

At last week's School Committee meeting, several speakers raised the potential of continued opposition to the planned new vocational school.

Washington Avenue resident Lee Farrington said she is part of a group

of residents who have come together to publicly address what she said are many serious issues involved in the plan to build a new vocational high school in Wakefield. She said the group is advocating with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and the state's environmental protection agency to review the school building plan so that a more cost effective and environmentally sensitive school can be built instead.

"A year ago, Chelsea voted against the \$317 million cost," said Farrington. "Unbeknownst to most people at the time of the vote, this high cost is because the school will be built on a rocky ledge in the middle of a forest 60 feet below the lower campus where the current school now sits. As pointed out in an earlier pre-feasibility study, this location is far from ideal, given the high cost of site preparation, including six

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## Crossing guard recognized for exemplary service

By Adam Swift

School crossing guards don't usually get the recognition they deserve for being out in all weather making sure students make it safely to and from school on the busy city streets.

But at last week's meeting, the School Committee presented a certificate of appreciation to Paul Cameron for his service as a crossing guard.

The honor stemmed from a letter Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta said she received in January. Abeyta said the honor reflects upon all the district's crossing guards and its transportation team.

"Sometimes we get negative news and don't always get the positive, and this was a really sweet letter honoring one of our crossing guards, Paul Cameron," Abeyta said.

The letter, from a Jones Avenue resident, said they take a left onto Sagamore and then a right onto Garfield Street to get onto the bridge to get to work every morning.

"As there is traffic most mornings, I had the time to observe one of the city's

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## DIDOMENICO JOINS MOTHERS OUT FRONT RALLY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE



Senator Sal DiDomenico recently joined the Mothers Out Front organization for a rally at the State House. Senator DiDomenico was joined by other elected officials and an impressive showing of Mothers Out Front advocates from his district and from local chapters throughout the Commonwealth. DiDomenico vowed to attendees that he would continue to fight for the most aggressive climate actions in the legislature so we can protect our environment and planet for generations to come. The advocates walked through the State House to the Governor's office and were able to spend time meeting with Governor Healey, Massachusetts' newly appointed Climate Chief, Melissa Hoffer, and the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Rebecca Tepper.

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Crossing Guard Supervisor Kim Geraci, Crossing guard Paul Cameron, and School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia.



FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES  
OF ARNOLD JARMAK



The newly-elected members of the Chelsea School Committee are shown being sworn into office in January, 1986, at Chelsea High School. In the top photo are (l-r) Liz McBride, Lydia Walata, and Bruce Robinson. In the bottom photo are (l-r): Andrew P. Quigley (standing left), Morry Seigal, Anthony “Chubby” Tiro, and Mike Wall. (Seated in the bottom photo is newly-elected Alderman Asa Hubner). A few years later, at the urging of Quigley, the School Committee, comprised primarily of these same members, voted to bring in Boston University to run the city’s school system, a decision that forever changed the trajectory of education for Chelsea’s schoolchildren.



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crossing guards, Paul Cameron, and he has three crosswalks to monitor on rainy, snowy, icy sidewalks, in downpour, and in the heat,” Abeyta stated, reading from the letter. “He gets yelled at by people who are in such a hurry, they forget to slow down.” Cameron is always ready to jump out to slow down or stop traffic and guide students and adults across the street.

“I’ve witnessed him guide a scared child across the street,” the letter stated. “In a time when most people are apt to criticize rather than compliment, I feel it is important to let someone know when they are doing a great job. Paul is a valuable part of our community, and I am so thankful for everything he does.” Abeyta said the letter represents work done by all the crossing guards.

“We love all of our crossing guards,” she said. “The letter was so touching, we just wanted to say thank you publicly.” School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia thanked Cameron for his work. “Thank you, Paul, and all of the crossing guards in our city who work to keep our students safe and sound,” Garcia said.

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News in Brief

240K GRANT  
TO FUND HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENT  
INTERNSHIPS

The MassHire Metro North Workforce Board (MNWB) was awarded \$240,000 through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Connecting Activities grant to fund 160 high school students in high-quality STEM internships with local employers. Interns will be students from our partner high schools in Chelsea, Burlington, Malden, Reading, Revere, Somerville, and Woburn.

This initiative aims to expose students to STEM career fields and build partnerships where both employer and intern benefit. The MNWB Youth team will work with the employers and interns to ensure a mutually beneficial match. Employers can decide how many interns they host between February and September.

To best serve the communities, STEM employer partners who can work with interns who speak Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, and Haitian Creole are highly encouraged to apply. We also seek employers who can match students from underrepresented backgrounds with mentors from similar backgrounds.

Interested STEM employers, please sign up here: <https://form.jotform.com/223136513606146>

For more information contact: Kate Armstrong, STEM Programs Manager, at [kArmstrong@masshiremetronorth.org](mailto:kArmstrong@masshiremetronorth.org)

MassHire Programs & Services are funded in part by US Department of Labor (USDOL) Employment and Training Administration grants. Additional details furnished upon request.

NATIONAL GRID  
OFFERS SAVINGS  
INITIATIVE

National Grid is proud to serve a diverse community of Massachusetts residents and provide bill help solu-

tions during challenging economic times. Through the company’s Winter Customer Savings Initiative, nearly 60,000 customers have enrolled in the company’s discount program, which provides eligible customers with 25-32 percent savings on their utility bills. An additional 12,000 customers have signed up for bill management programs since the program was launched in September 2022.

Spanish and Chinese speaking customers can now find the resources they need in their favored language through the Winter Customer Saving Initiative web page at [ngrid.com/heretohelp](http://ngrid.com/heretohelp).

National Grid remains committed to providing customers a variety of energy-saving tips and billing options to help offset the increases in this winter’s energy prices. Customers in need of billing assistance or additional support can visit [ngrid.com/heretohelp](http://ngrid.com/heretohelp) to learn more.

National Grid se enorgullece de prestar servicio a una comunidad diversa de residentes de Massachusetts y brindar soluciones de ayuda con las facturas durante tiempos difíciles a nivel económico. A través de la iniciativa de ahorro para clientes durante el invierno de la empresa, casi 60 000 clientes se han inscrito en el programa de descuento de la empresa, que ofrece a los clientes elegibles un ahorro del 25 al 32 % en sus facturas de servicios públicos. Otros 12 000 clientes se han inscrito en programas de gestión de facturas desde que el programa se puso en marcha en septiembre de 2022.

Los clientes que hablan español y chino ahora pueden encontrar los recursos que necesitan en su idioma favorito a través de la página web de la iniciativa de ahorro para clientes durante el invierno en [ngrid.com/heretohelp](http://ngrid.com/heretohelp).

National Grid mantiene su compromiso de proporcionar a los clientes una variedad de consejos para ahorrar energía y opciones de facturación para ayudar

a compensar los aumentos en los precios de la energía de este invierno. Los clientes que necesitan asistencia con la facturación o ayuda adicional pueden visitar [ngrid.com/heretohelp](http://ngrid.com/heretohelp) para obtener más información.

BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH EVENTS

Looking for ways to celebrate and learn about Black history in the Mystic? Check out these opportunities and community events happening around the watershed:

- Explore the works of Medford Poet Laureate Terry E. Carter. We were excited to see Terry E. Carter, GreenRoots and environmental justice featured in the newest installation at the Mystic Mural Project (pictured above) — a 22-year-long mural project near Blessing of the Bay in Somerville sponsored by the Somerville Arts Council and led by artist David Fichter.

- Learn more about the Royall House & Slave Quarters in Medford, MA: “As one of the only remaining freestanding quarters where enslaved people lived and worked in the North, the museum bears witness to their lives, to the intertwined stories of wealth and bondage in pre-Revolutionary Massachusetts, and to the resistance and political and legal activism of enslaved and free Black people in the eighteenth century.”

- Visit the Museum of Science’s Black History Month celebration, spotlighting influential Black scientists and engineers — including local figures like Lewis Howard Latimer (1848–1928), the inventor, electrical engineer, and patent draftsman born in Chelsea, MA.

- Follow the West Medford Community Center as they share Medford’s Black history and uplift Black entrepreneurs, creators, and artists.

- Check out the Chelsea Black Community’s great series of events and community activities throughout Black History Month!

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months of blasting and rock crushing at a cost of \$40 million.”

Northeast Vocational Superintendent David DiBarri has countered a number of arguments raised against the building plan, including the length of the blasting schedule and the suitability of the location.

DiBarri and district officials have also addressed the pre-feasibility study, which has been raised by Farrington and other opponents of the project.

“After failing to gain the support of the MSBA for several years, the District sought the assistance of D&W to help improve their MSBA Statement of Interest (SOI) which when accepted, begins the MSBA Funding Assistance process,” DiBarri stated. “The report is titled ‘Pre-feasibility Study: Existing Conditions Investigation and Educational Visioning Report’ and the purpose was just that of the title – a high level conditions assessment. Rudimentary sketches and ideas were put forth for locations that did not consider the new MSBA and DESE Chapter 70 required programs, which were not defined. “The location noted by

the opponents to the project would not accommodate the new school and required layout for shops and associated academic spaces,” DiBarri continued. “The location was also bound by larger environmental issues such as proximity to wetland, two rivers, and no access to an alternate driveway.”

In Wakefield, a number of residents, under the umbrella of the Friends of the NEMT Forest, have raised concerns about the use of the forest land on the building site.

At last week’s School Committee meeting, Farrington said the building plan as proposed also has safety concerns, with students and staff having to go back and forth up a series of zigzag steps on a steep hillside.

“The pre-feasibility study developed a plan to build on the playing field next to the current school,” said Farrington. “The building would be large enough to meet the educational requirements and would not destroy wetlands, which are 100 feet away. It would be a more common sense option that would preserve a pristine forest.” Farrington urged the School Committee to con-

tact the MSBA to reassess the plan for the new vocational high school, noting that the MSBA has been known to reverse decisions in the past.

Bob Brooks of Wakefield, who said he is an abutter to the project said the project could result in the loss of up to 2,000 trees, altering the tree canopy in the area forever.

Brooks noted that there were three designs considered by the school building committee, and that the option that was picked has the highest level of blasting and development, as well as the highest cost in roadwork and utilities.

“It was also noted that the accessibility from the school was less than ideal because it was on two platforms,” said Brooks.

Because the vocational school building issues were brought up during public speaking and were not on the School Committee agenda, committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera said the committee could not speak directly to the issue. However, he did note that both the School Committee and the City Council supported a resolution against the project in general.



# Dr. Neville plans Chelsea Research Festival for May 18 at Chelsea High School

By Cary Shuman

Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville has it all well covered on the Chelsea Research Festival website.

Under the category of goals for the second annual Festival which will take place on May 18 at Chelsea High, the esteemed Boston College doctoral program graduate and Brown University Research Fellow writes: Share the results of research about Chelsea to Chelsea residents; give Chelsea residents the opportunity to hear about the advances in health and science to which they have contributed; add their own perspectives to the results and next steps; expose Chelsea residents, especially middle and high school students, to career and educational paths in research, the sciences, etc. and provide them with networking opportunities.

Neville, wife of Chelsea School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera, said another goal is also to give residents, researchers, and organizations, a forum for ex-



Dr. Sarah Neville (far right) visited GreenRoots ECO to offer advice about how the group can use research methods in its next advocacy campaign.

changing ideas, and that’s what participants and attendees at this year’s Festival will experience.

**Engaging Young People**

The organizers of the Festival have visited three local groups, La Collaborativa’s STEM group, Chelsea’s Wright Science and Technology Academy’s after-school program, and GreenRoots ECO and made a presentation, entitled “All About Research,” to students.

“We talked about what research and gave three

examples of different studies that have happened in Chelsea, and we explained the different methods of the studies and what can be done with the results,” said Neville, who was accompanied by MGH research assistant Dan Pacella, a member of the Festival’s planning committee.

“We wanted to show that research is more than just doing work in a lab,” added Neville. “Research can be relevant to one’s own life in the community, and there’s a huge variety

in the forms that research can take.”

Neville said she would like to get more students involved in this year’s Festival.

“We’re trying to do these visits to classrooms and to youth organizations to get the momentum going for participating in the Festival, also to inspire them to consider research careers later on,” said Neville.

**Sharing the results**

Neville said that there have been several research projects happening in Chelsea, including the Chelsea Project that monitors COVID levels in wastewater, and the Chelsea EATS study, completed by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, that examined food insecurity in Chelsea.

“I am also a social science researcher, and I know that in order to do research in a community, community members have to give up their time and energy to respond to surveys and share parts of their lives,” Neville noted.

“Usually, the responders don’t end up hearing about the results of the research they contribute to. That was the primary idea behind the Chelsea Research Festival – to create a venue where researchers can give back to the community in that way, to show people where their impact has been. The researchers will be able to spend time with community members at the Festival and explain the results of their work to them.”

**Beth Israel and MGH Chelsea big supporters of the Festival**

Dr. Neville said that last year, the Festival’s inaugural year, the MGH Chelsea Healthcare Center made the event possible. “The leaders of the MGH Chelsea Research Program, Amy Izen, Dr. Julie Levinson, Dr. Rohit Chandra, are really passionate about community-based research and making sure that research at MGH isn’t happening in silos,” explained Neville. “They were real champions for making sure this event

happened. They helped to fund last year’s Festival, and we held it in the Chelsea High gymnasium and welcomed 30 research presentations.”

This year, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Chelsea and the Chelsea Cultural Council have stepped up to provide the funding for the Festival. Beth Israel has also been very supportive in planning and organizing this year’s Festival.

“There’s a lot of people who are working hard in planning and supporting the event,” said Neville. “Staff from the Chelsea Public Schools, City Hall, Bunker Hill Community College, HarborCOV, GreenRoots, and La Collaborativa, are all donating their time and energy to make sure the Festival fits the needs of the community.”

(People interested in participating in the Chelsea Research Festival can visit the Website and submit their research proposals. The deadline for research submission is March 17, 2023.)

# Healey-Driscoll announce appointments to the State Veterans’ Homes Council

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced the appointment of seven members to the Veterans’ Homes Council. Established through a 2022 law aimed at strengthening the governance of veterans services in the Commonwealth, the Council is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans’ Services to ensure the health, well-being, and safety of residents of state-operated Veterans’ Homes and access to equitable, high quality, and competent care for veterans across the Commonwealth.

“The Veterans’ Homes Council will play a critical role in ensuring that we are providing the care that our veterans need and deserve. These seven appointees have an intimate understanding of the complex needs of veterans, including access to health care, mental health care, housing and food assistance,” said Governor Maura T. Healey. “Our administration is grateful to the Legislature and our teams at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and Department of Veterans’ Services for their hard work to create

this important council.”

“As the proud daughter of a Navy veteran, I understand how important it is that our veterans receive comprehensive services and care,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “This Council will be critical for ensuring that families can trust that their loved ones are being well cared for in our Veterans’ Homes and that their health, safety and well-being are protected.”

“We are pleased to reach this important milestone in the implementation of chapter 144 and appreciate the valuable perspective that today’s appointees will bring to the Veterans’ Homes Council,” said Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services Mary A. Beckman. “The Council will contribute meaningfully to ensuring that the Commonwealth’s Veterans’ Homes provide high quality care and support the health, safety and well-being of our veterans.”

The Council’s responsibilities include recommending improvements and policies for Veterans’ Homes to the Secretary of Veterans’ Services, submitting recommendations for appointments and re-

moval of Veterans’ Homes Superintendents, and developing an annual report reviewing the Veterans’ Homes’ demographics, finances, staffing levels, efficacy, equity, and resident well-being.

These council appointees include four individuals appointed by Governor Maura Healey and three individuals appointed by the Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services Mary Beckman, and as indicated in statute.

**Appointed by the Governor:**

Ziven Drake is a US Air Force Veteran who served as a Crew Chief in Tactical Aircraft Maintenance. She is a current member of the Pile Drivers Local 56 Union. Drake currently serves as Assistant Executive Director of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship Training Fund.

Lt. Colonel USMC (Retired) Mike Dunford is a retired US Marine Corps Reserve Officer and served as the Chief Human Resources Officer and Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Covidien. Dunford is an active member of the business community and a veteran

advocate focused on employment, food security, homelessness, case management and outreach. Dunford currently serves as president of the Cape & Islands Veteran Outreach Center.

Colonel USA (Retired) Andrea Gayle-Bennett

Andrea Gayle-Bennett, Retired Army Colonel, Brigadier General (Massachusetts), served for more than 35 years in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, including as a chief physician assistant and battalion surgeon. Gayle-Bennett currently serves on the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, the Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans’ Services, the North Shore Community College Board of Trustees, and is corporate secretary for the Veteran Business Owners Initiative.

Michael Jefferson, a veteran of the US Marine Corps, is president of Somerville IAFF Local 76 and founder of the Fraternal Order of Firefighter Military Veterans, Inc. He is also a member and director of the Member Assistance Program for the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts.

**Appointed by Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services:**

Dr. Louis Chow, PhD is the Sr. Director of Network Development and Training Institute at Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Mass General Hospital program. He is a clinical psychologist, Assistant in Psychology at MGH, Instructor in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and a specialist in treating veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and other invisible wounds of war. Dr. Chow has overseen the education and training of thousands of clinicians and health professionals across the Commonwealth seeking to care for veterans impacted by the invisible wounds of war.

Tony Francis, MBA serves as the president and CEO of Edgar Benjamin Health Center, a non-profit nursing home in Boston and the only minority-owned nursing home in New England. Francis brings with him broad experience in long-term care, business administration and management consulting. He has served as chairman of the Central Boston Elder Services Board of Directors and is

currently a co-chair of the Boston Healthcare Preparedness Coalition.

Jill Landis, RN has been the vice president of quality management at Integritus Healthcare, a not-for-profit committed to fulfilling the health and residential needs of communities, since 2008. Landis previously was a regional nurse manager at Genesis Health Care, where her responsibilities included the management of quality outcomes for nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Landis is certified in rehabilitation nursing and is a member of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association.

In addition to the seven members appointed by Governor Healey and Acting Secretary Beckman, the Veterans’ Homes Council includes Executive Director of Veterans’ Homes and Housing Robert Engell, who serves as chair, and Chelsea and Holyoke Soldiers’ Homes Boards of Trustees members, who are ex officio, voting members.

# Councilors introduce resolution in support of Forbes proposal

By Adam Swift

The future of the 17.7-acre Forbes waterfront property is still up in the air, as a group of local non-profits continue to work together to purchase the property as a site for future affordable housing, green space, and waterfront access for Chelsea residents.

Last month, the Planning Board rejected a request by YIHE Forbes, LLC to extend their permits to build a 590-unit residential development on the property for one year.

Monday night, City Councilors Norieliz DeJesus, Tanairi Garcia, Melinda Vega, and Judith Garcia introduced a resolution requesting the City Council and city support efforts by GreenRoots, The Neighborhood Developers, Mystic River Watershed Association, and the Mass

Audubon Society to purchase the property.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor made a motion that the resolution be moved to a subcommittee on conference for further discussion. Council President Leo Robinson said he believed there needed to be some discussion among the council about the role the city would play in any potential purchase of the Forbes property.

“It’s unfortunate that we cannot celebrate this evening this amazing vision for our community,” said DeJesus.

DeJesus thanked the local nonprofits working together on the potential purchase, as well as the different city departments that have listened to concerns and acknowledged that the proposed project is one that the city has needed for many years.

“This site is in my district, it is in my neighbor-

hood and I can see it when I look out my window,” said DeJesus. “Every time I look at it, I am reminded of the current state of our housing crisis in the community which is continuing to increase, and yet here we have land that is literally wasting away. I want to acknowledge that this is a project that will bring forward green space, it will bring forward affordable housing, it will bring forward affordable home ownership and so many ideas and so many needs that our community continues to share that they need.”

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said she supports the resolution and efforts by the nonprofits, but added that moving the resolution to subcommittee for further discussion does not necessarily mean some of her colleagues will not support it.

“I am reading the reso-

lution and I’m getting the fuzzies inside at the idea that the community could come together and create affordable housing in an area that is climate resilient with green space,” said Vidot. “When I first got into the City Council, many of the nonprofits were very siloed, and seeing a group of them get together to try to do something for the betterment of the community makes my heart skip a beat.”

However, she said that some of the councilors might still want some more information about the city’s role in the project.

“I’m hoping that in the subcommittee, the nonprofits can come and we can talk about it and have an in-depth conversation about how this can benefit our community,” said Vidot.

# Traffic / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

plan to add a second vehicular peak a.m. lane on Everett Avenue southbound.

“Due to rush hour traffic, at times it is difficult for drivers to access the Rte. 1 onramp going into town,” said Train. “We would propose adding a restricted lane that would only operate between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.”

After 10 a.m., drivers would be able to use the metered parking spaces along the southbound side of Everett Avenue.

“We did have our transportation consultant examine this just to determine whether there would be any adverse impacts, and they concluded that there wouldn’t be any negative impacts if it was

done,” said Train.

The commission also agreed to have the traffic consultant look into the feasibility of a request made by a resident to make Clark Avenue one way between Stockton Street and Webster Avenue.

“Due to the fact that this involves the direction of the street and traffic circulation, we would want to table this in order to examine the operational and safety impact a change might have,” said Train. “The resident that petitioned the commission did cite a number of reasons for the request, so we would propose relaying this to our transportation engineer just to look into it to make sure it was viable and wouldn’t have any negative impacts.”

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HEALTH CARE FOR ALL IS A PUBLIC GOOD

We were pleased to see that our newly-elected State Representative, Judith Garcia, announced last week that she has co-sponsored An Act to Advance Health Equity, a bill that aims to close the gap in healthcare by prioritizing equity in state government, regulating data reporting on health equity, and improving access to and the quality of healthcare for historically-disadvantaged communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought into stark contrast the disparity in outcomes between those in our society who have good health care options vs. those who do not. The COVID-19 death rates in poorer communities far exceeded those in wealthier communities (which is typical for just about every disease and illness known to man).

Based on a data analysis of more than 3,000 counties across the US, Americans in poorer counties died at almost twice the rate of those in wealthier counties at the start of the pandemic. That dichotomy became even more pronounced in the later waves of the pandemic, when death rates in economically-disadvantaged counties were three and four times the rates of more-affluent counties.

But those of us who are fortunate enough to have access to healthcare should not be deluded into thinking that this is “someone else’s” problem. The COVID-19 pandemic proved conclusively that what happens anywhere can have serious implications everywhere.

Communicable diseases are “communicable” because they spread and, as we learned from COVID-19, viruses do not discriminate between rich and poor. Persons in wealthier communities overall may have had better outcomes because of better access to healthcare, but when viruses spread rapidly through communities without good healthcare options, it is inevitable that all of us are affected (and infected).

The simple point we’re trying to make is that in our interconnected world in which we rely on each other for everything, it is to the advantage of everyone to make sure that every member of our society has access to quality healthcare.

This is both a moral imperative and a common-sense goal that benefits every member of society.

We applaud Rep. Garcia for sponsoring this bill and we urge the legislature to pass it forthwith.

NO CHILD SHOULD LIVE IN DEEP POVERTY

We also wish to voice our support for a bill sponsored by our State Senator, Sal DiDomenico, the Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate, that seeks to accelerate the timetable for lifting children in our state out of what is known as Deep Poverty.

The Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty would raise the maximum cash assistance grant by 25% a year until it reaches half of the federal poverty level. Families living below half the federal poverty level are considered to be in Deep Poverty. Under Senator DiDomenico’s bill, grants would increase each year and would keep pace with inflation as the poverty level goes up.

Senator DiDomenico has been instrumental in leading the charge in the legislature to raise the grant levels three times for a total increase of 32% beginning in January, 2021.

According to the Massachusetts Budget & Policy Center, almost 80,000 children in our state live in Deep Poverty, a situation that not only is unconscionable in 2023, but that also is counterproductive to the future of our society.

We urge the legislature to pass this bill immediately to ensure that no child in our state lacks food, clothing, and the other basic necessities of life.

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Addressing inequity was always the goal of this legislation

By Judith Garcia

Since before I announced my candidacy for state representative, I’ve been in awe of the historic seat I am humbled to now hold. During my campaign, I promised the voters of the 11th Suffolk that I would use this seat to center the priorities of this district—which also means giving a voice to the most vulnerable, marginalized, ignored people in our Commonwealth. In my opinion, it is a core responsibility of whoever is fortunate enough to represent this community, because we know as well as anyone what it feels like to be unheard.

After being sworn in on January 4th, I, along with my colleagues, had a few weeks to read, write, confirm support for, and file our legislation. Among those I am proud to have sponsored are bills that seek to protect renters from discrimination, address healthcare inequities, and promote youth development in working class communities like ours. Last week, one of the bills I co-sponsored,

HD 3822, attracted significant national attention. This particular legislation was written at the request of one of the most ignored groups of people in society: incarcerated individuals and their families. It sought to allow people in prison to voluntarily donate organs and bone marrow to family members and loved ones in need of treatment. Presently at the mercy of our criminal justice system, they lack a clear pathway to do that. After speaking with my colleagues and supporters of the bill, I, along with three other state representatives of majority-minority districts across our state, sponsored a bill hoping to establish that pathway.

The bill in its original form included reduced sentencing provisions for donors, which we are in the process of removing to prevent dangerous and unethical incentives. My co-sponsors and I are currently working with Prisoners’ Legal Services of Massachusetts and other criminal justice reform advocates as we edit and amend the bill to improve

it further. The truth is that some communities are more impacted by this legislation than others. Chelsea has the highest respiratory illness rate in the state, and Chelsea and Everett also face higher levels of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. There is also racial inequity in the speed in which Black and Brown people are able to obtain life saving treatment. African Americans, for example, spend an average of 1,335 days on the kidney transplant waitlist compared to an average of 734 days for whites. Thousands of Massachusetts residents are currently on the organ donor waitlist, and their chances of finding matches increase dramatically if they have family members in their donor pool. It is no secret that people of color are at a higher risk of unjust incarceration, which

effectively removes them as an option for a loved one seeking life-saving treatment. That means that many people who suffer from a high chance of organ failure also have a higher chance of their potential donors being locked up. That is wrong.

Addressing this inequity was always the goal of this legislation, and filing the bill was only the start of a much-needed conversation. I’m grateful for all the input I’ve received which has shed light on ways to make it better. As always, I look forward to working with constituents, activists, and stakeholders to continue this conversation and address other issues that impact Everett and Chelsea—like affordable housing, healthcare equity, and food justice.

*Judith Garcia is the State Representative, 11th Suffolk District.*

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DiDomenico and advocates unveil legislation to expand language access in government agencies

Special to the Independent

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined a collection of policymakers, immigrants-rights activists with the Mass Speaks Coalition, and directly-impacted individuals to unveil his Language Access and Inclusion Act, which would dramatically expand the availability of non-English language applications and interpretation services at the state’s public-facing state agencies, such as MassHealth, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Unemployment Assistance.

The Language Access and Inclusion Act was first introduced in 2021 by Senator DiDomenico, Representative Adrian Madaro, and Representative Carlos González. The bill received 25 cosponsors across the House and



Shown (left to right) - Amy Grunder, State Rep. Carlos Gonzalez, State Rep. Adrian Madaro - and State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

Senate and was favorably reported out of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Advocates at last week’s press conference said the bill is critically needed in Massachusetts, where one-in-10 residents are considered limited English proficient.

“Language access is

critical for the well-being and daily lives of so many people living in our Commonwealth, especially the residents of my district and throughout gateway communities,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate.

“Non-English-speaking residents should be able

to access government services, from public health information to education to unemployment and more crucial resources. I am proud to partner with the Mass Speaks Coalition on this important piece of legislation and look forward to working with them to get this bill across the finish line.”

Introduced as SD.1066 by Senator Sal DiDomenico of Everett and HD.3616 by Representative Madaro of East Boston and Representative Carlos González of Springfield, the Language Access and Inclusion Act would mandate that public-facing state agencies provide interpretation services and translate vital documents in non-English languages. Additionally, the bill would outline minimum language accessibility standards, cultivate best practices, and ensure

staff capacity and training across public-facing state agencies. It would also create an advisory board with representatives from limited English-speaking communities, the deaf or hard-of-hearing community, and community groups/legal service providers to help agencies implement the law.

Claudia, a Massachusetts resident who moved from Brazil, shared her story through an interpreter, “It got to the point where any problem I had to solve with public or private companies became an anguish, a torment, something disturbing that I often gave up solving.”

The push to pass the Language Access and Inclusion Act comes on the heels of the state’s 2022 move, led by Senator DiDomenico who secured funding to bolster language access resources

at the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV). Then, the state allocated funding for services, programs, and activities to expand language access. Advocates hailed that move as a strong step in the right direction, especially considering how public-facing the RMV is, but said it is critical that the state build off of this success and implement language access reform across all public-facing state agencies.

The Mass Speaks Coalition includes the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and Justice and the Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts (an affiliate of South Coastal Counties Legal Services).

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Chelsea Police Department,” said Vega.

Norielez DeJesus, policy and organizing director at La Colaborativa, said the task force sprung from an idea “to get law enforcement and the community La Colaborativa serves to build a trust, and we were the vehicle of trust within this project.”

“The lens that we see it is, for the long-term impact to be we step in, we educate, and we connect them to the wraparound services at La Colaborativa,” explained DeJesus.

Rosie Medina, a Chelsea Police detective who serves as president of the La Colaborativa board of directors, was instrumental in the formation of the group. “Rosie was able to guide us as to what services we should be tapping into at the Police Department to help us in our daily interactions with the people in need that we assist,” said DeJesus.

Vega said the proposal for a task force was actually hatched 20 years ago.

“We began to do this indirectly with the Chelsea Police Department two decades ago, with Police officers helping us with domestic violence work, mediation, and landlord-tenant issues,” said Vega. “In Chelsea, we have always highlighted that the Chelsea Police are a vital part of the community, they live in the city – and in order for us to enhance the quality of life of our residents, we all have to come together. Chelsea Police officers are always at our festivals and volunteering at our activities, and we highlight that partnership.”

Vega said that when Keith Houghton became the new Chief of Chelsea Police, “he said, ‘Let’s

organize this, make this a real program, figure out the resources available, and assign police officers to the group.”

Houghton said he knew of Medina’s important leadership role in La Colaborativa before becoming chief but was not entirely aware of La Colaborativa’s breadth of experience in meeting the needs of residents in crisis.

“I was working the desk one night and [Officer] Jonathan Maldonado went out on a call for a domestic violence situation,” said Houghton. “Jonathan called and indicated that he was going to help with the La Colaborativa in relocating the victim. That was the day I said, ‘this [task force] is a great idea and we need to solidify with partnership with La Colaborativa.’”

In what would likely be a first-in-the-nation initiative, Houghton is considering the deployment of Medina – in her role as a community detective – at a space inside La Colaborativa – and having police officers at the station [likely Officers Fernando Camacho and Jonathan Maldonado] serving as direct 24/7 contacts with La Colaborativa.

“La Colaborativa is a big part of the community and a core provider for a population that may not trust government, and that was the one missing link in our public safety policy, so this [HEART] wraps it all together. There has always been a connection [between the Police and La Colaborative, formerly the Chelsea Collaborative], and we’ve finally put together an effective, community service program.”

FREE PERFORMANCE CELEBRATING DIVERSITY COMES TO CHELSEA



This Thursday night, February 9, beheard.world, one of the country’s top performing arts organizations will bring its award-winning show to Chelsea High School for a free performance. The hour-long show, called “Suite Talk,” starts at 7:00 PM in the school auditorium and open to the public. The show features nine hip hop and contemporary dancers, three Spoken Word artists with original music by Preacha Rhymes and saxophonist Charles Murrell III. The Chelsea-based company has toured widely throughout the Northeast, the South and the Midwest and regularly hailed for its ability to move audiences. “The theme of the work is about celebrating ways that our diverse cultures and races can come together in America,” said Anna Myer, beheard.world’s Director of Performing Arts. “We are thrilled to be bringing Suite Talk to Chelsea, our hometown, with the support of the Chelsea Cultural Council, Chelsea High and Chelsea Black Community President, Joan Cromwell.” The performance will be followed by a talkback between company members and the audience. Visit [www.behheard.world](http://www.behheard.world) for more information.

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As we look toward spring, we are gearing up to host more field trips with youth at our dam sites during the river herring migration season! In a two-hour long field experience, students sample aquatic macroinvertebrates, survey predatory birds, and see river herring at our fish ladders. This is a great opportunity that allows students to create new ties to their local en-



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We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate these field experiences as well as other classroom

programs throughout the year. If you are interested in supporting this work, we invite you to attend our first ever Educator Training Workshop on February 15th! This workshop

will give a brief overview of the education program, teach attendees how to facilitate field activities, and allow for feedback. You can learn more about the workshop and RSVP at our calendar here: <https://mysticriver.org/calendar/2023/2/15/myrwa-educator-training>.

If you would like to host MyRWA in your classroom or want to learn more about our programs, please contact Watershed Educator Natalia Bayona at [Natalia.Bayona@mysticriver.org](mailto:Natalia.Bayona@mysticriver.org). We are scheduling spring programs now!



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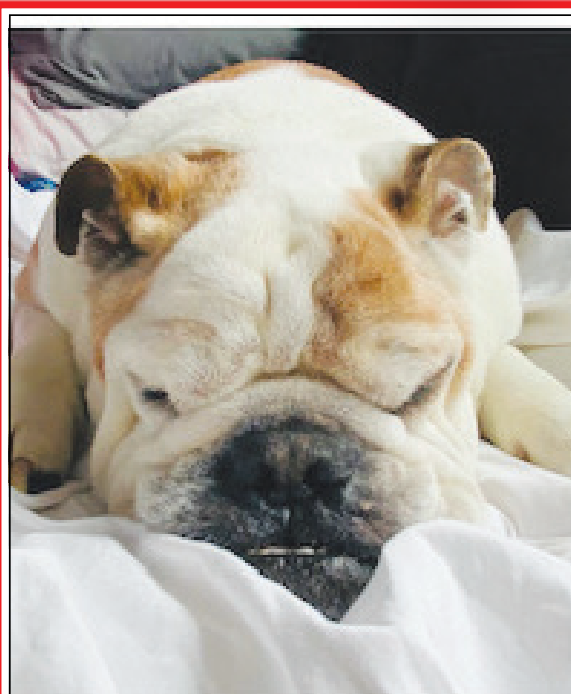
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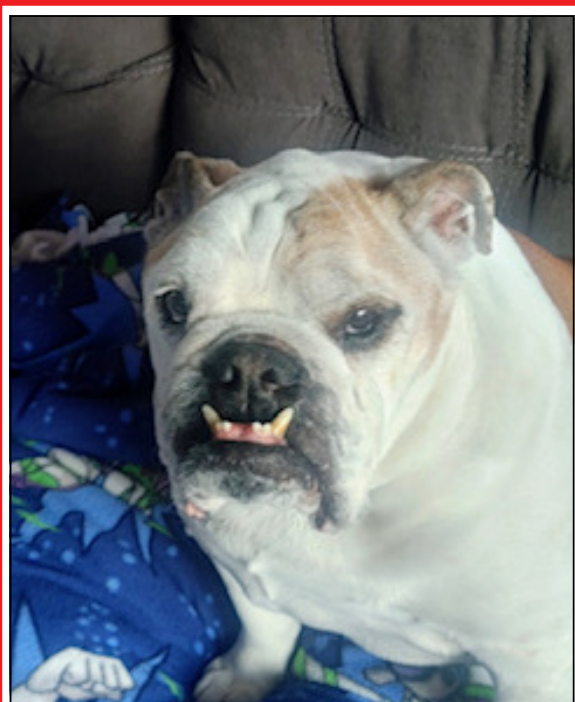
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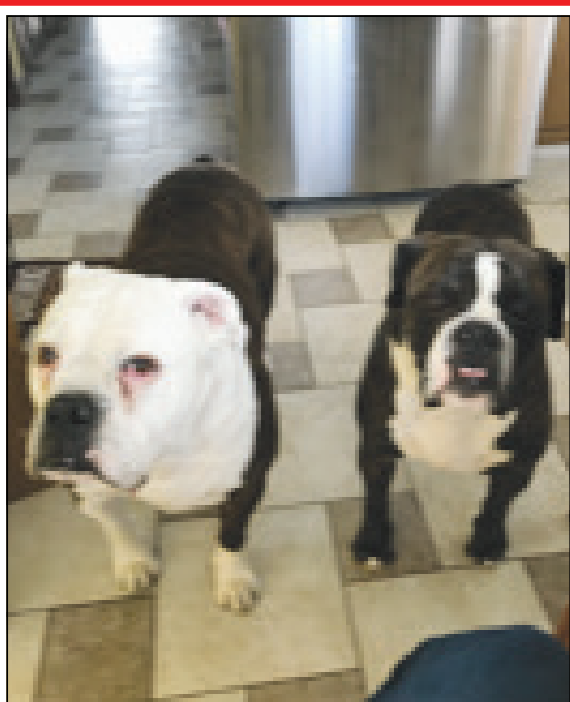
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# Sports

## CHELSEA BOYS IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST REVERE

The CHS Red Devils Traveled to Revere to Take on the RHS Patriots and were Defeated 60-37.

Last Thursday evening the Red Devils Boy’s Basketball Team of Chelsea High traveled to Revere for a GBL Conference game against the Revere High Patriots. The game was fast paced and despite losing to the 5-10 Patriots the devils played a tough defensive game and controlled a large amount of rebounds.



Head Coach Cesar Castro, Asst. Coaches Armani Cheek, Jay Rivera and Terrance Kennedy with the 2022-2023 CHS Red Devil Varsity Basketball Team.



Head Coach Cesar Castro with Junior Captain (G) Abdullahi Mohamed.



Justin Toro blocks a shot early in the game.



Senior Center Mannix Restro Jr controls the rebound under the RHS basket.



Mohamoud Mohamed goes air-borne for a rebound.



Talking strategy, Head Coach Cesar Castro with the CHS Red Devils.

### CHS ROUNDUP

#### MANY HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHS TRACK TEAMS AT GBL MEET; RODRIGUEZ GBL CHAMP

The Chelsea High boys and girls indoor track and field teams wrapped up their 2023 regular season, competing in the Greater Boston League (GBL) Meet that was held last Friday at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

A number of Red Devil athletes turned in superb performances at the meet, which featured all eight of

the GBL schools.

Lady Red Devil Gizelle Rodriguez won the GBL title in the 600 meter dash, smashing her previous CHS school record of 1:44.12 with a clocking of 1:41.67.

“This time also qualified Gizelle to run the 400m in the Rising Stars division at the New Balance Nationals meet,” said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez.

Her teammate, Hazel Hatleburg, finished in sixth place in the 600 with a five-second PR of 1:56.00. Hazel will be

joining Gizelle and Thania Simon at Nationals, as this qualified her for the 400 in the middle-school division.

Rodriguez also turned in a stellar performance in the long jump, leaping 15’-3” to take second place, marking the first time that Gizelle has broken the 15-foot barrier.

In addition, Rodriguez ran a leg of the girls’ winning 4 x 800 relay team. Altogether, Gizelle scored 20.5 points, one of the highest totals among all of the boys and girls competitors at the meet.

Other top performances for Chelsea included:

Thania Simon finished in fourth place in the girls 55 meter dash with a personal record of 7.95, after running 8.09 in the prelims, which ranked her sixth going into the finals.

“Thania now will be following in her sister Stephanie’s footsteps,” said Hernandez, referring to all-time CHS star track performer Stephanie Simon. “Thania’s time qualified her for the Middle School division in the 60 meter dash at the New Balance Nationals meet.”

In the 300 meter dash, Darily Sanchez finished fourth for the girls with a 46.93, while Ali Warsame finished sixth on the boys’ side with a PR clocking of 38.09, which was .8 faster than his previous personal best.

Red Devil Nate Nadow had a big PR in the 600 by three seconds, running 1:29.13 to earn a third-place medal. Nate’s time auto-qualified him for the D-2 state meet in a few weeks.

In the 1000, Gigi Oliver finished in fifth place, running 3:47.36. She also

finished in 5th place in the 55 meter hurdles, running 10.42, a new personal best.

In the one mile, Rosalinda Rojas ran a 6:30.52, a new personal best, to finish 6th.

In the two-mile run, Regina Moreira ran a 15:51.76 to finish in fifth.

On the boys’ side, Josue Hernandez PRed by over 30 seconds to finish fifth, running 11:58.24.

In the girls’ shot-put, Lady Red Devils Lamari Davis and Dhalia Christ-



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART AND HISTORY EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY AT CITY HALL

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Chelsea Black Community, under the leadership of President Joan Cromwell, kicked off the city's observance of Black History Month with an opening reception and showing

of art and history exhibits at City Hall. The exhibits will also be displayed throughout the month at Gallery 456 and the Chelsea Public Library.

The next Black History Month event, Suite Talk – Be Heard.world, will be held Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Chelsea High School. The free public performance is described

as “a moving confluence of music, spoken word, and dance forging critical conversations about racial justice through the arts.”



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Enjoying the Black History Month opening reception and art and history exhibits are, front row, Marcy Smith Harrison and Majore Chapman; back row, from left, Stacey Smith, Beverly Martin Ross, Lisa Santagate, Precious Escobar, Kathryn Boutgea, Nicole McKoy, Maria Romero, and Mayra Reyes.

## CHELSEA MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AWARDS CEREMONY



CBC President Joan Cromwell welcomes to the opening reception the leaders of Chelsea's public safety departments, Fire Chief Len Albanese and Police Chief Keith Houghton.



The Chelsea middle school girls basketball team, under the direction of legendary youth basketball coach Bruce Harrison, completed a fine season with an awards celebration at the Morris Seigal Clark Avenue School. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Zebria Harrison, Ashly Meja, Cristina Manroquin, Jalina Arroyo, and Leslie Umana. Back row, from left, are head coach Bruce Harrison, Lidya Castillo, Jolaynnie Zayas, Bianca Mejia, Azlyanni Burgos, Briana Martinez, and CHS varsity head coach Leslie Santiago.

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Chelsea Middle School girls basketball coach Bruce Harrison, arguably the greatest coach in CYBL history, welcomes CHS varsity coach Leslie Santiago, CHS Athletic Director Amanda Alpert, and her daughter Finleigh Alpert, to the awards party at the Morris Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School.



## John “Jack” Phillips, Jr.

Retired Chelsea Police Detective

John R. “Jack” Phillips, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, February 7 after living courageously with ongoing illnesses for the past 10 years. He was 82 years of age.

The beloved son of the late John Sr. and Mary L. (McClellan) Phillips, he received his education at Our Lady of Grace Grammar School and was a member of Chelsea High School, Class of 1958. He was married to Carol A. (Arsenault) Phillips for 60 years and raised their family of four children in Chelsea.

As a young man, Jack began working at the Boston Navy Shipyard and was later appointed a Patrolman with the Chelsea Police Department. Working with the CPD for nearly 40 years, he retired as a Narcotic’s Detective in 2002.

He was a longtime member and Trustee of the Sagamore Club in Chelsea, a Fourth-Degree member of the Chelsea Knights of Columbus and held memberships with the MA Police Association, the Chelsea Police Relief Association and the N.E. Narcotics Assoc.

His life’s devotion was to his wife and family. He was a faithful lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Church. If asked, his greatest role was that of Papa to his 20 grand and great grandchildren and “Papa Jack” to his extended family.

In addition to his parents, Jack was recently predeceased by his son, John R. Phillips, III in September of last year, a grandson Michael Swallow, his sisters: Sara Jane Wilson, Patricia Ann Mabrey and his brother, William R. Phillips.

He was the beloved husband of 60 years to Carol A. (Arsenault) Phillips.; devoted father and father-in-law of Patricia “Patti” Phillips of Chelsea, Kelley Gellar and her husband, Eric of North Reading, William R. Phillips and his wife, Christine of Townsend and the late John R. Phillips, III who is survived by his wife, Dina M. Phillips of Chelsea. He was the Cherished Papa of



Christina Swallow, Richard and wife, Ashley Swallow, Baylee and Emylee Gellar, Brianna Zeck and her husband, Ryan, Kelsie Manly and her husband, Alec, Courtney Phillips, Kaitlyn Guillemette and her husband, Branden, Sr., Ryann Phillips, and the late Michael Swallow. He was the cherished great-grandfather “Papa” of Callie Mae and Caden Jack Zeck, Wyatt and Olivia Manly, Aubrey and Abigail Phillips, Krystina, Korie and Branden Guillemette, Jr., and Sadie Rain Swallow; cherished uncle of Cindy and Robert Donarumo and their daughters, Sara and Haylee Donarumo, Ron and Glenda Mabrey and John Mabrey.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Monday, February 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. His Funeral will be from the Welsh Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 14 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Should friends desire, contributions in Jack’s Name may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

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mas went 5th and 6th, with throws of 28’-00.25” and 27’-3.5” respectively.

For the boys, Greandoll Oliva and Emerson Melgar finished 3rd and 5th with throws of 36’-10” and 34’-10” respectively.

In the 4 x 200 relay, the Red Devil team of Joao Cassim, Carlos Alfaro, Cristian Mazariegos, and Alex Cano finished in sixth place.

On the girls’ side, the 4 x 200 quartet of Marcaylla Louis-Jean, Thania Simon, Vanesa Lopez, and Valerie Ramirez also finished sixth.

In the 4 x 800, the Chelsea girls team of Rodriguez, Sanchez, Hatleburg, and Rojas took the first-place medals.

For the boys, the 4 x 800 foursome of Alex Flores, Sherwin Kim, Jason Rodrigues, and Kyle Leong brought home fifth-place medals.

In the 4 x 400 relay, Ali Warsame, Nate Nadow, Jose Olivar, and Austin Freeman finished in fifth place for the boys, while Ashley Mejia, Gigi Olivar,

Reina Martino, and Keiri Hernandez snared sixth-place ribbons for the girls.

## CHS BASKETBALL TEAMS IN ACTION THIS COMING WEEK

The Chelsea High boys and girls basketball teams completed their Greater Boston League schedule this past week and will be wrapping up their 2023 seasons in the coming week against non-league opponents.

Coach Cesar Castro and his boys’ squad will host Watertown this Sunday for a 1:00 tip-off in the CHS gym. They will travel to Cambridge Rindge and Latin next Tuesday (Feb. 14) and then will trek to East Boston for their season finale next Friday (Feb. 17).

Coach Leslie Santiago’s girls will host Lynn Tech this Monday (Feb. 13) at 4:00 and will journey to Mt. Alvernia next Thursday, February 16, for their final contest of 2023.

## Iris Lopez Valiente

Twenty-Year employee of the Chelsea Soldiers Home

Iris Lopez Valiente, 56, of Chelsea, formerly of Suchitepequez, Guatemala, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at the Kaplan Hospice House on Tuesday, February 1 after a long battle with cancer.

Iris was born in Suchitepequez, Guatemala on February 5, 1966 to Manaces and Jesus, where she lived for 26 years before relocating to Chelsea in 1992. While living in Chelsea, she worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the Chelsea Soldiers Home for the last 20 years.

In 2019, Iris married her longtime companion, Julio Cesar Oseguera-Ortiz. Iris enjoyed the company of her three children: Rosa, Henner and Melvin, who gave her five beautiful grandchildren: Henner, Iris, Elmer, Graciela and Margarita. Iris loved cooking for large family gatherings and dancing in her free time. She also loved to go back to visit her family and friends in Guatemala whenever she had the opportunity. Iris will be missed by everyone who knew her. May she rest in peace.

The beloved wife to Julio Cesar Oseguera-Ortiz of Chelsea, she was the devoted mother of Rosa Elena Gonzalez-Lopez and Henner Aroldo Gonzalez-Lopez, both



of Guatemala and Melvin Aurelio Gonzalez-Lopez of Chelsea; dear sister to Enio Armando-Lopez of Chelsea, Elmer Adolfo Lopez-Valiente, of Guatemala and the late Margarita Lopez-Valiente; loving grandmother to Henner Steve, Iris Leine, Elmer Humberto, Graciela Abileny, and Margarita Yamileth; loving daughter to Jesus Valiente-Perez and the late Manaces Lopez-Gonzalez.

Family and friends gathered at the Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, 27 Crescent Avenue, Chelsea on Wednesday, February 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. and she will be laid to rest at the General Cemetery, Tiquisate, Escuintla, Guatemala at a later date. Iris will be missed by everyone who knew her. May she rest in peace.

Arrangements entrusted to the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, Boston, MA 02128.

## Bach Phuong VU

Of East Boston

Bach Phuong VU, at 88 years of age, passed away on Friday, February 3 at the Life Care Center in Lynn.

He was one of six children born to the late Vu Van Huan and Dang Thi Kinh. He was raised in Quangninh, Vietnam where he worked as an experienced health herbalist producing and purveying many natural herbal supplements for personal health care.

Together with his family, he settled in East Boston 50 years ago and he was a resident at Life Care in Lynn for the last several years where he was receiving supportive care.

In addition to his parents, he was recently predeceased by his brother-in-law, Nguyen Cong Tan and a nephew, Michael Nguyen. He is survived by his siblings: Vu Phuong Can, Vu Phuong Thuan, Vu Thi Tac, Vu Phuong Kim and Vu Thi Riep. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broad-



way, Chelsea on Friday, February 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. His funeral will begin from the Welsh Funeral Home on Saturday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Clement Church, 64 Warner St., Medford at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit; [www.Welsh-FH.com](http://www.Welsh-FH.com).



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## Salvatore “Sal” Marino

Polaroid retiree, 50-year Boston theater stage hand and usher and longstanding member of the Chelsea Yacht Club

Salvatore F. “Sal” Marino passed away unexpectedly at his home in Chelsea on Monday morning, February 6. He was 85 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the son of the late Louis and Frances (LaRosa) Marino, Salvatore attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1956.

He began working for Polaroid when he was just 18 years old. A retired lab technician, he dedicated 47 years of service at Polaroid before retiring in 2002.

Sal had a love for Theater. He worked as an usher and also as a stage hand for several theaters in Boston, such as the Colonial, the Shubert, the Wilbur and the Wang Theater. Sal dedicated over 50 years working at the theaters and he was a late member of the IATSE, Local 11 in Boston. Sal was a lifelong resident of Chelsea. He loved his community and he was a longstanding member of the Chelsea Yacht Club. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was the beloved brother of Charles A. Marino and his wife, Elaine of Saugus and the late Stephen Marino; dear uncle of Stephen and David Marino, Dina Pagliuca and Debbie Lochiatto. Sal was also the cherished uncle of Maria Schena



and the late Robert Sasso and Leanne Sasso and is also lovingly survived by many cousins and other family members.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Sal’s visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea, today, Thursday, February 9 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the visitation at the Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish/Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Sal’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 or on-line at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

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.

## Tan Cong Nguyen

March 3, 1932 – January 30, 2023

Tan Cong Nguyen, 90, passed away with his family by his side on Monday, January 30 at the Life Care Center in Lynn.

He was one of nine children born to the late Nguyen Van Huan and Khong Phi Ngoi. He grew up in Quangninh, Vietnam. Living in Vietnam, he worked on fishing boats as a commercial fisherman.

He was married to Riep Thi Vu and was a devoted father of six sons and five daughters. He settled his family in East Boston 50 years ago and was a resident of Dorchester for the past eight years.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by four sons: Nguyen Cong Cuong, Nguyen Cong Dung, and Nguyen Cong Kha, one daughter Nguyen Thi Luong, and one brother, Nguyen Thanh Xuan.

He is survived by his wife of 77 years Riep Thi Vu, two sons, Nguyen Cong Minh, and Nguyen Cong Thanh, four daughters, Sr. Catherine Nguyen Phuong O.P., Nguyen Thi



Kim Khang, Nguyen Thi Kim Bich, and Nguyen Thi Kim Chau. He is also survived by four brothers: Nguyen Van Bao, Nguyen Van Dao, Nguyen Thanh Quan, Nguyen Van Dia, and three sisters, Nguyen Thi Vy, Nguyen Thi Phu, and Nguyen Thi Thun and 17 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. A Funeral Mass at St. Clement Church, 64 Warner St., Medford was followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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# Mass Humanities announces 2023 funding opportunities through grants

Special to the Record

Mass Humanities, the Commonwealth's leading funder of humanities programs, announced upcoming opportunities for its 2023 grant season.

In 2022, the Northampton-based foundation awarded more than \$1 million in grants to non-profits, supporting free public events, oral history projects, and community conversations and media partnerships. This year, Mass Humanities seeks to increase its impact through the Expand Massachusetts Stories initiative, and its long-running Reading Frederick Douglass Together program.

Applications and guidelines are available at [massshumanities.org](http://massshumanities.org).

"We believe the work of Massachusetts residents to reimagine our stories provides a pathway to reinvigorating our democracy at the local, state, and

national level," said Brian Boyles, Executive Director of Mass Humanities. "These vital programs amplify the diverse ideas, stories and conversations that continue to make the Commonwealth a global leader in ideas and the fight for equality."

Mass Humanities grants opportunities for the 2023 season include:

- Expand Massachusetts Stories (Up to \$20,000)—At this pivotal time, Massachusetts needs new voices and fresh narratives to meet our challenges. We support organizations that embrace this historical moment as an opportunity to bring communities together to reimagine stories, revitalize traditions, and ignite new ideas for the future. Expand Massachusetts Stories (EMS) grants support projects that collect, interpret, and share narratives about the commonwealth, emphasizing the voices

and experiences that have gone unrecognized or have been excluded from public conversation. As part of the EMS grant program, Mass Humanities will also offer Advancing Equity Track grants to 15 applicants whose projects are led by people from historically excluded communities, and whose organizations meet additional criteria. The Advancing Equity Track applications open on Monday, Feb. 6, with Letter of Inquiries due on Monday, March 20. Applications for the EMS Open Track opens Monday, March 20, with applications due on Monday, May 22.

- Read Frederick Douglass Together Grants (Up to \$2,000)—Each year, Mass Humanities organizes and funds free events where communities gather to read and talk about Frederick Douglass' influential address, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of

July?" The most celebrated orator of his day, Douglass' denunciations of slavery and forceful examination of the Constitution challenge us to think about the stories we tell and do not tell, the ideas that they teach or do not teach, and the gaps between our actions and aspirations. To quote Douglass: "We have to do with the past only as we can make it useful to the future." Applications are open now and grants are made on a rolling basis each month.

An online webinar for anyone interested in applying takes place on Feb. 16 at 1pm. A video of the webinar will be shared on [massshumanities.org](http://massshumanities.org).

Last year Mass Humanities awarded more than \$713,000 in grants to 42 organizations across the Commonwealth through the Expand Massachusetts Stories grant program with support from the Barr Foundation. Of the 42

grantees, 62% had people who identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) among their project leadership; 60% of the organizations funded had operating budgets under \$500,000; and 48% had operating budgets under \$350,000.

More than 25 organizations hosted Reading Frederick Douglass Together events across the state. Each event features a group of diverse people gathering to read portions of the Douglass' Fourth of July speech. The readings provide the opportunity for communities to discuss race, democracy, and our responsibilities to the past and how we might find ways to strengthen our future together.

Mass Humanities grants are made possible in part by a partnership with Mass Cultural Council, the state arts agency, and by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

To learn more about Mass Humanities grant opportunities contact Katherine Stevens, Director of Grants and Pro-

grams, at [grants@massshumanities.org](mailto:grants@massshumanities.org).

Mass Humanities, a non-profit foundation based in Northampton, creates opportunities for the people of Massachusetts to transform their lives and build a more equitable commonwealth through the humanities. Since its founding in 1974, the organization has provided millions of dollars to support thousands of humanities projects across the Commonwealth. Established as the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Mass Humanities is an independent programming and grant-making organization that receives support from the NEH and the Massachusetts Cultural Council and private sources. For more information, visit [www.massshumanities.org](http://www.massshumanities.org) or connect on social media at:

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## City's CSO plan ready to be reviewed

The City of Chelsea has prepared and submitted a Final Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Public Notification Plan to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). Any interested party can view the plan at the following website: <https://www.chelseama.gov/csonotificationplan> Written comments can be submitted until February 22.

This is a period of 30 days after the date of publication in the Environmental Monitor. Submit written comments to MassDEP by email to [massdep.sewagenotification@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.sewagenotification@mass.gov) or by mail to 100 Cambridge St, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114. Submit written comments to The City of Chelsea by email to [scallahan@chelseama.gov](mailto:scallahan@chelseama.gov) or by mail to Chelsea Public Works 500 Broadway suite 310 Chelsea, MA 02150.

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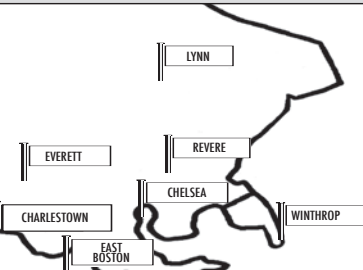
La Ciudad de Chelsea ha preparado y presentado

un Plan Final de Notificación Pública de Desbordamiento de Alcantarillado Combinado (CSO por sus siglas en inglés) al Departamento de Protección Ambiental de Massachusetts (MassDEP).

Cualquier interesado puede consultar el plan en la siguiente web: <http://www.chelseama.gov/csonotificationplan> Los comentarios por escrito se pueden presentar hasta el 22 de febrero de 2023. Este es un período de 30 días después de la fecha de publicación en Environmental Monitor.

Envíe comentarios por escrito a MassDEP por correo electrónico a [massdep.sewagenotification@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.sewagenotification@mass.gov) o por correo a 100 Cambridge St, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114. Envíe comentarios por escrito a la Ciudad de Chelsea por correo electrónico a [scallahan@chelseama.gov](mailto:scallahan@chelseama.gov) o por correo a Chelsea Public Works 500 Broadway suite 310 Chelsea, MA 02150.

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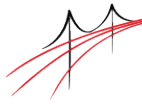
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Submit application to Chelsea Public Schools Personnel Office, 500 Broadway Rm. 221 Chelsea, MA 02150 or [personnel@chelseaschools.com](mailto:personnel@chelseaschools.com)

Application Deadline: February 27, 2023

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# City Council approves Community Preservation Committee recommendations

By Adam Swift

The latest round of Community Preservation Act funding approved by the City Council will improve affordable housing opportunities, provide rental assistance for residents, and help preserve a historic landmark.

Monday night, the council approved recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee to fund three projects through CPA funds.

Those projects included \$100,000 for the Chelsea Restoration Corporation, \$30,000 for Comunidades Enraizadas/

Community Land Trust, \$100,000 for Housing Families, and \$246,000 for Temple Emmanuel.

“Comunidades Enraizadas is a community land trust where we work together to build community, secure land, and create opportunities for residents facing displacement to rent or buy properties at an affordable price,” said John Valinch of Comunidades Enraizadas. “We do this by separating the ownership of the land from the ownership of the property, where the land trust owns and manages the land and the resident rents or owns the property itself. In this way, across

the country and across the world, land trusts preserve affordability in rapidly developing neighborhoods.”

Herb Selesnick of Temple Emmanuel said the historic temple is in desperate need of a new roof.

“Since 1859, the historic building we occupy has housed three different congregations,” he said. “In March of 2021, the Chelsea Historical Commission declared our building a historically significant asset for the city of Chelsea. So naturally, this designation highlighted our determination to do everything possible to preserve the structure, but the property is now at a

crucial crossroads.”

A study showed that there is severe water infiltration into the building from the 150 year old slate roof, and that it is critical to repair the roof as soon as possible before there is further damage.

“Rehabilitation of the roof will allow the Temple to preserve this building and continue hosting food security and clothing assistance programs, health and wellness events and cultural enrichment experiences that improve Chelsea’s most vulnerable population’s living standards and personal resilience,” said Selesnick.

Jayna Stafford, the di-

rector of homelessness prevention and legal services at Housing Families said her organization is seeking \$100,000 to prevent homelessness and disruption for Chelsea residents.

“We are looking for funds for rental assistance and startup costs, security deposits, anything that can help people into a home or prevent them from being forced out of their home.”

In the 2016 general election, Chelsea voters voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act and impose a 1.5 percent surcharge on residential and commercial properties with exemptions for

low- and moderate-income homeowners. Per the Preservation Plan, 25 percent of the fiscal year funds are allocated to both open space/recreation and historic preservation, while 40 percent is allocated to affordable housing. The remaining 10 percent is utilized as administrative and undesignated funds.

“This is very telling of what our needs are in the community,” said Councilor-at-Large Damali Vi dot. “We need to preserve the historic buildings we have here, and we need to invest in housing, so I’m glad this is what we are doing.”

## LEGAL NOTICE



**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Case No. 2023-03  
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, March 14, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: 305 Eastern Avenue, LLC For Special Permit seeking approval for a parking lot for the storage of electric vehicles and storage of vehicles for hire or return from hire, which require a Special Permit at the premises known as: 305 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  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



**SECTION 00020 INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
Sealed general bids for the construction of the Admirals Hill Pump Station Fire Suppression System Upgrades, Contract No. 2023-119, Chelsea, Massachusetts will be received at the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 204, Chelsea, MA, 02150, until March 16th, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, and at that time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed filed sub-bids for the sub-trades listed in Item 2 of Section 00415 FORM FOR SUB BID will be received at the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 204, Chelsea, MA, 02150, until March 2nd, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, and at that time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be mailed or hand delivered to the above specified receiving address prior to the time specified hereunder. If mailed, bids shall be sent to the above specified receiving address in time for bid opening. Bidding Documents will be available on or after February 9th, 2023 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>. Each Bid and filed sub-bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND or CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The scope of work includes the construction of a new pre-action fire sprinkler system to be installed within the City’s Admirals Hill Pump Station as shown on the drawings and as specified herein. The new pre-action fire sprinkler system is to replace the existing CO2 fire extinguishing system located on the first floor of the station and the existing dry sprinkler system located within the attic space of the station. The new system will include a new 6-inch single interlock electronically actuated pre-action valve with integral check valve, new 6-inch double check valve assembly, new 4-inch Fire Department connection with bypass, new nitrogen generator, new smoke/heat detectors, new sprinkler piping and heads, new addressable fire alarm control panel, new conduit and wiring, connection to the station’s existing interior 8-inch flanged sprinkler supply riser and all appurtenant work. The work also

includes demolition and removal of the existing CO2 fire extinguishing system that serves the station’s pump room and generator room, demolition and removal of the dry sprinkler system that serves the station’s attic space, the relocation of an electrical unit heater and the reconnection of the station’s domestic cold-water service. Estimated construction cost: \$165,000.00 Each general bid must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management showing that the bidder has the classification and capacity rating to perform the work and an Update Statement. In order to be eligible to bid, a general bidder must be certified in one of the following categories of work: FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION Each filed sub-bid must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management showing that the sub-bidder has the qualifications and capacity rating to perform the work and a Sub-Bidder Update Statement. Filed sub-bids will be required on the following classes of work: SUB-BIDS Specification Item Sub-bid Section 2A Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems 21 00 00 2B Electrical 28 31 00 Bid security for all general bidders and sub-bidders in the form of a bid bond, certified check, treasurer’s or cashier’s check, payable to the Owner, is required in a dollar amount of 5 percent of the total bid, in accordance with the conditions in Section 00100 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Successful bidder must furnish a performance bond and a construction payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, as stipulated in Section 00700. The Surety Company shall be qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the form satisfactory to the City of Chelsea. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at City Hall, 500 Broadway, Third Floor Conference Room, Chelsea, MA, 02150, on February 22nd, 2023, at 10:00 am followed by a site visit to the existing Admirals Hill Pump Station. Bidders and sub-bidders planning to attend shall contact Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov no later than 12:00 noon, February 21st,

2023. The Pre-Bid Conference and site visit are encouraged, but not mandatory. All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.149, § 844A through 44J inclusive, as amended. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instruction to Bidders. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive, as amended. In accordance with the Minority Business Enterprise Plan for the City of Chelsea, all qualified Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE) or Woman-Owned Business Enterprises (WBE) are strongly encouraged to submit bids in response to this Invitation for Bids. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the City. Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0231EA Estate of: Edwin William Russell, Jr. Date of Death: 12/16/2022 A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal

Representative has been filed by Scott Russell of Stockton, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Scott Russell of Stockton, CA 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 03/20/2023. 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: February 06, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



**NOTICE**  
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on January 23, 2023, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the that the sum of \$5,000,000.00 appropriated from ARPA Funds under the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Plan for the Cary Avenue Water, Sewer and Roadway Reconstruction Project Account 3506422-

584500 which has not yet been undertaken and will be deferred for later funding and for which no liabilities have been incurred, is hereby transferred in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 to a NEW ARPA Downtown Broadway Revitalization Project Account No. 3506 series. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64 budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY22 were not paid and are owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY23 budget, that the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$3,051.52 from the Chelsea Public Schools expenditure lines to satisfy the following unpaid costs from the prior year. The Chelsea Public Schools has sufficient funds to meet all these outstanding obligations. Therefore, no new funds are required. Boston Mutual Life Insurance Employer Premium Balance Due \$ 923.11 Scholastic News – Subscription for Students \$ 557.62 Lazarus Pazos – School Transportation reimbursement fee \$1,570.79. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64 budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY22 were not paid and are owed to the vendors, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY23 budget, that the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$165.00 from the Human Resources Department expenditure lines to satisfy the following unpaid costs from the prior year. The Department has sufficient funds to meet all these outstanding obligations. Therefore, no new funds are required. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Case No. 2023-04  
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, March 14, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Molly Corporation  
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For Special Permit seeking approval for the storage of airport ground service equipment and parts on first floor and administrative staff office space on the 2nd and 3rd floors at the premises known as: 227 Marginal 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  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
Docket No. SU19P1472EA  
Estate of: James Charles Galatis Date of Death: 04/20/2019 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Marianne Bond of Stoneham, MA Marianne Bond of Stoneham, 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.  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Case No. 2023-02  
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, March 14, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Chasen Failla For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the conversion of an existing residential structure from one (1) family to a two (2) family structure which does not meet the minimum requirement for open space and off street parking at the premises known as: 80 Park 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  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



**(LEGAL NOTICE) CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
Consultant Services for Skilled Trades and Credentials Training Program The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2022-10 In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at City Hall, Council Chambers, 500 Broadway Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m. with reference to the application of: Verdnyt – Doug Medvetz For a determination, in accordance with Condition #1 of the approved Major Site Plan, whether proposed changes to the Plans constitute minor or major changes, and approval of said changes. The changes include a reduction in the footprint of the building, a reduction in the floor area and number of parking spaces at the premises known as: 213 Everett Avenue All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Plans and copies of the application and petition may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, during City Hall business hours.  
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

PHOTOS BY MATT STONE

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB), the city’s largest youth-serving non-profit organization, held its 2023 Annual Dinner to celebrate the organization’s staff and kick off its 130th year in operation. Attended by more than 800 people, BGCB’s Annual Dinner convened the city’s most prominent corporate and civic leaders to raise critical funds that support the organization’s life-changing programs at the Omni Boston Hotel at Seaport.

Attendees enjoyed performances from BGCB Club members and a star-studded speaking program, which featured Robert Lewis Jr., Nicholas President and CEO of BGCB; Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston; and Imari Paris Jeffries, Executive Director of Embrace Boston. Charlestown native and club member Pippa Nilson also joined the speaking program to participate in the Q&A section.



Co-Chairs John Capone and Grace Lee enjoy a Q&A session with BGCB members Pippa Nilson and Junior Cruz Martinez.



Nicholas President and CEO of BGCB Robert Lewis Jr. and Mayor Michelle Wu embrace on stage during BGCB’s 2023 Annual Dinner.



Imari Paris Jeffries, Executive Director of Embrace Boston, addresses the crowd during BGCB’s 2023 Annual Dinner.



BGCB Club members perform in front of 800+ event attendees at the 2023 BGCB Annual Dinner.



BGCB’s staff and Ready to Work Fellows, the organization’s workforce readiness program for teens and alumni, sing and dance during the closing of the 2023 BGCB Annual Dinner

NORTHEAST METRO TECH, READING COOPERATIVE BANK PARTNER TO CREATE A BANKING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech and Reading Cooperative Bank have entered into a unique partnership to create a federally-recognized banking apprenticeship program. Students enrolled in the Business Technology program will now be able to participate in a federally-recognized banking apprenticeship program that is one-of-a-kind in Massachusetts. The program is also recognized by the Massachusetts Office of Labor and Workforce Development. While many large financial institutions offer pathways to apprenticeships, it’s rare for a bank the size of Reading Cooperative Bank to offer such opportunities. Additionally, while many school-based bank

branches in Massachusetts closed permanently during the COVID-19 pandemic, Reading Cooperative Bank maintained its relationship with Northeast Metro Tech, and reopened its branch inside Northeast Metro Tech in September 2021. Looking to continually expand opportunities for students, teachers in the Business Technology Program, the Northeast Metro Tech Career Center, and the Human Resources Department at Reading Cooperative Bank worked together for months to reimagine the apprenticeship program and its future in 2023 and beyond. On Wednesday, Jan. 25, Northeast Metro Tech Principal Carla Scuzzarella signed off on an articulation agreement to formalize Northeast Metro



Students Zackary Berkowitch and Mahama Jaid Piprani, center, stand with Theresa Vardinski, the manager of the Northeast Metro Tech branch of Reading Cooperative Bank, and Jaime-Lyn Pickles, department head of Business Technology at Northeast Metro Tech inside the Reading Cooperative Bank’s branch inside the school. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)



Northeast Metro Tech students Zackary Berkowitch and Mahama Jaid Piprani, both of whom are part of the apprenticeship program at Reading Cooperative Bank, share a smile while working in the bank’s branch at Northeast Metro Tech recently. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

Tech’s participation in the program. Students will be able to participate in a trimester-long banking class in the Northeast Metro Tech branch of Reading Cooperative Bank. This will occur during the school day. Through successful completion of the trimester, students can earn 150 hours toward their apprenticeship. Participants in the cooperative education program must then complete another 450 hours of work at the Reading Cooperative Bank. Either simultaneous or immediately after completing the co-op program successfully, students must work at the Reading Cooperative Bank either part-time or full-time so that they can earn additional experience. Once students log 2,000 total

hours at Reading Cooperative Bank, they earn the banking apprenticeship. There are currently 53 students enrolled in the Business Technology Program, and they are the only students in Massachusetts eligible to earn apprenticeship hours during school hours. “We are proud to offer Northeast Metro Tech students yet another opportunity to take a pathway to a career, and our innovative banking apprenticeship offered in partnership with Reading Cooperative Bank will aid our students who are seeking careers in the banking field,” said Superintendent DiBarri. “This program is at the heart of what we do here at Northeast Metro Tech: We create opportunities and paths forward for our dedicated, driven, and talented students.”

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